



# IMPACT INDIA FOUNDATION

*Action Today to Prevent Disability Tomorrow*



## DISABILITY IN INDIA TODAY

- **About 6%** of India's population is disabled
- **Cost** of disability in India is excessive
- 80% disabled population is **rural**

**Through health education, preventive and curative interventions, disabilities can be reversed and prevented.**

**Disablement leads to Poverty**



## IMPACT'S MISSION

- ❑ To initiate, augment and intensify action against the causes of disabilities for which there exists the potential for prevention and control, by mobilizing existing delivery systems infrastructure
- ❑ To treat millions of poor people who are disabled by curable blindness, deafness, physical handicaps and cleft palates

### **Impact's role:**

- ❑ To act as **catalysts** to bring together relevant agencies: NGOs, Corporations and Community to work in **partnership** with the Government for sustainable National Health Programmes.

## SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1984: "Polio-free Madras" campaign - immunized 300,000 children
- 1986: "Bombay Against Disability" – immunized 500,000 children
- **1991: Launched “Lifeline Express” - the world's first hospital on rails**
- Rivers of Life Project in Pune
- Malaria Control Project in Mumbai
- 1994: Received the UN Grand Award and the IPRA Golden World Award, followed by many more.
- **2005: Launched the Community Health Initiative in Maharashtra State, covering 1.5 mn. Tribals.**
- 2009: National Postage stamp on Lifeline Express



## IMPACT'S GOALS

- ☐ To increase Impact's focus on the **prevention** of disabilities through health education and preventive healthcare
- ☐ To continue to provide **curative** support in rural areas with limited access to healthcare

**Impact aims to achieve these goals through the Continuation, development and replication of its flagship rural project: Community Health Initiative.**

## **ABIDING SUCCESS:**

### **THE LIFELINE EXPRESS - The Magic Train of India**

The world's first hospital train, taking health services to the disabled poor in rural areas.

It brings 21st century medicine to villages in India with two operating theatres and state-of-the-art medical equipment and facilities.

#### **Impact's Role:**

- ☐ Provide free-of-cost surgeries for correction of vision, hearing, orthopedic and facial deformities
- ☐ Treatment for dental problems, epilepsy and neurological disorders

#### **Transforming lives:**

Since its launch, over 600,000 people have been treated on the Lifeline Express. Approximately 10 projects are conducted every year, with 126 different remote areas being reached so far. On average, 5000 people receive treatment and life changing operations with each project.



## Impact India's Lifeline Express, "The Magic Train of India"





# COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE:

THANE DISTRICT, MAHARASHTRA STATE

- ☐ Creating a replicable model of sustainable community-owned health delivery systems in rural India, in support of Government's programmes.
- ☐ Initial pilot introduced in Thane District, Maharashtra State in 2005 at the request of the Government, covering seven Tribal Blocks; now extended to eighth Tribal Block Shahapur.
- ☐ Aims to reduce future disabilities through prevention and health education programmes, while providing access to cures for those already impacted. Empower the community and build the capacity of the Government.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE: THANE DISTRICT, MAHARASHTRA STATE

### **Impact's Role:**

Using existing healthcare infrastructure and available delivery systems, our programmes cover:

- ❑ Early identification of disabilities and treatment
- ❑ Access to hospitals and clinics for surgeries
- ❑ Immunization
- ❑ Information, Education & Communication
- ❑ Nutrition programmes
- ❑ Health check-ups
- ❑ Water Management
- ❑ Upgrading Ashramshalas (Tribal Residential Schools)
- ❑ Capacity building

### **Changing lives:**

Community Health Initiative currently covers about 2 million tribals in 8 selected Blocks in Thane District, Maharashtra State. This programme is planned for replication and sustainability. Process Guidelines are being prepared with the help of Tata Consultancy Services & Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

# Community Health Initiative

## Curative

- Vision
- Cleft
- Orthopedic
- Hearing
- Dental
- Dermatology



A child with a cleft lip



Being immunised against polio

## Preventive

- Immunization
- Information, Education & Communication
- Kitchen gardens
- Health check up for school children
- Water Management



# Community Health Initiative



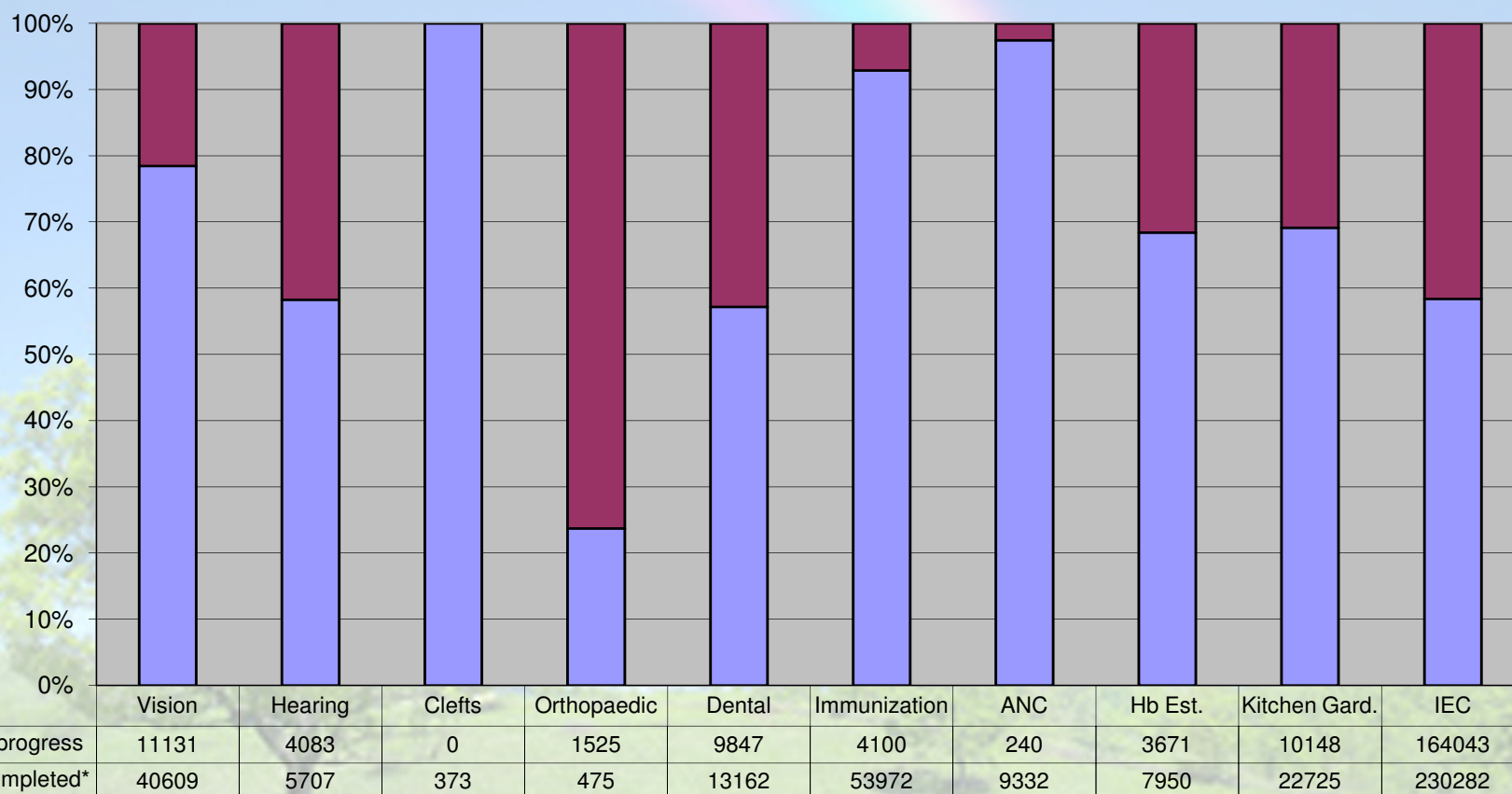
Children waiting to be tested for vision and hearing on the Lifeline Express Mobile Clinic



## COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE - THANE, MAHARASHTRA

### STATUS OF INTERVENTIONS (NUMBER OF PERSONS) AS AT JUNE 2011

■ Interventions in progress    ■ Interventions Completed\*



**\*Number of people successfully covered by the Curative and Preventive programmes.**



## Community Health Initiative

Evaluation conducted by Gopinath Menon, ex Unicef recommends:

*“It is critical that the Government structure is fully inducted to support the programme. The network of Anganwadi workers, ASHA workers, ANMs and teachers should be effectively mobilized... It’s important that IIF works out a permanent arrangement with the District so that CHI is not seen as a standalone activity.”*

The Way Forward:

- ***Establishment of Village Health & Disability Committees in each village (Gram Arogya Samithi) tracking critical indicators related to child wellbeing & disability.***
- ***Creating change agents of school students***
- ***Establishment of Adolescent Group volunteers in Ashram Shalas etc.***

## Community Health Initiative

**Evaluation Indicators will relate to the Government's National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and will include the following Key Performance Indicators:**

### **A) Maternal Child Health & Nutrition:**

- Newborns below 2500 gm & 2000 gm and 2000 gm & 1500 gm
- Immunization coverage among infants.%
- Adolescent girls with Anaemia ( % )

### **B ) Family Planning:**

- Under age girls marriage ( % )
- Total fertility rate

### **C ) Hygiene & Sanitation (Communicable Diseases):**

- Population using improved drinking water sources ( % )
- Population using improved sanitation ( % )( Soak pits & Toilets )



# Thank You