

MATERNAL NEONATAL AND CHILD HEALTH QUARTERLY UPDATE

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Private Sector Engagement

KHPT at Strategic Meeting of Project “Sankalp” at ICMR Headquarters, New Delhi

Dr Prarthana B. S., Thematic Lead-MNCH at KHPT, participated in the strategic meeting of the National Health Research Programme (NHRP) project “Sankalp: Strengthening Programme Implementation and Monitoring to achieve single-digit Neonatal Mortality”, held at Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Headquarters, New Delhi, on January 22, 2025.

Alongside Dr Prem Mony, Principal Investigator for the Koppal site, presented key insights from the analysis of qualitative and quantitative data and neonatal death audits. The presentation also highlighted proposed smart interventions and plans for the upcoming co-development workshop, shaping the roadmap for implementation and next steps.

KHPT participates at the Wipro Healthcare Partners’ Forum 2025



KHPT team at the Wipro Healthcare Partners’ Forum, Hyderabad

KHPT participated in the Wipro Healthcare Partners’ Forum 2025 (Jan 23–25, Hyderabad), organized by Wipro Foundation, bringing together over 100 professionals from the healthcare and development sectors. As an implementing partner of Wipro Cares’, Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) project in Tumakuru, KHPT shared

insights on ECCD. Ms Mallika Bidappa, Lead-Knowledge Management, moderated a panel on equity, quality, and cost-effectiveness in public-private healthcare partnerships.

KHPT also showcased innovative IEC materials supporting ECCD initiatives. The event fostered knowledge exchange, networking, and strengthened partnerships to drive sustainable healthcare solutions in India.



Ms Mallika Bidappa, KHPT, moderating a panel discussion at the Wipro Healthcare Partners’ Forum

KHPT participates at the State Connect program in Pune



KHPT at the State Connect program in Pune

KHPT-GAIN, was honoured to be a part of the State Connect program in Pune, focusing on Strengthening Large-Scale Food Fortification. The event featured insightful discussions on fortification of rice, edible oil, milk, and wheat flour, with industry experts sharing technical insights on premix selection and fortification techniques.

Ms. Mihika Wakhloo from KHPT led a session on Edible Oil Fortification, highlighting technical processes and guidelines to enhance nutrition security. Engaging with industry partners and stakeholders reinforced our

collective commitment to advancing food fortification for better public health outcomes.



KHPT leads session on Edible Oil Fortification to boost nutrition security

Government Engagement

KHPT launches First 1000 Days of Life project supported by SJRI in Chitradurga, Karnataka

KHPT, in collaboration with St. John’s Research Institute (SJRI) and district authorities, launched the “First 1000 Days of Life: Implementation Research for a District Model of Care in Karnataka, India” project in Chitradurga on February 19, 2025. This initiative aims to enhance maternal and child health outcomes through strengthening the community and systems for services during the critical first 1000 days using an evidence-based approach.

The event was attended by key government officials, pediatricians, gynecologists and KHPT representatives. As part of the launch,



The inauguration of the event by SJRI, district authorities and KHPT in Chitradurga

KHPT organized a stakeholder engagement workshop with the Health & Family welfare department and Women & Child Development (WCD) departments. The workshop



Launching the “First 1000 Days of Life: Implementation Research for a District Model of Care in Karnataka”, project in Chitradurga

focused on strengthening collaboration, improving healthcare delivery, and developing effective interventions towards optimum early childhood growth and development.

KHPT presents Formative Research Findings to Government of Karnataka

In February 2025, KHPT shared formative research findings from the Sankalp and Strategies to Help in optimal pregnancy outcomes and Reduce Stillbirths in India (SHRiSTI) projects with the Deputy Directors

of Child and Maternal Health, Government of Karnataka. The research identified key gaps including maternal anemia, inadequate antenatal care, poor management of high-risk pregnancies, delayed referrals and weak new-born care practices. In response, a co-

design workshop is planned in Koppal and Haveri to develop targeted, context-specific interventions focusing on protocol adherence, early risk detection, referral systems, labour room and newborn care, KMC, and breastfeeding promotion.

KHPT shares “SHRiSTI” Formative Research Insights at Haveri District Health Mission Review Meeting, Haveri

On March 19, KHPT participated in the District Health Mission Review meeting



■ KHPT participates in the District Health Mission Review meeting, Haveri

held under the chairpersonship of Shri Vijaymahantesh B Danammanavar, Deputy Commissioner of Haveri.

During the session, Dr Prarthana B S., Thematic Lead - MNCH at KHPT, presented key findings from the first phase of the project, “Strategies to Help in optimal pregnancy outcomes and Reduce Stillbirths in India (SHRiSTI)”. The presentation highlighted the burden of stillbirths in the district and shared an in-depth analysis of antenatal and intranatal service delivery.

The meeting served as a platform for district-level stakeholders to engage in meaningful dialogue around existing service delivery challenges. The discussions focused on



■ KHPT shares key findings from the first phase of the project, “SHRiSTI”

identifying gaps, addressing systemic barriers, and planning actionable next steps towards the development of a responsive implementation strategy to improve maternal and newborn health outcomes in the district.

Capacity Building

KHPT organizes refresher training program for nurses in Kolar district

On March 14 and 15, KHPT, in collaboration with St. John's Medical College and the Kolar District Health Department, conducted a two-day refresher training program on essential newborn care for nurses across the district. The sessions were guided by Dr Srinivas G (District Health Officer), Dr Charini MA (Reproductive Child Health Officer) and Dr Narayanaswamy (President, IMA-Kolar).

Approximately 100 nurses from both public and private healthcare facilities participated in the training, which was led by expert obstetricians, neonatologists, and nursing educators from St. John's Medical College, Sri Devaraj Urs Medical College, and SNR District Hospital. The training combined theoretical sessions



■ KHPT conducting refresher training program for nurses

with hands-on demonstrations, emphasizing skill-building in the management of pregnancy-related complications, labor, and newborn care. This initiative aims to strengthen healthcare delivery at peripheral facilities, improve referral systems, and ultimately enhance maternal and newborn health outcomes in Kolar.



■ Participants of the refresher training program in Kolar

Program Implementation

KHPT, with the support of Nutrition International, has launched a one-year project titled, “Provide Technical and Program Management Support to State Governments in Implementation of Double Fortified Salt (DFS) in Five States of India”. The initiative aims to strengthen the implementation of DFS programs by offering technical assistance.

KHPT has been a key player in Large Scale Food Fortification efforts, with a strong focus on addressing malnutrition and anemia. Building on its previous work in this area, the new project will be implemented across five states - Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan, and Tamil Nadu.

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