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Community Eye Health Program: Free Screening & Eyeglass Distribution

🎯 Goal

The primary objective of the Community Eye Health Program was to proactively address prevalent vision impairment within underserved communities. By implementing a comprehensive approach encompassing early detection, expert medical guidance, and the provision of free corrective support, the program aimed to significantly improve ocular health outcomes and enhance the overall quality of life for beneficiaries. This initiative sought to bridge critical gaps in healthcare access, ensuring that economic constraints did not impede essential eye care for vulnerable populations.

⚡ Execution Strategy

The successful implementation of the program was meticulously planned and executed through the following strategic components:

Collaborative Setup:

The program's operational framework was built upon strategic collaborations with highly qualified and licensed ophthalmologists, alongside experienced and trained optometrists. This partnership ensured the delivery of professional, standardized, and high-quality eye care services, adhering to established medical protocols and best practices in a community camp setting. The involvement of certified professionals guaranteed accurate diagnoses and appropriate treatment recommendations.

Screening Services: Each community camp provided a multi-faceted screening process designed for thorough and efficient ocular evaluation:

Visual acuity checks: Standardized tests were rigorously conducted to accurately assess the sharpness of vision at various distances, serving as a foundational diagnostic step to identify individuals with potential vision deficiencies.

Refraction tests: Both objective and subjective refraction techniques were precisely employed to determine the presence and degree of refractive errors such as myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), and astigmatism. This critical step enabled the accurate prescription of corrective lenses.

Personalized eye health counseling:

Beyond diagnostic procedures, each individual received tailored counseling. This included comprehensive education on maintaining optimal eye health, recognizing early symptoms of common ocular conditions, and understanding the paramount importance of preventive eye care, regular check-ups, and adherence to prescribed treatments. This educational component was crucial for fostering long-term eye health habits and empowering individuals with knowledge.

Support Measures:

Free distribution of quality prescription eyeglasses: Following comprehensive clinical evaluations and precise diagnoses by the attending ophthalmologists and optometrists, high-quality, custom-prescribed eyeglasses were provided free of charge to all individuals identified with refractive errors. This direct and immediate support aimed to correct vision impairments effectively, thereby enhancing daily functionality, educational prospects, and occupational capabilities.

Metric	Achievement
Individuals Screened	A total of 1,000 individuals received comprehensive eye health screenings. This targeted outreach specifically prioritized those from economically weaker sections of society, ensuring that the most vulnerable populations, who often face significant barriers to accessing conventional eye care services, were reached and served effectively.
Eyeglasses Provided	100% of the individuals diagnosed with refractive errors received complimentary, high-quality prescription eyeglasses. This exceptional fulfillment rate underscores the program's commitment to delivering tangible, immediate improvements in vision and quality of life for all eligible beneficiaries. ``

Metric	Achievement
Individuals Screened	1,000 (from economically weaker sections)
Eyeglasses Provided	100% of those with refractive errors
Awareness Raised	Significant increase in preventive eye care understanding
Long-Term Impact	Enhanced opportunities in education, employment, and daily living



SCREENING OF FREE EYE CAMP AND DISTRIBUTION OF EYE GLASSES FOR 1000 UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN IN SLUMS OF VIJAYAWADA UNDER CSR WITH THE SUPPORT OF ANDHRA PRADESH STATE BREWEREGES CORPORATION LIMITED



Smile STeP Programme – Empowering Youth in Charminar, Hyderabad

Objective

2024 marked a milestone year for AKMES 's collaboration with Smile Foundation, New Delhi, through the successful implementation of our STeP (Skill Training & Placement) Program. This comprehensive 3-month initiative has transformed the lives of 160 young individuals across four specialized batches, achieving an impressive 75% placement rate. The **Smile STeP Programme** is a transformative skills development initiative aimed at empowering unemployed youth from low-income families in Charminar, Hyderabad. The programme addresses the pressing challenge of unemployment among young people by equipping them with market-relevant skills, enhancing their employability, and creating sustainable career pathways.

Key Training Focus Areas

Over a **three-month** period, participants engage in a holistic curriculum that blends technical, communication, and workplace readiness skills, including:

- **Spoken English & Workplace Communication** – Building confidence and clarity in professional interactions
- **Computer Proficiency** – From basic operations to advanced applications, ensuring digital fluency
- **Retail Management & Customer Service** – Preparing participants for roles in retail, hospitality, and service industries
- **Soft Skills Development** – Interview preparation, workplace etiquette, teamwork, and problem-solving skills

Placement Support & Industry Linkages



A dedicated placement cell ensures graduates transition smoothly into the workforce through:

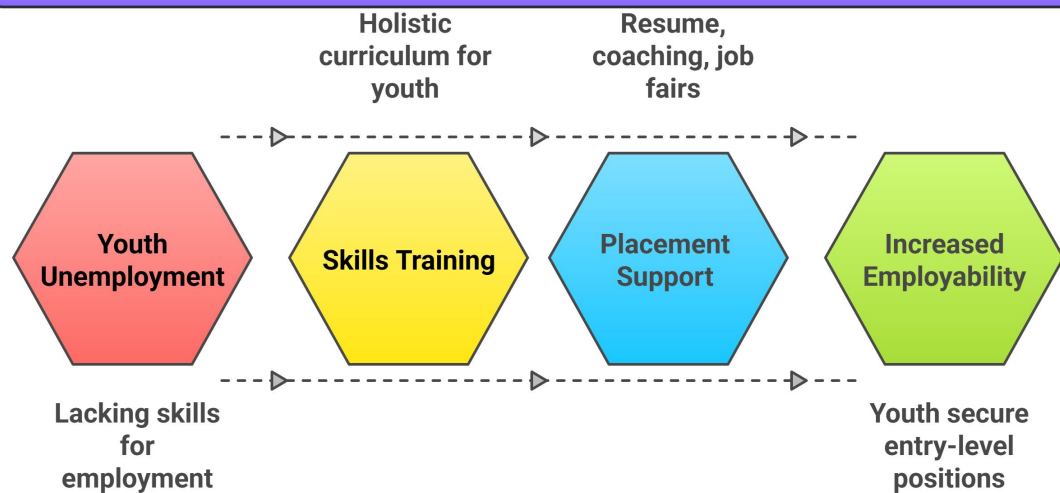
- **Resume-building workshops** to present skills effectively
- **Interview coaching** with real-world mock sessions
- **Job fairs and employer meetups** connecting participants directly with hiring managers
- Strategic tie-ups with retail chains, corporate offices, and service industries for direct placement opportunities

Impact

- 160 youth have successfully trained and 80 trained youth secured **entry-level positions** in retail and service sectors
- Improved self-confidence and workplace readiness among participants
- Enhanced financial stability for families, breaking cycles of poverty through steady employment



Empowering Youth Through STeP Skills Development Programme



Future Plans

The Smile STeP Programme aims to:

- **Expand** to other urban areas of Hyderabad to reach more unemployed youth
- **Introduce new training modules** in hospitality and digital marketing to meet evolving industry needs
- **Strengthen the alumni network** to foster peer mentorship, job referrals, and continued career growth

Infrastructure Support for Smile STeP Project

Objective:

To upgrade and strengthen the physical and technological infrastructure of ongoing Smile STeP training centers, thereby improving training quality and reach.

Implementation:

Support was provided for classroom renovation, procurement of training equipment, computers, and teaching aids. This ensured a modern and conducive learning environment for trainees.

Outcome & Impact:

- Enhanced training capacity.
- Better engagement of trainees through updated facilities.
- Improved retention and course completion rates.

Infrastructure Support for Smile Mission Education Projects

Objective:

To improve the infrastructure of ongoing Mission Education projects that cater to children from marginalized communities.

Implementation:

CSR support was utilized for providing desks, blackboards, smart learning tools, and classroom repairs. These improvements created a safe and supportive learning atmosphere.

Outcome & Impact:

- Improved classroom environment and learning resources.
 - Benefited school children by enhancing the quality of learning.
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Drinking Water Supply During Summer (2024–25)

Objective:

To address acute water scarcity during peak summer months in affected regions by ensuring continuous access to potable water.

Implementation:

Two tankers with a capacity of **22 KL each** supplied safe drinking water to identified communities for **45 days**. Distribution was organized in a timely manner to ensure equitable access.

Outcome & Impact:

- Reduced the burden on households, particularly women, who otherwise travel long distances for water.
- Prevented water-borne illnesses by ensuring supply of safe drinking water.

Supply of Drinking water through Two (22kl capacity) Tankers during Summer 2024-25 for 45 Days From 16/04/2024 to 31/05/2024 in Chinapandraka, Rangaraopeta, Seetharampuram and Ramapuram and Uppuluru villages in Kruthivenu Mandal of Krishna District under CSR - ONGC .Rajahmundry. East Godavari District. AP”



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2	Proposed project activities	1. A meeting with the GP President and other respected community leaders to develop a comprehensive strategy for providing clean drinking water to all the proposed villages. 2. The locations for water distribution and collection points will be carefully identified to ensure convenience for the local population. A daily action plan will be devised to efficiently fill tankers and to distribute water to the designated villages as per the proposed plan																																										
3	Objectives of the proposed project	1. To ensure that residents of target villages in rural areas have access to clean and safe drinking water during the hot summer months when water sources may be scarce or contaminated. 2. To prevent dehydration and heat-related illnesses among residents, especially vulnerable populations such as children, elderly individuals, and individuals with medical conditions. 3. To improve overall public health and sanitation in rural communities by reducing the risk of waterborne diseases and promoting good hygiene practices. 4. To alleviate the burden on residents who may have limited access to transportation or financial resources to obtain water from distant sources, by bringing water directly to their doorstep through tanker trucks. 5. To promote community cohesion and solidarity by coming together to address a common need and ensuring that no one is left behind in accessing essential resources like water.																																										
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5	Project location	Pin Code: 521324.		
		State	Name	Amount
		Name of the State	Andhra Pradesh	
		Name of the District	Krishna District	
		Name of the Mandal / Taluka	Kruthivenu Mandal	
6	Total project cost	Total Project cost: 936000		Total project cost
7	Support required from ONGC	936000 (Nine Lakh Thirty Six thousand rupees only		

During the severe summer season, the demand for drinking water increases significantly due to high temperatures and limited water sources. In order to ensure that the Chinapandraka village and its 3 habitations namely Rangaraopeta, Ramapuram, and Seetharampuram and Uppuluru have access to an adequate supply of drinking water, it is necessary to deploy two water tankers with a capacity of 22kl each.

The capacity of each water tanker is crucial as it determines the amount of water that can be transported in a single trip. With a capacity of 22kl, each tanker can carry a substantial amount of water, reducing the frequency of trips required to refill and ensuring a continuous supply to the habitations.

The duration of 45 days is also an important factor to consider. This period is chosen based on the severity of the summer season and 60 days, the authorities can ensure that the habitations have access to drinking water throughout the entire duration of the severe summer season.

Overall, the requirement for providing drinking water through two water tankers, each with a capacity of 22kl, in the ONGC operational area of Chinapandraka village during the severe summer season is essential to cater to the daily needs of the Chinapandraka village and its 3 habitations namely Rangaraopeta, Ramapuram, and Seetharampuram and also cover Uppuluru for a period of 45 days. This ensures that the habitations have a continuous and sufficient supply of drinking water, mitigating the challenges posed by the severe summer conditions.

METHODOLOGY ADOPTED FOR IDENTIFICATION AND SELECTION OF BENEFICIARIES

1. The meeting with the GP President and other respected community leaders with a collaborative effort to address the pressing issue of clean drinking water in the villages.
2. The strategy aimed to tackle the problem of clean drinking water by considering various factors such as water sources, and distribution logistics. The goal was to provide a sustainable solution that would benefit all the villages in question.
3. After careful consideration, the locations for water distribution and collection points were identified. These points were strategically placed to ensure easy access for the local population, taking into account factors such as distance, transportation availability, and population density.
4. The identified water distribution and collection points not only convenient for the villagers but also ensured efficient water management. This approach aimed to minimize wastage and maximize the reach of clean drinking water to as many people as possible.
5. To ensure the smooth implementation of the strategy, a daily action plan was devised. This plan outlined the specific tasks and responsibilities of each team member involved in the water distribution process. It included activities such as filling tankers, coordinating transportation, and distributing water to the designated villages.
6. The daily action plan was designed to optimize efficiency and minimize delays. It will consider factors such as the capacity of the tankers, the distance between the water source and the villages, and the availability of manpower and resources.
7. Regular monitoring and evaluation was incorporated into the daily action plan to assess the effectiveness of the strategy. This allowed for adjustments and improvements to be made as needed, ensuring that the clean drinking water reached all the villages in a timely and efficient manner.
8. The comprehensive strategy, along with the carefully identified distribution and collection points and the daily action plan, formed a cohesive approach to address the issue of clean drinking water in the villages. This collaborative effort aimed to provide a sustainable solution that would improve the overall health and well-being of the local population.

Drinking water supply Activity with Photographs



In the summer of 2024-25, AKMES successfully delivered drinking water using two tankers, each with a capacity of 22,000 liters, over a span of 45 days from April 16 to May 31, 2024. This initiative benefited the villages of Chinapandraka, Rangaraopeta, Seetharampuram, Ramapuram, and Uppuluru, located in the Kruthivenu Mandal of Krishna District. This effort was part of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program implemented by ONGC, based in Rajahmundry, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh.

To ensure the smooth execution of this project, AKMES assigned two field staff members along with a project coordinator for the entire duration of 45 days. Each field staff member was tasked with managing one tanker and, with the help of additional personnel, pinpointed essential water collection points to ensure that drinking water was accessible to every household. The distribution of water was meticulously organized following a daily action plan that covered all targeted villages.

The residents of these communities expressed their heartfelt appreciation to ONGC for the prompt delivery of drinking water, emphasizing their satisfaction with the service provided.









6. Safe Drinking Water Facility in Nangegadda Village

Objective:

To provide sustainable access to clean drinking water in Nangegadda village, Nagayalanka Mandal, Krishna District.

Implementation:

Installed a **0.5 MLD capacity micro water filter** with a dedicated platform and protective shed. The facility was strategically located for easy access by all residents.

Outcome & Impact:

- Continuous supply of safe drinking water for all households.
- Reduced dependency on unsafe water sources.
- Lower incidence of water-related diseases.

7. Flood Relief Programme – Vijayawada, NTR District

Objective:

To provide immediate relief to flood-affected communities through food distribution and basic needs assistance.

Implementation:

Under CSR support from ONGC, Rajahmundry, cooked food packets and essential supplies were distributed to flood-affected families in urban slums of Vijayawada. Relief work was carried out promptly during the emergency to prevent hunger and malnutrition.

Outcome & Impact:

- Served hundreds of families with ready-to-eat meals.
- Provided emotional and social support during crisis situations.

Food Distribution for Flood-Affected Communities in Vijayawada, NTR District, AP, Under flood relief programme, CSR - ONGC, Rajahmundry,



8. Distribution of Sewing Machines to Women Trained in Tailoring

Objective:

To promote women's economic empowerment by enabling them to start small-scale tailoring businesses from home.

Implementation:

A total of **54 women and girls**, who successfully completed tailoring training in Anakapalli and Chodavaram Mandals, received new sewing machines.

Outcome & Impact:

- Provided sustainable livelihood opportunities.
- Encouraged self-reliance and reduced dependency on irregular wage labor.



Distribution of sewing machines for 54 trained women in Anakapalli & Chodavaram Mandals of Anakapalli District, AP Under CSR of ONGC, Rajahmundry, AP



9. Construction of Bus Shelter – Ponnamada Village

Objective:

To provide a safe and comfortable waiting area for passengers, including school children, women, and elderly commuters.

Implementation:

A modern bus shelter was constructed in Ponnamada village, Razole Mandal, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema District, under CSR funding. The shelter includes seating and weather protection.

Outcome & Impact:

BUS SHELTER CONSTRUCTION UNDER CSR BY AKMES WITH THE SUPPORT OF ONGC AT PONNAMADA VILLAGE, RAZOLE MANDAL , Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR KONASEEMA DISTRICT, AP



- Improved travel convenience and safety for villagers.
- Reduced exposure to harsh weather while waiting for public transport.