

The Catholic Health Association of India

**- A Faith-Based Association of Healthcare Member Institutions (MIs)
Contributing towards Country Achieving Universal Health Coverage
For Primary Health Care**



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Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI)

Vision:

- upholds its commitment to bring 'health for all'.
- views health as a state of complete physical, mental, social and spiritual well-being, and not merely the absence of sickness.

Mission:

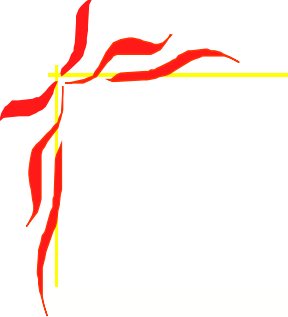
- promote community health
- control communicable and non-communicable diseases
- provide relief to disaster victims
- ensure relief and rehabilitation to persons with disabilities
- sustain advocacy for the cause of poor and needy



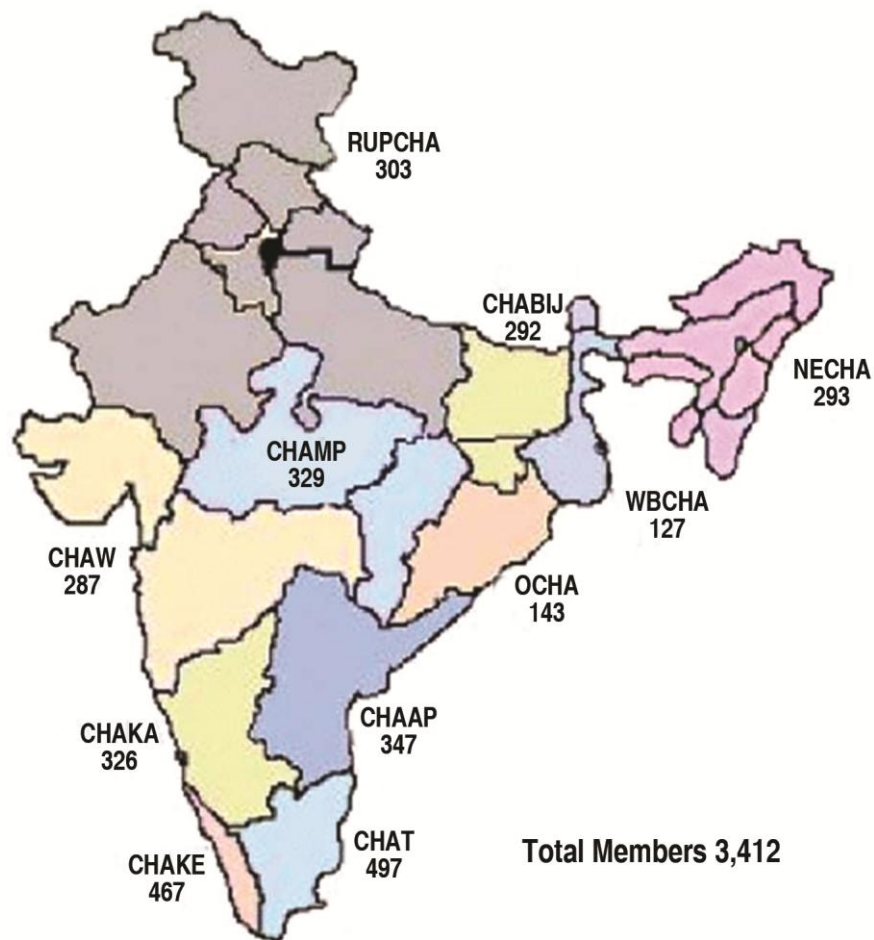
CHAI

- in existence since 1943

- ✦ A not-for-profit Faith-Based Association
- ✦ Of nearly **3412** Healthcare Member Institutions (MIs)
- ✦ **84%** in the medically underserved areas
- ✦ Operating under **11** Regional Units across India
- ✦ In Collaboration with other Sister Institutions
- ✦ In convergence (PPP) with State and National level government focus areas/programmes - NRHM/RMNCH+A, RNTCP, NACO and its state level units, etc.
- ✦ It aims to rope in CSR and others for financial and technical resources.



Membership



- 2263 primary health centres
- 417 secondary care hospitals
- 183 tertiary care hospitals
- 5 medical colleges
- 18 hospitals offering DNB
- 120 nursing schools/colleges
- 82 terminal/palliative Care Centres
- 104 mental health care centres
- 123 HIV/AIDS community care centres
- 32 counselling & de-addiction centres
- 250 training institutions
- 210 disability rehabilitation centres
- 121 geriatric care centres
- 52 leprosariums



Human Resource

- 1000 Sister-Doctors
- 25,000 Sister-Nurses
- 10,000 plus Para-Professionals

Reach

Treating over
21 million
people a year

This includes:

- ✦ Care for over 5,000 HIV patients per day
- ✦ Institutional care around 2000 children affected /infected with HIV
- ✦ Children with special needs – 10,000
- ✦ Community based care – 15,000
- ✦ SHG Members - 2 million
- ✦ Nursing graduates passing out – 5,000
- ✦ Launched recently national level health insurance covering its health workers under its MIs



CHAI - a Faith-Based Association of Healthcare Member Institutions (MIs) - a Social Marketing - Franchising Model

- **An effective means to reach the medically underprivileged and underserved areas**
- **Rendering humanized, affordable, rational and quality healthcare/positive health for all**
- **With full time dedicated religious volunteers and their lay collaborators linked to Parish Communities**
- **Serving all people irrespective caste, creed and gender – especially the socially and economically communities/families - with children and women in focus**
- **Contribute towards achieving MDG targets - 'reduce child mortality' (MDG - 4), 'improve maternal health' (5), 'combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, [TB] and other diseases' (6)**

Fundamentals

- **Human-Rights-Based-Approach** (participation and inclusion & equality and non-discrimination)
- **Right to Health** means Availability, Accessibility, Acceptability and Quality

Strategy:

- **Strengthen the community ownership (empowerment)** – equipping the underprivileged with information and skills to organize, demand and access rights and entitlements, especially from the perspective of Right to Health.



Benefit of CHAI Model of Faith-Based Communities Network

- **Available and accessible healthcare personnel, especially the *religious* (fulltime committed healthcare/social volunteers) - without fear of stigma and discrimination**
- **Hence, replicable/Fast scale-up of Equitable & Quality Uniform Service on Sustainable Basis**
- **In a more advantageous position to effectively motivate people towards positive health behaviors – in PPP with Govt. Programmes**
- **Cost-saving: Able to offer affordable quality healthcare to the underprivileged with special emphasis on women and children**
- **Patient centre approach**
- **Combined reputation, cumulative experience and pan-Indian presence**

Examples of CHAI Model of Social Franchising - Marketing



Provision of Community Health Services and Scale up of HIV/AIDS Interventions:

- Involving 75 MIs & 10 Private Hospitals
- Being implemented in 12 states
- Building PPP - collaboration between CHAI MIs and various national disease control programmes.

Catholic Care Centres (CCCs):

- Providing quality care and support to the PLHIVs
- Involving 123 MIs across India
- 123 CCCs, (40 for adults & 10 exclusively for children)
- Explores the possibilities of kinship/Community Based Care

Examples of CHAI Model (Contd.)



Child Health and Disability Rehabilitation Program:

- Involving 117 MIs in seven States and 14 in Sri Lanka
- Provides medical and social rehabilitation support to children and youth (below 25 years) - education, health, inclusion and livelihood
- So far supported more than 200,000 (approximately 10000 persons annually)

Healthcare through Telemedicine:

- Involving 50 MIs – operating 50 Health Centres – covering 6 States

Axshaya – Global Fund Round 9 TB Project for Civil Society Engagement (e.g. Social Marketing):

- Through 2880 Community Health Volunteers within a network of more than 380 NGOs under the aegis of CHAI - covering 96 districts of 10 States.



Lessons – Challenges – Way Forward

Lessons Learned:

- Self-awareness to categorize CHAI as a model for social franchising and marketing

Challenges Ahead:

- To lobby and advocate to make Right to Health as a fundamental/ justiciable right

Way Forward:

- CHAI model to be scalable with government support - with professional human and financial resources and innovative/ emerging technologies
- Legalize nurse practitioners to take up certain tasks performed by doctors (task-shifting)



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