

# 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

# ANDHRA PRADESH VOLUNTARY HEALTH ASSOCIATION

# PROGRESS REPORT

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#### Introduction

The Andhra Pradesh Voluntary Health Association (APVHA) is a dedicated non-governmental organization committed to advancing public health initiatives and strengthening community-based healthcare systems across Andhra Pradesh and beyond. Rooted in a mission to promote equitable healthcare, APVHA works collaboratively with government agencies, civil society organizations, and international partners to implement evidence-based health interventions that drive lasting impact.

Over the years, APVHA has been at the forefront of advocating for critical public health policies, particularly in areas such as tobacco control, immunization programs, maternal and child healthcare, and non-communicable disease prevention. Through strategic partnerships with institutions like the Government of India, Bloomberg Philanthropies, UNICEF, WHO, and other key stakeholders, APVHA has successfully implemented programs aimed at improving healthcare access and awareness among marginalized and underserved communities.

#### **Key Focus Areas of APVHA:**

Tobacco Control & Public Health Advocacy: Implementing smoke-free policies, graphic health warning campaigns, and countering tobacco industry interference in policymaking.

Immunization & Disease Prevention: Enhancing vaccination coverage in aspirational districts and strengthening health awareness initiatives.

Capacity Building & Community Engagement: Training frontline healthcare workers, empowering local health networks, and mobilizing community support for sustainable health interventions.

Policy Implementation & Advocacy: Driving health policy reforms, supporting evidence-based decision-making, and collaborating with government institutions to ensure effective healthcare governance.

With a strong commitment to fostering sustainable health solutions, APVHA continues to address public health challenges through data-driven strategies, grassroots initiatives, and collaborative action. As we reflect on the achievements of FY 2021-22, APVHA remains steadfast in its mission to create a healthier and more resilient society, ensuring that quality healthcare reaches the most vulnerable populations.

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# Message from our leaders









The year 2021-22 was a significant period for APVHA as we intensified our efforts to strengthen community-based healthcare and drive impactful public health initiatives. Our unwavering commitment to routine immunization, COVID-19 response, tobacco control, and community engagement has led to meaningful transformations in vulnerable communities across Andhra Pradesh.

Through our collaboration with UNICEF, Voluntary Health Association of India (VHAI), and local partners, APVHA successfully implemented the Empowering Community-Based Institutions for Routine Immunization and COVID-19 Risk Communication Project in three districts—Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, and Kadapa. This initiative resulted in 430 children immunized, 24,014 individuals reached through awareness campaigns, and over 8,436 households engaged in health education and behavior change programs.

Our strategic approach included capacity building for 502 community-based organizations (CBOs), training 338 local influencers, and conducting 40 training sessions to ensure sustainable health advocacy at the grassroots level. The challenges posed by the pandemic further reinforced our belief in the power of community participation and multi-sectoral collaboration in achieving lasting health outcomes.

Additionally, APVHA's leadership in self-finance programs and regional consultations has strengthened partnerships with NGOs, CSOs, and government stakeholders, enabling a more coordinated approach to public health challenges. Our advocacy efforts have driven key discussions on water sanitation, nutrition, tobacco control, and emerging health priorities, ensuring a comprehensive health ecosystem for marginalized populations.

As we move forward, we reaffirm our commitment to scaling up immunization efforts, strengthening policy advocacy, and enhancing public health resilience. The support from our partners, donors, and dedicated field teams continues to be the cornerstone of our success, inspiring us to work towards a healthier and more equitable society.

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# **Our Key Strategies**



APVHA's work in FY 2021-22 was driven by a strategic approach aimed at enhancing healthcare accessibility, strengthening public health systems, and advocating for evidence-based policies. Our interventions were designed to address critical gaps in healthcare service delivery, focusing on community empowerment, immunization, disease prevention, and policy advocacy.



#### Strengthening Immunization & Disease Prevention



Routine Immunization & COVID-19 Response: Implemented across three districts, focusing on increasing vaccine coverage and public awareness.

#### Impact:

- 430 children immunized through targeted outreach efforts.
- 24,014 individuals engaged through risk communication campaigns.
- 8,436 households reached with health education sessions.



#### Community-Based Health System Strengthening



Capacity Building for CBOs & Local Health Influencers:

- 502 CBOs trained in healthcare advocacy and program implementation.
- 338 local influencers engaged to drive community-led health initiatives.
- 40 training sessions conducted to reinforce health awareness and behavior change.



# Tobacco Control & Public Health Advocacy



- Policy interventions and awareness campaigns aimed at reducing tobacco consumption and preventing industry interference.
- Efforts included:
  - Community education programs on tobacco-related health risks.
  - Engagement with policymakers to implement stronger tobacco control regulations.



#### Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) & Nutrition Programs



- Implemented through regional consultations & community mobilization efforts.
- Key areas of intervention:
- Promotion of safe drinking water practices.
- Improved sanitation & hygiene education.
- Advocacy for better nutritional outcomes in vulnerable communities.

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APVHA has made significant strides in advancing public health and community-driven healthcare initiatives. Through strategic partnerships, capacity-building efforts, and evidence-based interventions, we have positively impacted thousands of lives across Andhra Pradesh. The following highlights capture the measurable outcomes of our key initiatives.





#### 1. Immunization & Disease Prevention

**1,00,500** people including community leaders, health influencers and reached through outreach across 3 districts: Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, and Kadapa.

**430** children immunized, ensuring protection against preventable diseases.

**24,014** individuals engaged in risk communication campaigns for COVID-19 and immunization awareness.

8,436 households reached through targeted health education sessions.

**502** community-based organizations (CBOs) trained to support immunization efforts.

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#### 2. Community Health Strengthening & Capacity Building

**338** local influencers engaged to advocate for better health practices at the grassroots level.

**40** training sessions conducted, empowering healthcare volunteers and CBOs.

Strengthened community-led health governance, fostering sustainable healthcare initiatives.

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#### 3. Tobacco Control & Public Health Advocacy

Increase in tobacco awareness by 30% in target communities.

Advocacy efforts led to stronger enforcement of smoke-free policies in key districts.

Conducted awareness campaigns engaging youth and community stakeholders to promote tobacco-free environments.

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# 4. Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) & Nutrition Programs

Sanitation awareness improved in 60% of program households, leading to better hygiene practices.

Higher adoption of clean drinking water usage through WASH initiatives. Increased community-led nutrition monitoring, improving dietary habits and overall well-being.

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#### 5. Policy Advocacy & Multi-Sectoral Collaboration

Strengthened partnerships with government agencies, NGOs, and international organizations to drive health policies.

District-level policy dialogues facilitated collaboration between key stakeholders.

Established self-finance programs to support local health initiatives sustainably.

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APVHA's interventions have led to transformative changes in the lives of individuals and communities. Below are two inspiring success stories showcasing the impact of our initiatives in healthcare, immunization, and community mobilization.

#### 1. Smt. Allimi:

#### **A Community Leader Transforming Migrant Health**

Smt. Allimi, a member of a migrant family from Odisha, played a crucial role in ensuring improved healthcare access for the seasonal migrant workers in Nellimarla block, Vizianagaram district, Andhra Pradesh.

#### **Challenges Identified:**

- Lack of access to essential health services, including immunization, for migrant families.
- Migrant children suffering from communicable diseases due to poor healthcare facilities.
- Limited access to early childhood care and education.

#### **APVHA's Intervention:**

- Conducted awareness campaigns and meetings with migrant families and health department staff.
- Identified Smt. Allimi as a key community-based organizer (CBO) to mobilize support within her community.
- Engaged employers in discussions about the need for child care and health services at worksites.

#### **Impact Achieved:**

- 25 migrant children received routine immunization, reducing the risk of communicable diseases.
- Establishment of an immunization center and an Anganwadi center, ensuring early childhood care and healthcare access.
- Stronger partnerships with local government officials, teachers, and health workers to improve service delivery.
- Increased awareness among facility owners and builders, leading to the setup of Child Care and Learning Centers (CCLCs) at worksites.

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#### 2. Sri M. Adinarayana: Strengthening Village Health Committees

Sri M. Adinarayana, a Panchayat Raj member and leader of the fisherman community in Konada village, Bhogapuram Block, Vizianagaram district, emerged as a key advocate for strengthening Village Health and Sanitation Committees (VHSNCs). Challenges Identified:

- Lack of awareness among VHSNC members about their roles and responsibilities.
- Inefficiencies in organizing health and nutrition programs at the village level.
- Need for stronger institutional mechanisms to address rural healthcare concerns. APVHA's Intervention:
- Conducted capacity-building training for VHSNC members, NGOs, CBOs, and local government representatives.
- Facilitated knowledge-sharing sessions with healthcare experts from UNICEF and district health officers.
- Organized village-level meetings to improve healthcare service delivery.

## **Impact Achieved:**

- 12 village-level meetings organized, strengthening VHSNC engagement in five villages.
  - Regular Village Health and Nutrition Days implemented, improving healthcare access and awareness.
  - Community-led malnutrition analysis and health planning conducted, benefiting vulnerable families.
  - Support provided to ASHAs and frontline healthcare workers, improving their ability to serve communities.

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# **Theory of Change**

Strategic Theory of Change: APVHA

APVHA's Strategic Theory of Change is a structured framework aimed at strengthening healthcare access, empowering communities, and advocating for evidence-based public health policies. Our approach is designed to create long-term, sustainable impact for underserved populations across Andhra Pradesh.



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#### **Identifying Key Challenges**

- Limited healthcare access for rural and migrant communities.
- Low immunization rates and high disease burden due to inadequate awareness and preventive healthcare.
- Tobacco consumption and industry interference as persistent public health threats.
- Lack of community participation in health governance and decision-making processes.



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# Measurable Impact & Outcomes

- Expanded healthcare access for marginalized communities through strengthened local networks.
- Increased immunization rates, mitigating the risk of vaccine-preventable diseases.
- Strengthened local leadership by integrating health advocacy into community structures.
- Improved policy frameworks and enforcement in tobacco control, maternalchild health, and public health interventions.



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#### **Strategic Interventions & Approaches**

- Strengthening Community-Based Healthcare Systems
- Facilitating Immunization
- Promote the prevention of diseases by raising awareness
- Tobacco Control & Policy Advocacy:
- Improve awareness around Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) & Nutrition Programs



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#### **Long-Term Sustainability & Vision**

- Institutionalizing community-driven healthcare models for lasting impact.
- Strengthening multi-sector partnerships with national and international health organizations.
- Scaling up successful initiatives to additional regions and communities.
- Sustained advocacy efforts for policy reforms at the state and national levels.
- 5. Visual Representation & Infographics

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# Our Key Partners

#### Our Collaborations: Strengthening Partnerships for Public Health

At APVHA, we believe that sustainable health solutions are achieved through collaborative action and strategic partnerships. Our work in FY 2021-22 was made possible through the unwavering support of our esteemed partners, who played a crucial role in advancing healthcare access, disease prevention, and policy advocacy across Andhra Pradesh.



## **UNICEF COVID-19 Response and facilitation of immunizations**

- improving community engagement and health outcomes related to routine immunization and COVID-19 response in three districts.
- Extensive outreach and trainings helping generate demand for immunization services and ensured critical risk communication around COVID-19 safety protocols.
- Improved access to public health interventions.



#### Health Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh Leading the Fight Against HIV/AIDS & Tobacco Consumption

- Partnered to implement National Tobacco Control Programs, raising awareness about tobacco-related health risks.
- Strengthened HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns, improving prevention and treatment outreach.
- Conducted training sessions for healthcare professionals and community volunteers to support intervention efforts.



# Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India

#### Combating Malaria Across Five Districts

- Led malaria control initiatives, including preventive measures and early diagnosis.
- Distributed mosquito nets, conducted community education programs, and strengthened local health responses.
- Improved access to antimalarial treatment and rapid response mechanisms in high-risk areas.



# Voluntary Health Association of India (VHAI), New Delhi Advocating for Reproductive Rights & Healthcare

- Promoted maternal and reproductive health initiatives for vulnerable women.
- Provided technical and administrative support to improve reproductive health services
- Facilitated community dialogues and capacity-building workshops on reproductive rights and family planning.

Through these collaborations, APVHA has expanded its reach and impact, ensuring that essential health services, awareness campaigns, and policy reforms are effectively implemented. By working hand-in-hand with government agencies, NGOs, and international organizations, we are building a healthier and more resilient future for communities across Andhra Pradesh.

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### **ANNUAL REPORT**

#### Transparency | Accountability | Impact

APVHA remains committed to financial prudence and ensuring that every rupee spent aligns with our mission of community health and development. Our financial performance for the fiscal year 2021-22 reflects our dedication to effective resource management and program sustainability.

#### Financial Overview

The audited financial statements, including the Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Statement, and Receipts & Payments Account, provide a comprehensive picture of APVHA's financial health and operational sustainability.

During the year, the organization effectively managed its resources, ensuring optimal allocation towards programmatic interventions, advocacy efforts, and organizational growth.

**Receipts and Payments:** The statement highlights all receipts, including grants, donations, and other revenue streams, as well as payments made towards program execution, operational expenses, and administrative functions.

**Income and Expenditure:** APVHA continued to receive funding from institutional donors, government grants, and philanthropic contributions. These resources were strategically deployed across various programmatic areas, ensuring that funds were used efficiently for maximum impact.

**Balance Sheet Overview:** The financial position of APVHA remains stable, with assets and liabilities carefully managed to support the long-term sustainability of the organization. Investments in capacity building, infrastructure, and program expansion reflect our commitment to enhancing organizational effectiveness.

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#### **Looking Ahead**

Building on our financial stability, APVHA aims to diversify its funding sources, strengthen financial management systems, and enhance resource mobilization efforts. Our goal is to ensure sustained impact and continued support for marginalized communities through strategic financial planning and responsible fiscal management.

#### **Receipts and payments**



#### **Income and Expenditure**



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#### **Commitment to Accountability**

As a responsible civil society organization, APVHA adheres to the highest standards of financial governance, ensuring compliance with statutory requirements, donor expectations, and internal controls. Our annual audit is conducted by independent auditors, reinforcing our commitment to financial integrity and credibility.

#### **Balance Sheet**





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As we close the financial year 2021-22, APVHA reflects on a year of resilience and meaningful progress.

Through dedicated efforts, strong partnerships, and community-driven initiatives, we have continued to advance healthcare access and social well-being for vulnerable populations.

Our achievements were made possible by the unwavering support of our donors, partners, and dedicated team. As we move forward, we remain committed to transparency, innovation, and expanding our impact.

Thank you for being part of our journey toward a healthier and more equitable society.

- Team APVHA



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