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# Progress on Childhood Pneumonia: PATH's integrated approach

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Pneumonia remains the deadliest infectious disease worldwide, claiming the lives of more than 800,000 children under age five every year.



### **Under 5 mortality burden in India**

1.2 million children <5 died of preventable causes in 2017<sup>1</sup>

	Indicator	India	Uttar Pradesh
	IMR <sup>2</sup>	33	41
	U5MR	37	46

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Evidence and guidelines exist for case management but are not always followed by health workers



Tools to strengthen implementation and augment the accuracy of guidelines can improve quality of care and reduce morbidity & mortality

#### India- Distribution<sup>2</sup> of deaths among children under age 5



- Per year: Pneumonia episodes: 30 million and Death: 140649
- Per month: 11721
- Per day: 390
- Per hour: 16



#### Challenges, opportunities for comprehensive & integrated approach



More than half of all neonatal deaths globally are due to severe respiratory distress syndrome, neonatal pneumonia and sepsis, and intrapartum-related conditions or asphyxia—all of which can cause dangerously low blood oxygen levels.



Global estimates suggest that one in five sick newborns has hypoxemia upon admission to a hospital



Administering oxygen therapy, antibiotics, and other supportive care practices for severe neonatal infections could save the lives of more than 400,000 babies each year.



Pneumonia is the world's leading infectious cause of death in children younger than five years, and at least 13 percent of children admitted to a hospital with severe pneumonia have hypoxemia.



Improved oxygen delivery systems could reduce childhood pneumonia- related mortality by at least 35 percent in high burden, low-resource settings.



Pulse oximetry and oxygen therapy could save up to 120,000 children's lives each year

To better serve marginalized people and accelerate global progress against pneumonia, PATH is harnessing an integrated array of cost-effective solutions that can hit the disease from multiple angles, including vaccines, access to appropriate diagnostic tools, and treatments.



Better access to smart tools to detect severe illness in children

#### Oxygen access is a **matter of life and death**. We must invest in oxygen for ALL including children suffering

from pneumonia, COVID-19 patients, and beyond.



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#### Better access to safe oxygen



TIMCI Tools for Integrated Management of Childhood Illness

### Tools for Integrated Management of Childhood Illness-

Pulse Oximeters & Multi-modal devices

















### **Tools for Integration Management of Childhood Illness**

#### Objective

Improved detection and management of severe disease in children under 5 and improve rational use of resources (medicines, referral) by equipping them with pulse oximetry and electronic clinical decision support algorithms



#### 3 Geographies

#### Implementation countries



## Observer countries / states

Côte d'Ivoire, Malawi, Uganda, Zambia Indian states of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Rajasthan



#### **TIMCI : Interventions**

To improve detection and management of severe disease in children under 5 years

Detection of hypoxemia by using handheld pulse oximeters

Development of electronic clinical decision support algorithm

Introduction of new generation Multimodal Devices

Capacity building of Health care staff on pulse oximetry

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Promote rational use of antimicrobials



#### **Scale & Partnerships**







Health systems participation 3 districts, 120 PHCs



Technology & Innovation Introduction & evidence Capacity building HCW



Community engagement 9000 + ASHAs Care seeking

#### 2 Key Activities



Support NHM, GoUP in SAANS implementation & monitoring



Network with ASHA: Improve care seeking behavior



Track & improve hypoxemia cases, outcomes & referrals



Strengthen pneumonia surveillance through HMIS systems



Scale up intervention learnings in observer states and beyond

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# C-19 Respiratory Care Coordination Project

**Goal:** Support C-19 high burden states in improving reliable access to a comprehensive respiratory care treatment package—both as part of the immediate COVID-19 response and to strengthen respiratory care systems.



#### **Project Reach and Geography in India**



2. The Every Breath Counts Coalition

**Focused Countries** 

# Collaboration with partners and other sectors

- Supporting states to prepare for national review meetings related to PSA and oxygen preparedness meetings
- 2. Coordinating meetings between state and districts
- Coordinating with vendors-PSA, cylinder re-fillers suppliers, LMO plants
- With partners and experts working in Medical O2 space to facilitate capacity building at state level (AIIGMA, UNICEF, JHPIEGO, CHAI, UNDP etc.)
- 5. Dissemination of information from national level to districts (what's app groups, virtual calls)
- 6. PATH resource Library: https://a2o2resources.org/



#### **Review Meeting with Govt**



Inox Modinagar plant, Uttar Pradesh

# Integrated, coordinated and Comprehensive approach is required for Pneumonia control

Many of the broader interventions that help prevent pneumonia—such as breastfeeding, nutrition, sanitation, and hygiene—have overlapping benefits to prevent other childhood diseases, like diarrhea. Integrated and coordinated approaches across diseases and sectors can maximize impact, decrease costs, and increase efficiency.



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