With an estimated **2.5 million** HIV infections, India is home to the second largest population living with HIV/AIDS. The prevention, care, and support needs of this pandemic are enormous.

**Vision**

People with HIV/AIDS and their families live with dignity and there are no new infections.

**Mission**

To respond to prevention, care and research needs of the country.

**Serving**

20,000 people with HIV in Chennai since 1993

**Presence in**

20 locations across India

**Over**

100,000 beneficiaries across India
YRG CARE, founded in 1993, is a premier HIV/AIDS service organisation offering:

- Adolescent and young adult counselling interventions
- HIV intervention at workplaces and communities
- Voluntary counselling and testing services
- Treatment for sexually transmitted diseases
- Care and support services for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA)

- Prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV
- Training for physicians, laboratory scientists, health educators, counsellors and nurses
- Services for Persons Who Inject Drugs (PWID) and Men having Sex with Men (MSM)
- Training on HIV Testing & Counselling (HTC)
- COVID - 19 response and management

YRG CARE Suniti Solomon Outpatient Clinic

Scope of clinical care now includes screening, treatment of communicable and non-communicable diseases.

**COVID-19 Related**
- Testing: Walk-in, home triage, containment zone
- Fever Clinic
- Free RT-PCR for frontline healthcare workers
- Homecare for people with mild COVID-19
- Home oxygen therapy

**HIV Related**
- ART delivered to clients across 33 districts in India
- In-patient Care in associated hospitals
- Digitally streamlining clinical appointments

Client Demographics
January 2019 - 2021

- 4500 adults
- 2500 paediatric patients
- 300 new patients
Clinical Research
YRG CARE has new and on-going clinical research projects with

- Boston University
- Massachusetts General Hospital USA
- National AIDS Research Institute
- Gilead Sciences Inc., CRO: KlinEra Corporation India

Laboratory Research
YRG CARE has new and on-going laboratory research projects with

- Indian Council of Medical Research
- Department of Biotechnology, Welcome Trust
- DBT/THSTI
- DBT/ICMR
- International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, INC (IAVI) - India
- Abbott Diagnostics

Community Based Research
YRG CARE has new and on-going community based research projects with

- Johns Hopkins University
- UNITAID (Geneva, Switzerland)
- Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND) - Geneva, Switzerland
YRG CARE Infectious Diseases Laboratory

- Recognized by ICMR as a notified COVID-19 Testing Site
- Nearly 28,000 samples tested
- Approximately 15,000 samples of Sars-CoV-2 IgG screened to test the seroprevalence of COVID-19
- Published 11 research articles in International journals between 2020 - 2021

Projects

Camp Rainbow

A psychosocial intervention through the vehicle of camp. In collaboration with SeriousFun Children’s Network and other local partners.

Outreach

Day Camp 528 campers
TeleCamp@Home 536 campers
TeleChats 128 campers

YRG121
044-33125000 | 8a.m. - 8p.m. | Sunday - Saturday

Helpline facility for people seeking information, testing services, and counselling on

HIV | TB | Sexuality | COVID - 19

We also extend psychosocial and mental health support to all our callers.

Languages: English | Hindi | Tamil | Telugu | Kannada
Accelerate India

Provides technical assistance to the national, state, and district level HIV/AIDS programs in India.

Key Accomplishments in 2020 - 2021

- Drafted PrEP technical guidelines and policy documentation in collaboration with NACO
- Developed comprehensive service package for adolescents
- Supported NACO in developing national strategies on virtual platforms and community monitoring
- Extended support in developing integrated programming for PWID and transgender healthcare
- Set up transgender-friendly clinics in Hyderabad, Thane, and Pune
- Established 5 adolescent-friendly health centres in Manipur, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Maharashtra

- 13,164 clients offered HIV tests
- 15,903 clients tested
- 2,964 people living with HIV were identified
- 8,000 PPE kits provided across 6 states in response to Covid-19

Community Outreach

YRG CARE has about 12 new/on-going/completed projects working towards community outreach in 2020-2021.

YRG CARE with the Greater Chennai Corporation organised community intervention programs covering 22626 individuals/5626 households in Teynampet and Raja Annamalai Puram zones during the 2020 - 2021 COVID-19 pandemic period.
YRG CARE has new and on-going community outreach projects with

UNICEF

Greater Chennai Corporation

CIF
INSA
Suraksha

USAID/
Johns Hopkins University

International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, INC (IAVI)

International AIDS Vaccine
Mobilization work and HIV Clinical
Research Non FCRA Initiative,
INC (IAVI)-India

Punjab State
AIDS
Control Society

Partners

https://yrgcare.org/about-us/partners/
Dr. Suniti Solomon

Our Founder, Padma Shri Dr. Suniti Solomon in 1986, documented the first cases of HIV infection in India. As part of that effort, she founded the Y.R. Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research and Education (YRG CARE). She was posthumously conferred the Padma Shri, India’s fourth highest civilian award on Republic Day 2017 in recognition of her pioneering work in the field of HIV disease and her yeoman service to HIV-positive people, their families, their communities, and the country.

Following in the footsteps of a pioneer...

Dr. Sunil Suhas Solomon

Serving as our Managing Trustee, Dr. Sunil is an Associate Professor in Medicine, in the Division of Infectious Diseases, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, USA. He was trained in medicine at the Sri Ramachandra Medical University in Chennai, India and received a Masters in Public Health and a Doctorate in Epidemiology (PhD) from the Johns Hopkins University.

His research focuses on the epidemiology, clinical management and access to HIV and HCV care among vulnerable Indian populations such as people who inject drugs and men who have sex with men. He has published extensively on these topics in highly ranked peer-reviewed journals such as the Lancet ID, Lancet HIV, Clinical Infectious Diseases and AIDS. Dr. Solomon has been elected into the Phi Beta Kappa honors society for academic excellence and the Delta Omega Public Health honors society. In 2015, he was one of the first recipients of the Avenir award, a Director’s award (DP2) from the National Institutes of Health, USA aimed at identifying individuals who propose high impact research and who show promise of being tomorrow’s leaders in the field of drug abuse and HIV.