

# YR GAITONDE

MEDICAL EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION



## ANNUAL REPORT

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Y.R.G.CARE

Founded as a charitable trust in 1985, the Foundation pioneers public health initiatives through the YR Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research and Education (YRGCARE).

The Foundation also established ECO Kitchen, a not-for-profit, industrial kitchen in 2010. It addresses economic stability within families affected by social, economic or other challenges, and improves food security in the community.



"We shall not miss any opportunity to touch the lives of people we serve."

- Dr. Suniti Solomon  
Founder, YRGCARE

YRGCARE was founded in 1993 by Dr Suniti Solomon, whose team documented the first evidence of HIV in India (1986). A leader in the field of HIV, she was posthumously conferred the Padma Shri Award in recognition of her pioneering work and her yeoman service to people living with HIV, their families, their communities, and the country. Dr Suniti's experience covered a wide range of aspects related to HIV infection, from biomedical to socio-economic. She has published extensively on HIV epidemiology, prevention, care and support, research ethics and gender issues.



In the footsteps of pioneer...



After Dr. Suniti's passing in 2015, the organisation is now headed by Dr. Sunil Suhas Solomon, MBBS, PhD, MPH. He is a Professor of 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 PhD in Epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins University. He is the recipient of several international awards, specifically a Fogarty Research Fellowship from Brown University and 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.

Dr. Sunil Suhas Solomon,  
Chairman and Managing Trustee, YRGCARE

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# YR GAITONDE CENTER FOR AIDS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION



YRGCARE is a non-profit based in Chennai, established in 1993. Since inception, YRGCARE has focused on offering non-stigmatising, high quality services to those with or at risk for HIV. The organisation now has a team of over 1500 people involved in various program deliveries, multiple research implementations, core lab sciences, and treatment trials, across India offering quality care and diagnostic inputs.

## VISION

That people with HIV/AIDS and their families live with dignity and that there are no new infections.

## MISSION

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

## Our Governance



**Sunil Suhas Solomon,  
Chairman,  
Managing Trustee**

Sunil Suhas Solomon MBBS, Ph. D., MPH is an Associate Professor of Medicine, in the division of infectious Diseases, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, USA.



**S.P. Thyagarajan  
Trustee**

S. P. Thyagarajan D.Sc (Microbiology), Ph.D., M.D, is Professor of Eminence and Dean (Research) at Sri Ramachandra University, Porur, Chennai and a former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Madras.



**M. K. Mani  
Trustee**

M. K. Mani MD, FRCS, FNAMS is the Chief Nephrologist at Apollo Hospitals, Chennai and the Honorary Managing Trustee, Kidney Help Trust, Chennai.



**Kartar Singh  
Trustee**

Kartar Singh is Director, International Relations at SRM University, Chennai as well as adviser and consultant to several Indian and UK organisation and former British Council - South India's first Deputy Director based in Chennai.



The YR Gaitonde Medical, Educational and Research Foundation hosted a virtual symposium to honour the legacy of Dr Suniti Solomon on October 14, 2021, from 5 PM to 8 PM IST. The Foundation is also pleased to announce that the inaugural Suniti Solomon Pioneer Award was conferred on Prof. Linda-Gail Bekker, South Africa, a pioneer who changed the trajectory of the HIV epidemic. The keynote address was delivered by Shri Alok Saxena (Additional Secretary MoHFW, Director General NACO and CGHS). Distinguished and acclaimed infectious diseases experts from across the globe - Dr Rajesh T Gandhi (Harvard University, USA), Dr Judith Currier (UCLA, USA), and Dr Penny Moore (University of Witwatersrand, South Africa) – spoke on the latest advances in HIV/COVID-19.

## CONVENING COMMITTEE

**Sunit S Solomon,**  
MBBS, PhD, MPH  
Managing Trustee YRGCARE, India  
Associate Professor of Medicine,  
Johns Hopkins University, USA

**Kenneth Mayer,**  
MD Professor of Medicine  
Harvard Medical School, USA  
Medical Research Director  
The Fenway Institute, USA

**David Lee Thomas,**  
MD, MPH Professor and Director,  
Division of Infectious Diseases  
Johns Hopkins University, USA

**Shruti Mehta,**  
PhD, MPH Professor and  
Deputy Chair of Epidemiology  
Johns Hopkins University, USA

# Global experts in HIV care speak for a better future

Global experts will discuss topics ranging from the future of HIV prevention and treatment to strategies to achieve HIV elimination in India in addition to celebrating the pioneering work of Dr. Suniti Solomon.



**Linda Gail-Bekker**  
Director,  
Desmond Tutu HIV Centre

University of Cape Town,  
South Africa



**Shri Alok Saxena**  
Additional Secretary  
and Director General

National AIDS Control  
Organisation (NACO), India



**Judith S. Currier**  
Professor of Medicine,  
Division Chief, Infectious Diseases

University of California,  
Los Angeles, USA



**Rajesh T. Gandhi**  
Professor of Medicine,  
Co-Director, Harvard University  
Center for AIDS Research

Harvard University, USA



**Penny Moore**  
South African Research Chair  
of Virus-Host Dynamics

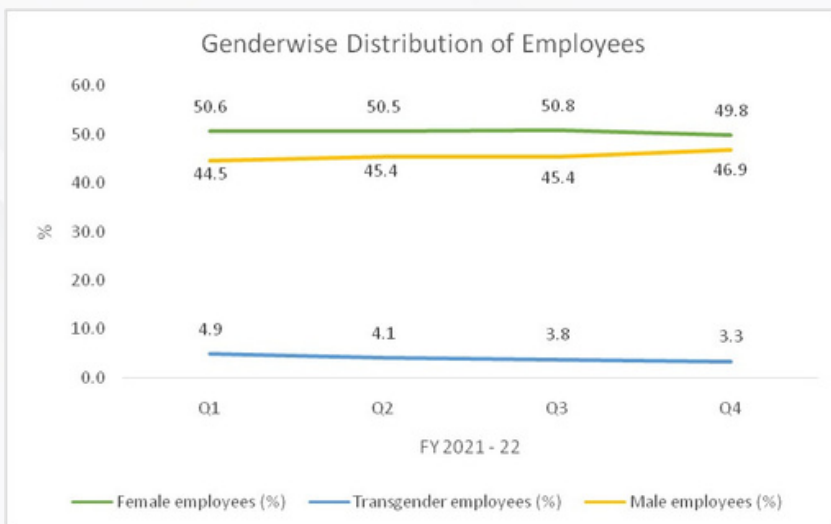
University of the Witwatersrand,  
South Africa



# HUMAN RESOURCES - INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY REPORT



YRGCARE is committed to improving representation among groups that have been historically underrepresented in our workforce. Establishing objectives not only helps us drive progress towards our goals, but also aligns with our core value, commit to Diversity and Inclusion, and strengthens our dedication to transparency and accountability. We understand that workforce diversity contributes to diversity of thought. This initial action, focused on women and transgender employees is a key part of our commitment to diversity and inclusion.



47.97%



49.14%



2.89%

## STRATEGY - Recruitment

Attracting diverse talent across the country through various recruitment channels is an important part of our diversity recruiting strategy. By the end of year 2021-2022, we have 1451 employees across 13 states; and appreciate the inclusion of our transgender employees at all levels.

## Developing and Supporting Diverse Talent

Helping our employees thrive, achieve their full potential and offer services to the target groups begins with our managers and leaders. In alignment with our focus on accountability, we help them acquire the skills to lead and develop diverse talent. This includes ongoing inclusive training to help ensure we are actively mitigating the impact of potential bias, and offerings that support diverse employees.

## Policies

Our policies set the tone for our culture, guiding employee conduct and actions. Our policies are aligned to safeguard the interests of diverse employees and include Code of Conduct, Non-Discrimination, Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse; with opportunities for expression and empowerment through our Whistle Blower Policy.

# ON GOING PROJECTS

## CLINICAL RESEARCH & SERVICES



Funding Type	Agency/Donor	Title
FCRA	Gilead Sciences	Impact of DAA scale-up on HCV RNA prevalence in a community of PWID in Imphal, India: A sero-epidemiology and modeling study
FCRA	Boston University	Predictors of Resistance Emergence Evaluation in MDR-TB Patients on Treatment (PREEMPT)
FCRA	Johns Hopkins University	Strategies to improve the HIV care continuum among key populations in India
FCRA	Johns Hopkins University	Individual, Network and Spatial drivers of HIV and HCV among Drug Users in India
FCRA	SeriousFun Children's Network	Camp Rainbow



# ON GOING PROJECTS

## COMMUNITY RESEARCH & SERVICES



<b>Funding Type</b>	<b>Agency/Donor</b>	<b>Title</b>
FCRA	Johns Hopkins University	Integrating HCV services into HIV programs for PWID in India
FCRA	USAID/Johns Hopkins University	HIV Services for Key Populations
FCRA	Johns Hopkins University	JHII COVID Relief Response
FCRA	USAID/John Snow India (JSI)	MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity Project (M-RITE)
Non FCRA	Punjab State AIDS Control Society	Implementation of Link Worker Scheme in Ludhiana
NON FCRA	Elton John AIDS Foundation	HIV Services for Key Populations Affected by HIV/AIDS
Non FCRA	Altimetrik & Vattikuti Technologies	Support for Children Living with Cancer
NON FCRA	National AIDS Research Institute	Multi, non-randomized, non-controlled, open-label Phase IV trial to evaluate the safety, tolerability and effectiveness of Dolutegravir 50 mg tablet of Emcure Pharmaceuticals along with other antiretrovirals among HIV-1 infected subjects

# ON GOING PROJECTS

## LABORATORY RESEARCH

<b>Funding Type</b>	<b>Agency/Donor</b>	<b>Title</b>
FCRA	Abbott Diagnostics	Viral Surveillance in PWD populations in India
FCRA	Abbott Diagnostics	Assessing Prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 IgG/IgM Seroconversion in Indian populations
FCRA	Indian Council of Medical Research	Study on the Hepatitis B virus vaccine response among HIV-1 infected individuals - A Multicentre study
Non FCRA	DBT/ICMR	Consortium of Cohorts for HIV Resistance and Progression in Indian Children and Adults
Non FCRA	Department of Biotechnology	Population-based research studied to understand disease dynamics towards effective management of prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, including co-morbidities and co-infections"-Phase-II of the Collaborative Programme on HIV/AIDS Research
Non FCRA	Indian Council of Medical Research	HIV-1 Reservoir dynamics in women and men-current research gap in cure strategy
NON FCRA	Department of Biotechnology	Developing broadly neutralizing monoclonal antibody mediated prevention and treatment strategy by assessing their effectiveness in neutralizing HIV-1 subtype C circulating in India across different regions and distinct risk groups
NON FCRA	Indian Council of Medical Research	Treatment failure and drug resistance in HIV-1 subtype C infected individuals starting Dolutegravir based first-line therapy in India
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# COMPLETED PROJECTS



## CLINICAL RESEARCH & LABORATORY SERVICES

Funding Type	Agency/Donor	Title
FCRA	Gilead Sciences Inc; CRO: KlinEra Corporation India	GS-US-320-0110 Project A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of Tenofovir Alafenamide (TAF) 25 mg QD versus Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate (TDF) 300 mg QD for the Treatment of HBeAg-Positive, Chronic Hepatitis B
FCRA	Massachusetts General Hospital, USA	Syndemics and Loss from the HIV Care Continuum in India
FCRA	Johns Hopkins University	Reaching the hardest of the hard-to-reach
FCRA	International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, INC (IAVI)	End-user preferences for broadly neutralizing antibodies (bNAbs) as HIV prevention products among key populations in India.
FCRA	The American India Foundation Trust (AIFT)	The First Million Initiative - Supporting COVID Vaccination - Prioritizing & Protecting the most Vulnerable
FCRA	International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, INC (IAVI) - India	HIV Vaccine Biomedical Prevention Research Project (HVBP)
Non FCRA	DBT/THSTI	Clinical samples including serum, plasma, and PBMC from HIV infected individuals
Non FCRA	CAPCO	Well Women Clinic
Non FCRA	Indian Council of Medical Research	Association of KIR/HLA genotypes with HIV-1 acquisition and disease progression among people who inject drugs (PWID Cohort) from India

## ENHANCING COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

Established in 2010, ECO Kitchen is a not-for-profit initiative by the **Y R Gaitonde Medical Educational and Research Foundation.**

ECO Kitchen addresses **ECONOMIC STABILITY** and **FOOD SECURITY** in the community. We have carefully crafted our production to minimise our impact on the environment.



**ECONOMIC  
EMPOWERMENT**



**24/7  
OPERATIONS**



**LOW CARBON  
FOOTPRINT**

Our meals will delight and satisfy your senses!



Spread over **18,000 sq.ft.** and  
a production capacity of **35,000+** meals and snacks each day!



We are FSSAI certified!

# A bridge between those in need and those who wish to help.

We all see hunger and poverty around us and share a desire to make a difference. Kathir Dhan responds to hunger and malnutrition, rampant yet hidden from public view. Launched in 2010, we distribute high quality, nutritious meals produced at our kitchens in Chennai.

Kathir Dhan is an initiative of YR Gaitonde Medical Educational and Research Foundation.

This initiative saves the lives and dignity of children, women, elderly, and the differently abled at orphanages, destitute homes, and poorer communities in Chennai, through food donation.

## 47,131 meals served to the underserved communities of Chennai between April 2021 - March 2022.



## Meals4all

MAY 2021 ONWARDS

Meals go to Covid impacted friends and  
frontline workers in Govt Hospitals.



Rs.30/-  
PER MEAL

Donate Today!  
Each contribution is important

## 11,813 meals served to the frontline workers and government hospital staff in Chennai during the COVID-19 lockdown in 2021.

### WIRE TRANSFER INFORMATION:

Name of Payee/Beneficiary:

YR Gaitonde Medical, Educational and Research Foundation

Bank Name:

HDFC BANK LTD

Current Account Number:

12162020000248

RTGS/NEFT

IFSC: HDFC 0001216

Branch Name:

Padma Complex Cenotaph Road

Payment link: <https://bit.ly/33oKlg6>



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# SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## 2021 - 2022

Consolidated Balance sheet as at 31.03.2022

LIABILITIES	31.03.2022	ASSETS	31.03.2022
GENERAL FUND	735,662,369	FIXED ASSETS DESIGNATED PROJECT ASSETS	89,117,802
DESIGNATED FUND	132,414,583	FIXED ASSETS NON DESIGNATED PROJECT ASSETS	157,606,782
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	89,117,806	INVESTMENT - ENDOWMENT FUND	50,598,564
ENDOWMENT FUND	50,598,564	INVESTMENT - OTHER FUNDS	353,294,459
CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS	34,751,532	LOANS AND ADVANCES	292,026,031
		OTHERS ADVANCES & DEPOSITS	99,901,214
	<b>1,042,544,855</b>		<b>1,042,544,854</b>

Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account for the

**Period from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022**

EXPENDITURE	31.03.2022	INCOME	31.03.2022
DESIGNATED PROJECT EXPENSES	815,177,372	DESIGNATED PROJECT GRANTS	815,177,371
NON DESIGNATED PROJECT EXPENSES	176,077,876	NON DESIGNATED PROJECT INCOME	295,534,815
DEPRECIATION - NON DESIGNATED PROJECT ASSETS	6,246,593		
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	113,210,345		
	<b>1,110,712,186</b>		<b>1,110,712,186</b>

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