



Commissioner of Family Welfare,
Government of Andhra Pradesh



Messages from key people in the Partnership Project between the Government of Andhra Pradesh and PATH

Mr. C.B.S. Venkataramana, Commissioner H&FW, Govt of AP [Tel: 040 -24650365]

Email: cfwhyd@ap.gov.in]

“Andhra Pradesh has almost been a laboratory to test introduction of new technology and show impact on the ground. The Children’s Vaccine Program demonstrates how successful partnerships with a whole range of functionaries in the health system can be effectively forged to such a great advantage, and how adverse situations can be converted into opportunities. There are stories of challenges, experimentation, innovation, and patience in the Partnership Project.”

Dr. R. Gopalakrishna Rao, Joint Director, Child Health and Immunization [040-24606378]

Email: jdchicfw@yahoo.co.in]

Successful use of innovation and technology has allowed strengthening the immunization delivery system and services across the state. The results have been most effective. A stronger immunization delivery system better prepares the Department of Child Health and Immunization to ensure that the maximum number of children in AP benefit from it.

Mr. Jeffrey O’Malley, Country Director, India, PATH [09810358199, Email: jeff@pathindia.org]

“India has huge public health challenges, but it also has the ability to solve these problems, especially through innovation. Andhra Pradesh has shown the way. By taking advantage of the benefits of new technologies and approaches, India can ensure its people have access to the best and most cost-effective health services. The country can also be a driving force for global health solutions. In India, PATH is committed to bring this improvement in the health of Indian people, by acting as a catalyst for innovation, and to make sure India both benefits from and contributes to other countries around the world.”

Mr. James Cheyne, Associate Director, Immunization, PATH [Mobile: +41 (78) 845 3090]

Email: jcheyne@path.org

"Hepatitis B vaccine is the first new vaccine to be introduced widely in India since measles vaccine was added to routine immunization some 20 years ago. Adding a new vaccine is not a simple thing to do. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has done it successfully over a five-year period by working hard and consistently on a wide range of activities that are all critical, and failure in any one of them could have compromised success. The ten new states in India that are about to introduce hepatitis B vaccine could look at Andhra Pradesh for what needs to be done and to prepare carefully for a long and complex program."

Mr. Vinay Kumar, Director Operations, India, PATH [Mobile: 09910108814]

Email: vinay@pathindia.org]

“Effective project financial management is critical to the success of any project. The AP partnership project exemplifies this. It is a story of effective and cost-efficient project implementation without compromising on quality.”

Mr. Satish Kaipiliyaware, Senior Program Manager, Immunization, India, PATH

[Mobile: 09848019694 Email: satish@pathindia.org]

“Quality assurance and improvement are key to strengthening routine immunization. An innovative system of training and supportive supervision involving local medical colleges and regional coordinating officers was introduced in the AP project with great effect. I believe this system is replicable in other states as well.”