GET INVOLVED!

Maintaining our Mother-Child Health Project will require a sound financial base and your support. Kindly make a contribution to help us improving the situation of the village population. All donations to the Ecumenical Sangam will qualify for deductions under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act 1961 (50% Income Tax Deduction).

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Mother-Child Health Project
Goals and tasks of Ecumenical Sangam
ABOUT THE ECUMENICAL SANGAM

Founded in 1993, the Ecumenical Sangam is a non-profit Health and Community Development Organization aiming to empower the poorer sections of society through healthcare, education, awareness raising and long-term skill building activities. The Sangam stands for the empowerment of community, particularly women, children and the young people. In Bamhani village, 35 km south of Nagpur, the Sangam runs a Base Centre equipped with a Technical School, which offers training courses in house wiring/motor rewinding and two-wheeler repairing for the village youth. A tailoring class facility is located there as well as a rural health centre to train the Village Health & Social Workers (VHSWs). After gaining experience the VHSWs can apply for training as Trained Birth Attendants (TBA).

Furthermore the Base Centre runs a model agricultural farm with watershed facility. Through the Base-Centre and three Sub-Centres in Sawangi, Gondwananagar and Narayanpur, the Sangam reaches out to 45 villages south of Nagpur and through Slum Centres to 5 slum areas of Nagpur City.

Population Covered

Slums in Nagpur City

45 villages south of Nagpur

A Woman as a Mother is a precious member - the nucleus of the family. When the most precious member dies it becomes a tragedy for the entire family.

Role of the Sangam

• Information on mother and child health must reach the village community
• Involve village community through Self Help Groups (SHG’s)
• By Dec. 2015 at least one SHG in every village = at least 45 SHG’s educated in:
  - Understanding of existing ground realities in villages
  - Knowledge about Gov. schemes
  - Organizing meetings with Government and local officials about scheme problems
  - Emerging meetings with Local elected leaders
• Door-to-door family visits by health team
• Organizing SHG meetings in the villages
• Continued Medical Education and Mahila Mela

The Mother-Child Health Project was initiated in Nov. 2012 to improve both mother and child health. The target group is shown on the bottom of the left page under population covered

Aims and objectives

- Improvement of mother-child health
- Awareness of target group on matters of health especially of mother-child health, hygiene and diet
- Reduction in mother and child mortality close to ZERO

Targets:

- Increase in awareness and knowledge in dealing with mother and child health and for women to exercise the right of family planning
- Increase in earning capacity of TBAs by 50%
- Income generation through the Community Hall in the Base Centre