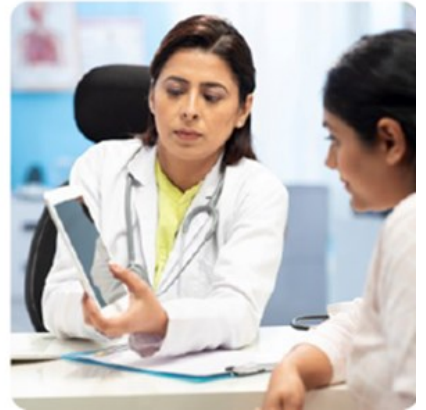# KOITA FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

December 2023

As we approach the year-end, I am filled with immense satisfaction and gratitude. At Koita Foundation, our team has grown, and significant progress has been achieved in our two key areas: Digital Health and NGO transformation.

In the realm of Digital Health, NABH introduced India's first Digital Health Standards for hospitals. The Koita Centre for Digital Oncology (KCDO) launched a program- LEAP for EMR adoption for 300+ NCG hospitals in cancer care. We are also pleased to share that the centre at IIT Bombay, Koita Centre for Digital Health (KCDH) is getting significant traction in its academic programs and research, with four PhD scholars receiving the prestigious Prime Minister's Research Fellowship (PMRF). We are excited to announce the launch of the Koita Centre for Digital Health at Ashoka University (KCDH-A). We also supported NHA launch a Chatbot for driving adoption of ABDM by offering capacity building to healthcare professionals.

Our NGO transformation efforts are helping our NGO partners experience significant growth. Vipla Foundation's work has been adopted by BMC in over 800 Balwadis in Mumbai. Meanwhile, CEQUE Foundation expanded to new districts with the aid of technology. We continued to extend our support to additional NGOs. KSWA and Avanti Fellows recently went live on their new tech platforms.

Our heartfelt thanks to our team, volunteers, and partners who supported us throughout this journey. Wishing everyone a joyous festive season and a Happy New Year!

Rekha Koita,
Director and Co-Founder

Digital Health Initiatives

National Accreditation Board of Hospitals & Healthcare (NABH)

Digital Health Standards Launch

National Accreditation Board of Hospitals & Healthcare (NABH) released India's first Digital Health Standards (DHS) for Hospitals on National Patient Safety Day, 17th September, 2023 in New Delhi. Koita Foundation supported NABH in the development of these standards over the past two years.

The standards are aligned with the NABH Healthcare Standards which are adopted by over 18,000 health facilities across the country. It has also incorporated the ABDM requirements and will give an impetus to ABDM adoption.

Find the NABH Digital Health Standards for Hospitals here:
https://www.koitafoundation.org/src/pdf/digital-health-standard-report-final.pdf

Koita Centre for Digital Oncology (KCDO)

NCG-KCDO Oncology EMR Empanelment

NCG-KCDO empaneled six ABDM-compliant oncology-specific Electronic Medical Record (EMR) vendors after running a national RFP and a rigorous selection process. Moreover, to accelerate the adoption of EMR NCG-KCDO has launched the Leading EMR Adoption Program (LEAP). Through this initiative, government & trust NCG member centres will get support, including partial funding, to implement and adopt NCG empaneled EMRs.

In LEAP Phase 1, funding support has been completed for 4 hospitals. In Phase 2, over 20 centres are being evaluated for LEAP funding.

Hospitals providing cancer care can register for this program and receive partial funding. Please click on the link for details
https://www.kcdo.in/news/ncg-kcdo-emr-Initiative.htm

KCDO has a strong roadmap for 2024 which includes – building patient data interoperability, standardizing cancer KPIs & metrics, introducing telemedicine, building biobank, etc. for the 300+ NCG member centres.

New NCG-KCDO Office: NCG-KCDO set up its office at Tata Memorial Hospital. The office will host employees of both National Cancer Grid (NCG) and KCDO.

The address is as follows –
KCDO, 10th Floor, Homi Bhabha Block, Tata Memorial Hospital, Parel, Mumbai – 400012

National Health Authority (NHA) / ABDM

NHA launches ABDM WhatsApp Chatbot for Doctors, Hospitals & Labs for driving ABDM adoption

ABDM WhatsApp Chatbot was launched by NHA in November 2023. The ABDM WhatsApp Chatbot includes series of videos, presentations, and other material for training healthcare professionals on ABDM in a simple and intuitive manner. Koita Foundation supported NHA in building the Chatbot as well as the library of training content used in the Chatbot.

Send 'Hi' or 'Namaste' to +91-9968314477 on WhatsApp and get started.

https://abdm.gov.in:8081/uploads/Blog_Ayushman_NHA_Whatsapp_Chatbot_V2_465c92c527.pdf

Koita Centre for Digital Health - Ashoka (KCDH-A)

Koita Foundation partnered with Ashoka University to establish the Koita Centre for Digital Health - Ashoka (KCDH-A) to drive academic programs, research, collaboration, and professional development in Digital Health. UG courses and PhD programs in Digital Health will be launched in 2024. KCDH-A s will offer foundational courses in human physiology to more advanced courses in data science in healthcare.

Visit: https://www.ashoka.edu.in/page/koita-centre-for-digital-health-at-ashoka/

Koita Centre for Digital Health – IIT Bombay

KCDH is pleased to share those four PhD scholars of Koita Centre for Digital Health- IITB were honoured with the **prestigious Prime Minister Research Fellowship (PMRF)** in recognition of their strong research in Digital Health.

KCDH continues to make strong strides in research and industry collaboration. KCDH has received **INR 25 crores in aggregate funding** which is a record for a new centre at IIT Bombay!

KCDH welcomes internship & placement opportunities for its students from relevant organizations. For details, send an email to office.kcdh@iitb.ac.inp

NGO Transformation Initiatives

Vipla Foundation

Umang Balwadi Application Adopted by BMC

Vipla Foundation operates a flagship Balwadi program at 54 community Balwadis. It also offers mentoring support to nearly 400 BMC Balwadi teachers. Koita Foundation has partnered with Vipla Foundation since 2021 to digitally transform the Balwadi program, resulting in the successful deployment of the Umang Balwadi application across all direct and indirect Balwadis.

In September 2023, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) adopted the Umang Balwadi app for **over 800 BMC Balwadi teachers and 15 mentors to monitor teacher performance and assess outcomes for 22,000+ students!**

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/vipla-foundation_viplafoundation-learngrowflourish-ngo-activity-7099403746681524224-RqJe?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop

Kherwadi Social Welfare Association (KSWA)

'Journey-To-Livelihood' Mobile Platform

Kherwadi Social Welfare Association (KSWA) and its flagship initiative, Yuva Parivartan (YP), provide skills training to underprivileged youth in 18 states, benefiting nearly 200,000 young individuals.

To streamline their field operations, Koita Foundation collaborated with KSWA to develop an Android-based J2L (Journey To Livelihood) platform. This platform (including a mobile app) simplifies tour planning and facilitates updating of mobilization details, resulting in improved planning, target allocation, adherence to targets, outreach, and mobilization optimization for the program.

https://www.koitafoundation.org/KeyInitiatives/KSWA

Avanti Fellows

Telecalling Platform to Boost Student Participation

Avanti Fellows enhances STEM education for underprivileged students preparing for competitive exams like IIT JEE and NEET . They offer two key programs: one provides after-school coaching for Grade 11 and 12 students in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, and the other offers online home learning opportunities.

To ensure higher student participation and reduce dropouts across 20,000 online students, Avanti implemented a telecaller platform using an application built on Zoho Creator. This streamlines call prioritization, provides relevant data to callers, and boosts call efficiency. Koita Foundation helped Avanti Fellows in technology selection, application design, development and roll-out.

https://www.koitafoundation.org/KeyInitiatives/AvantiFellows

CEQUE

Seekhein Sikhayein App

CEQUE focuses on coaching teachers from government and low-income schools, improving student learning in reading, writing, and math (grades 1-8). They operate in 8 districts across Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, impacting 2,500 teachers and 33,000 children.

With Koita Foundation's assistance, they redesigned field visit planning and data capture using a customized android app (Seekhein Sikhayein) for coaches and district managers, enhancing field worker efficiency and monitoring capabilities. This enabled CEQUE to have a more scalable platform and expand to more districts within a year of implementing the app.

https://www.koitafoundation.org/KeyInitiatives/CEQUE

Project Abhilasha

Skilling & Employability

Koita Foundation in collaboration with Navgurukul, Vidya Bhavan Society and Bajaj FinServ, supported the launch of 'Abhilasha' in Udaipur, Rajasthan.

Abhilasha is a 15-month program to empower young girls from 14 districts of Rajasthan with software programming skills. The first batch of 100 girls will be trained and placed in leading software companies. Subsequent batches will be scaled up based on the success of the program.

https://www.koitafoundation.org/KeyInitiatives/Abhilasha

Koita Foundation & Partner Positions

KF and its partners are hiring senior Digital Health Leaders to drive pan-India initiatives.

Koita Centre for Digital Oncology
- o VP Technology
- o Sr. Manager – Partnerships
- o Program Manager
- o Data Analyst
- o Clinical Analyst

For details visit https://www.kcdo.in/careers/

Koita Centre for Digital Health
- o Engagement Manager
- o IT / System Administrator
- o Finance Manager

For details visit https://alumni.acr.iitb.ac.in/careers/iitbombay-career-centres-and-projects/

Koita Foundation
- o Senior Program Manager
- o Outreach and Engagement Manager

Share your CV to info@koitafoundation.org

KF Team: New Members

Seema Bharadwaj
Vice President - NGO Transformation

Seema brings with her nearly 30 years of leadership experience in quality assurance, process optimization, and project management. She has worked at large multinational IT organizations such as Vodafone, EMC, i2 Technologies (now, BlueYonder), Citibank, and Honeywell, and has led global teams that delivered high-quality software products, leveraging automation and process engineering to achieve efficiency gains and defect escape arrests.

Seema has M.Sc. degree in Mathematics from Indian Institute of Technology Bombay.

View Profile

Vikas Tiwari
Program Manager – Digital Health

Vikas is a hospital and healthcare management professional with more than 4 years of experience in the healthcare industry. Previously he has worked with organizations such as Tata Trust and Hinduja Hospital.

His core areas of expertise include hospital operations and administration, quality management, process improvement, NABH implementation, with a strong focus on enhancing patient experience and service excellence. Vikas has a master's degree in Hospital and Healthcare Management.

View Profile

Anuja Sankhe
Consultant – Digital Health

Dr. Anuja is a dentist-turned-public health professional with over 3 years of experience in the healthcare field. Previously, she has worked in UNICEF, RedR India, Development Reimagined, and Social Alpha (Community Science Alliance), where she contributed her expertise to areas spanning Covid-19 response, Digital Health, Menstrual Health, and the Pharmaceutical Industry.

View Profile

Aakash Ghadigaonkar
Junior Accountant

Aakash comes with over four years' experience in Finance & Accounts. He has done his Graduation in commerce from Mumbai University.

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