

KOITA FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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The past 6 months have been very exciting at Koita Foundation. We inaugurated our new office at Lower Parel in Mumbai in April 2023 and have grown our team. Koita Centre for Digital Health (KCDH) also moved to its new office wing at IIT Bombay and organized a national symposium on Catalyzing the Digital Health Revolution in India. We signed a MOU with Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) to support their Digital Health initiatives including co-developing the Digital Health curriculum for 1,00,000+ medical students in Maharashtra. We supported National Accreditation Board for Hospitals (NABH) to draft and release the first version of Digital Health Standards for Hospitals.

We have continued working with NGOs in areas of education, health and livelihood to help them to use technology as a strategic tool to enhance impact and scale. Several NGOs such as Vipla Foundation, FMCH and CEQUE have enhanced the applications to derive greater value and data insights on their programs. We are also looking at scaling some applications to the government systems to enhance reach.

We thank you for your support and wish you all a great year ahead!

Rekha Koita
Director and Co-Founder

Key Initiatives – H1 2023

IIT Bombay - Koita Centre for Digital Health (KCDH)

<https://www.kcdh.iitb.ac.in/>

KCDH New Office: The new KCDH office was inaugurated by Honourable Lt. Gen Madhuri Kanitkar (Retd) PVSM, AVSM, VSM, Vice-Chancellor, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences in presence of Prof. S. Sudarshan (Dy Director) and Prof. Ravi Gudi (Dean, Alumni & Corporate Relationship) of IIT Bombay.



Digital Health Symposium: KCDH organized a symposium titled “Catalysing Digital Health Revolution in India” attended by over 250 thought leaders, researchers, academics and entrepreneurs.

KCDH Partnerships: KCDH has established MOUs/partnerships with leading hospitals including AIIMS–Delhi, Tata Memorial, KEM, Narayana Health, Shankar Netralaya, Apollo and Max. KCDH also signed a partnership with Johns Hopkins University for joint research.



National Disease Modelling Consortium (NDMC): KCDH is collaborating with experts and disease modelers’ from across the country driven NDMC. NDMC aims to generate comprehensive estimates of disease burden and the impact of vaccination and other treatment and intervention.

Maharashtra University of Health Sciences

<https://www.muhs.ac.in/>

Digital Health Foundation Course (DHFC): In collaboration with the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS), KF is developing an open-source Digital Health Foundation Course (DHFC) specifically designed for medical students, faculty, and in-service doctors in Maharashtra. The DHFC will be administered to over 1,00,000 medical students across Maharashtra. The DHFC initiative will subsequently be extended to in-service doctors in the state.



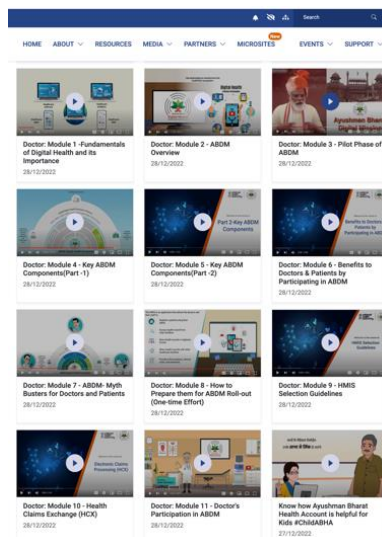
National Health Authority (NHA) / ABDM

nha.gov.in/

Training & Capacity Building – KF worked with NHA on the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) training and capacity building. Our work in modules videos for doctors have been uploaded on the NHA website.

To access some of the modules, go [here](#). KF has assisted NHA with the development of a range of informative Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials including posters, interactive flipcharts, handy foldables, and informative flyers. These resources can be accessed in the live [ABDM Resources](#) section.

Collaborating with ABDM Partners- KF is actively collaborating with implementation partners to ensure consistent and effective communication around ABDM. KF is working with PATH, CHAI, EY, PwC, IIC, Jhpiego, etc. to support their ABDM adoption campaign and outreach efforts.



National Cancer Grid - Koita Centre for Digital Oncology (KCDO) kcdo.in

KCDO Leadership: NCG appointed Dr. Nikesh Shah as the CEO of KCDO and he joined from 3rd April 2023. NCG KCDO also constituted a strong Advisory Board with international and Indian based cancer and technology experts. To know more about them click: www.kcdo.in/leadership/

NCG-KCDO & NABH Digital Health MOU: NCG-KCDO signed an MOU with NABH to collaborate on digital health initiatives for cancer care. NCG-KCDO organized a successful industry consultation event, attended by over 100 experts in digital health and oncology.

NCG EMR initiative: In a first-of-its-kind initiative towards integrated cancer care, NCG plans to assist NCG hospitals in selecting, deploying, and meaningfully using oncology specific Electronic Medical Record (EMR) systems, along with the use of ABDM for data interoperability. NCG experts and technology professionals created a comprehensive set of NCG EMR requirements (NER) for cancer care. The [NER 2.0](#) was published in March 2023. KCDO is currently empaneling 4-6 EMR vendors for the 300+ NCG hospitals.



National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Organizations (NABH)

NABH Digital Health Standards for Hospitals: NABH released the first draft of the NABH Digital Health Accreditation Standards. For KF, it has been truly gratifying to have worked with NABH over the past 18 months in supporting this lighthouse initiative in Digital Health. See the draft [NABH Digital Health Standard for Hospitals](#) released in April 2023.

The NABH Digital Health standards will help guide hospitals, healthcare technology companies, and healthcare insurance companies, and enable them to create a consistent digital roadmap across India. NABH is working closely with hospitals to support their digital health plans and help them in achieving the NABH Digital Health Accreditation.

NABH WhatsApp Chatbot: KF supported NABH with their first ever WhatsApp chatbot which will facilitate engagement between NABH and over 15,000 hospitals clients.

The WhatsApp services can be accessed through the WhatsApp number **+91 81306 44436**.



Koita Foundation – Digital Health Hiring

KF and our partners are hiring senior Digital Health Leaders for driving pan-India initiatives under the digital health initiatives including the roll out of the digital health standards.

- 1) NABH Director - Digital Health: <https://lnkd.in/de9KSeau>
- 2) NABH Digital Health Standards Lead: https://lnkd.in/drA_JZJj
- 3) NABH Digital Health Adoption Lead: <https://lnkd.in/dBkmJQn8>
- 4) NABH Digital Transformation Lead: <https://lnkd.in/dXJFp9yx>
- 5) NCG-KCDO Technology Vice-President: https://lnkd.in/dm_Jd2Nk
- 6) NCG-KCDO Sr. Program Manager: <https://lnkd.in/dk9uz3a9>
- 7) KF Program Associate – NGO Transformation – <https://www.koitafoundation.org/People/Careers>

Each of these roles have the ability to make significant national impact and drive overall Digital Health adoption in India!

Koita Foundation Updates

KF Office Launch

We moved to a new office at One Lodha Place in Lower Parel Mumbai in April 2023! The office encapsulates the overall vision and mission of our Foundation and is graced by Mother Theresa's quote at its entrance – *"It is not how much we give... but how much love we put into giving."*



KF Team: New Members



Dr. Krupa Mayekar

Project Manager

Dr. Krupa Mayekar is a public health professional with over 3 years of experience in the healthcare industry. She has a unique blend of experience in both clinical practice and healthcare analysis. Her focus on multiple oncology projects while working at Vasta Global has given her a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities in this specialized field while her clinical practice has provided her with a solid foundation in medical science.

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Tinu Joseph

Senior Program Manager

Tinu is a passionate program manager with over 8 years of experience across development and start up sectors. Prior to joining Koita Foundation, she worked with Whitehat Jr where she has done extensive work in managing programs and operations to ensure teacher quality as well as student learning. She has also worked with Teach for India as a fellow as well as Program Manager towards achieving excellent education in the low-income schools of Mumbai.

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