

Where

does the Vistaar Project work?

The Project works at the national level and in the states of Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand.



Coalition for Sustainable Nutrition Security in India

The Vistaar Project serves as the Secretariat for the Coalition for Sustainable Nutrition Security in India, which is a high level advocacy group of policy,

programme and political leaders, such as Government Ministers and senior representatives from the Planning Commission, media, NGOs, national and international development partners and the private sector. This group is committed to raising awareness, fostering collaboration and advocating for improved programmes to achieve nutrition security in India. Professor MS Swaminathan, an internationally recognised and respected leader in agricultural sciences and nutrition, and a Member of Parliament, chairs the Coalition.

The Coalition has prepared a Leadership Agenda for Action, the purpose of which is to increase efforts to address nutrition security and to provide Indian programme leaders with the most effective, evidence-based recommendations to improve nutrition security in India.

For more details of the Coalition, please visit: www.nutritioncoalition.in



Vision

We believe in a world where all people have an equal opportunity for health and well-being.

Mission

To mobilize local talent to create sustainable and accessible health care

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The Vistaar Project विस्तार परियोजना

Assisting Government of India and the State Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand in taking knowledge to practice for improved maternal, newborn and child health and nutritional status



From Knowledge to Practice
ज्ञान से व्यवहार तक



Why

is the Vistaar Project needed?

Despite knowledge of many simple and proven interventions, maternal, newborn and child health and nutritional (MNCHN) status is still unacceptably poor in many parts of India. The Vistaar Project assists the Government maternal, newborn and child health and nutrition programmes, in taking knowledge to practice at scale.



Who

is the Vistaar Project?

The Vistaar Project is a five year project funded by the USAID and led by IntraHealth International, Inc., a US based non-profit health and development organisation, with support from international and national partners. The Project works closely with Government departments at the national and state levels including the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the Ministry of Women and Child Development, the National Health Systems Resource Centre, the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare and the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development.

What

are the Project's main activities?

The Vistaar Project provides evidence-based technical assistance in priority technical themes selected by the national and state Governments for improved maternal, newborn and child health and nutritional status.



To achieve its purpose, the Project is working toward three objectives:

- **Technical Assistance:** Provide strategic technical assistance to strengthen MNCHN programmes of the Government of India, Government of Uttar Pradesh and Government of Jharkhand
- **Evidence Generation:** Generate needed evidence about effective, efficient and expandable MNCHN interventions based on technical assistance experiences
- **Advocacy:** Advocate with Government of India, Government of Uttar Pradesh and Government of Jharkhand for increased priority and improved, evidence-based programming in MNCHN, especially in the area of nutrition

The Vistaar Project work is focused on the following technical themes:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition (especially complementary feeding and anaemia) • Community-based Newborn Care | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skilled Birth Attendance • Delayed Age of Marriage |
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The Project has two cross-cutting areas:

- **Equity and Gender:** Ensure that the Project's efforts focus on improving MNCHN status of the most needy and vulnerable
- **Knowledge Management:** Ensure that the Project work is evidence-based and that the Project actively promotes and shares evidence to achieve its goal

The main technical assistance areas are:

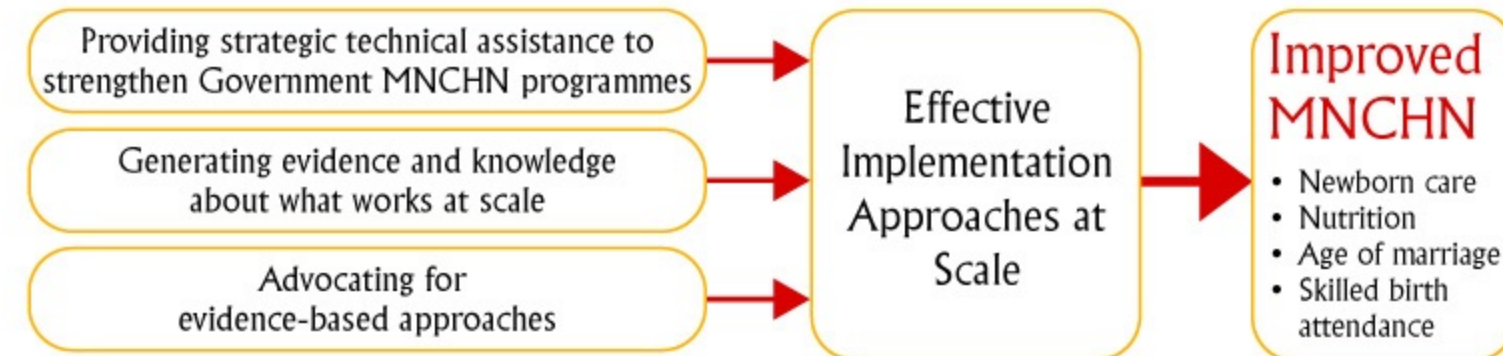
- District and state level planning and programme management, including use of data and evidence
- Performance improvement of frontline workers (Auxiliary Nurse Midwives, Accredited Social Health Activists, Anganwadi Workers) and their supervisors, focusing on supportive supervision and reward and recognition
- Client-provider interactions and the interpersonal communication skills of frontline workers
- Village Health and Nutrition Days (including convergence and improved micro-planning and support for frontline workers)
- Programme performance budgeting

How

does the Project work?



Overview of Programme Approach



The Project is committed to the following principles and work approaches:

- Responsive technical assistance to Government MNCHN programmes
- Use of evidence in MNCHN programming
- Knowledge sharing
- Collaborative and participatory work processes
- Dedication to the values of integrity, learning and respect

