

# **Arogya World's 2012 Accomplishments**

2012 has been an exciting year for Arogya World and the NCD community. We are pleased that the world is waking up to the enormous threat that non-communicable diseases (NCDs) pose to global health and development, we are energized by the progress made, and look forward to continuing our work in 2013 to create a healthier future for everyone.

# **India Programs**

#### **Healthy Workplaces:**

- Launched Healthy Workplace program, a pioneering public health effort, leveraging the workplace as a platform for chronic disease prevention.
- Developed new *Healthy Workplace Criteria* with multi-stakeholder input from IT industry and medical experts, at Bangalore workshop Feb 24, 2012.
- Unveiled criteria, in partnership with Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), at high-profile panel discussion Nov 6, 2012. The Gurgaon event was attended by representatives from the Government of India, industry (Accenture, IBM, iGate), PHFI, WHO, WEF, TiE, Aetna and others.
- We will use the criteria for a large-scale Awards program starting in 2013 to encourage companies in India to invest in workplace wellness.



Photo: courtesy iGate



#### **mDiabetes**

- We made important advances in 2012 with mDiabetes, our ground-breaking 1 million person mHealth program in India, a Clinton Global Initiative Commitment.
- From Jan 9, 2012, key partner Nokia began disseminating 56 text messages, developed with Emory University in 2011, twice a week, to Indian consumers who opted in, in 12 languages. The six month program is free to consumers.
- Reached 750,000 consumers from different parts of India through December 2012. We are on track to complete enrolling 1 million consumers, evaluating program effectiveness, and reporting preliminary results to CGI Sep 2013.
- Completed Message Refinement consumer research, evaluating responses from 750 consumers for message recall, clarity, ease of understanding and willingness to share.
- Promising consumer reactions required only slight changes to message content.
- Finalized Effectiveness Evaluation research design with input from our Behavior Change Task Force. Obtained Ethics Approval from the Center for Chronic Disease Control, India.
- Began Effectiveness Evaluation for mDiabetes Nov 2012.
- mDiabetes was a finalist for the 2012 Meffys Award, the mobile community's major awards for innovative mobile content and programs.

# **Healthy Schools**

 The 2011-2012 program showed positive results - greater awareness









NCDs include

cardiovascular

disease

- of diabetes and its complications, reduced consumption of junk foods and sugary drinks, and increased choice of healthy foods.
- Continued funding from Merck is supporting the program for 2012-2013 in the same 2,000 middle school children in 6 schools in Delhi, with partner Hriday.
- Program effectiveness will be measured.

# **Advocacy**

In 2012, we continued to urge world leaders and the general public to take action on NCDs, with a focus on prevention.

 Led the co-ordination of a major 8-part op-ed series in September, 2012, with placements in *The*Huffington Post, The
Guardian's Development
Blog, and the ONE blog, a strategic communication effort that helped make
NCDs one of the key issues of 2012.



- Continued to write actively on various blogs, and by invitation, on Armchair Advocates and CNN.com.
- Developed a case study on New York City's bold approach to tackling NCDs.
- In April, Arogya World's Saligram was a featured speaker at a keynote session on Innovation and NCDs at the Geneva Health Forum.
- And In September, Saligram spoke at the first Health 2.0 conference in Chicago.



 Arogya World committed to participate in, and help sustain, the US-based NCD Roundtable, an off-shoot of the former Global Health Council.

# **Fundraising**

- Held cultivation/fundraising events in a couple of cities.
- Participated in online fundraising efforts utilizing the Global Giving platform.
- Continued major gift solicitation.



# **Organizational Growth**

- Established the Arogya World India Trust in Bangalore on May 7, 2012.
- Expanded the boards to include six members in the US and four in India.
- Added key staff/consultants, for a current total of six.
- Utilized five interns and fellows
- Strengthened our administrative and financial reporting capability.
- Obtained external review of 2011 financials for state and federal filings.