

## **ROHINI FOUNDATION**

**RIGHT TO ORAL HEALTH SOCIETY** 

# NTPC RAMAGUNDAM - PROJECT IRON HEALTHY CHILDREN

#### Phase 1

ROHINI Foundation partnered with NTPC, a leading Maharatna company, to organize a dental and hemoglobin screening camp Phase 1 in December 2023. A team of 10 dental professionals and 4 assistants conducted the camp over a 10-day period, reaching a total of 7,599 students across the Telangana districts of Ramagundam, Anthergaon, Pedapalli, and Palakurthy. Iron-folic acid and Vitamin-C supplements are given to children identified with Anemia. Oral hygiene instructions and proper Brushing technique were given to the children.

Phase 1 Outcome

**7599** 

Total students screened dental & hemoglobin

7156

Hemoglobin Screened 855

Anemic Children

#### Phase 2

Phase 2, held in March 2024, focused on reassessing children previously diagnosed with anemia to monitor their improvement. "Phase 2 showed significant improvement in hemoglobin levels & improved oral hygiene indea among a majority of the reassessed children."

Phase 2 Outcome

566

406

289

Re-assessment of hemoglobin for anemic children

**Showed improvement** 

**Absentees** 

### Challenges Encountered in Phase 2

- Minority students: Some students expressed discomfort with blood tests due to religious considerations during Ramadan.
- Absenteeism: A significant number of students missed the screening sessions.
- Government junior college students' departure: Some students left after completing exams and were not available for reassessment.
- Some students did not show improvement & reaons ascertained in collaboration with RBSK.
  Phase 3

Looking ahead, phase 3 is planned for June 2024 to screen the remaining 289 students identified in phase 1.

| Location   | Number of schools | Total<br>students<br>screened | Anemic<br>children  |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ramagunda  | ım 23             | 2804                          | 316                 |
| Anthergaon | 13                | 792                           | 90                  |
| Pedapalli  | 29                | 3628                          | 398                 |
| Palakurthy | 9                 | 375                           | <b>5</b> 1          |
| Total =    | <b>74</b> schools | 7599 children<br>screened     | 855 Anemic children |













