

Empowering Change Nurturing Lives

CREATING A HEALTHIER NATION TOGETHER

Action Against Hunger is a global humanitarian organization that leads the global fight against hunger. Operating in over 50 countries for more than 40 years, we have been determined in our pursuit to predict, treat and prevent the causes and consequences of hunger. We take action to save lives, enable people and communities with the right tools and training to become resilient, and lead research for long-term solutions.

In India, our operations, from the grassroots upwards, are focused on taking decisive action against malnutrition's long-term causes and effects. We operate in 1272 villages in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Gujarat.

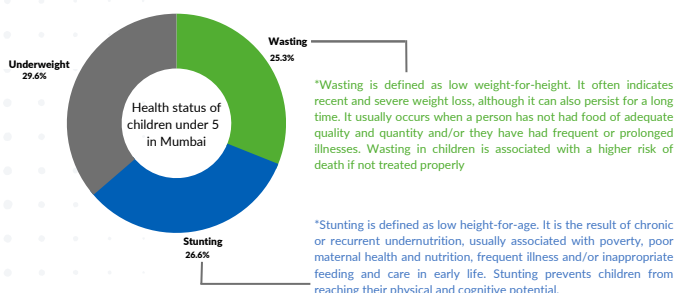
While hope connects, it's the action that moves.

WE WORK TOWARDS ELIMINATION OF MALNUTRITION

Our interventions in Maharashtra are in Mumbai, Plaghar & Dharni. In Mumbai, we are currently being run in - Andheri and Govandi. With a population of more than 23 million, Mumbai has a significant number of residents living in slums. These areas are marked by limited access to functional toilets, inadequate ventilation in living spaces and clean water. Suboptimal access to health and nutrition services and increased reliance on packaged food items among urban slum dwellers, especially children make these children more susceptible to infections and nutritional deficiencies.

KEY FIGURES

of the significant prevalence of undernourishment among children under the age of 5 in Mumbai.



*based on the data as per NFHS-5

WE BELIEVE IN STRONG PARTNERSHIPS



153 Government structures

such as Anganwadi Centres (AWC's) to improve the nutritional status of the children.



2 MoUs

signed with the Department of Women and Child Development (WCD) - Govt. of Maharashtra, & Vivekanand Education Society (VES).



5 Government hospitals

in partnership with HBT Medical College & Dr R.N. Cooper Municipal General Hospital, Lokmanya Tilak Municipal General Hospital (Sion Hospital), Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya Shatabdi Municipal General Hospital, Govandi, Shivaji Nagar Hospital & Deonar Maternity Home.

OUR IMPACT IN MUMBAI

We work with children, pregnant and lactating mothers and Government frontline workers. Our approach is to tackle both the causes and effects of malnutrition, thereby our programs are both curative and preventive.



81,234

Population reached



29,963

Home visits



11,623

Children under 5 years of age screened for malnutrition



8,618

Pregnant and lactating women reached



2,040

Malnourished children referred and treated



2,751

Beneficiaries benefited from WASH demos



2,306

Telephonic counselling



363

Anganwadi workers trained

*data as of FY 2022-23

OUR INTERVENTION AREAS



2

Intervention areas in Govandi - Sathe Nagar and Baiganwadi



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Intervention areas in Andheri, Nehru Nagar, Gaondevi, Amboli and Behram Baug



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Field Champions of Govandi



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Field Champions of Andheri

Our Interventions



CHILD CARE

Enhancing the physical and mental development of mother and child, including infant and young child feeding, early childhood development, and immunization. Screening of children under 5 years for early detection of malnutrition.



ANTE NATAL CARE (ANC) AND POST NATAL CARE (PNC)

We ensure that all pregnancies are registered early at health centres and provide them with the required care and attention for the survival and development of mother and child.



WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH)

We train communities in safe and hygienic practices like the safe disposal of human waste, the importance of constructing bathrooms for the community, washing hands before 5 critical time points - before eating, after using the toilet, before cooking, before and after feeding the child, boiling water before drinking and storing it safely, and ensuring a clean play environment for children.



CAPACITY BUILDING

- Yearly need-based training and capacity building for government frontline workers such as Anganwadi workers.
- On-job support provided to all trained Government workers & stakeholders.

REFERRALS TO GOVT. HOSPITALS



OUTPATIENT CLINIC & NUTRITION REHABILITATION CENTRE (NRC)

- Strengthening of government hospitals.
- Regular follow-up of malnourished children (in person & telephone.)
- Counselling & capacity building of families.



KANGAROO MOTHER CARE (KMC) UNIT

The KMC unit is aimed at providing support to premature and low-birth-weight infants and their mothers, promoting exclusive breastfeeding and improving the nutritional status of the children. We have launched our first Kangaroo Mother Care Unit (KMC) in collaboration with HBT Medical College & Dr. R. N. Cooper Mun. Gen. Hospital, Mumbai.



OUR CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY



We leverage technological solutions at multiple stages of our programme. We have incorporated technology right from the grassroots level to the backend operations of our work. We use CommCare tool to support community mobilizers in their efforts to facilitate data collection, tracking and analysis, real-time monitoring and evaluation, improve efficiency and productivity and enhance the overall impact of the initiatives. Additionally, we are also exploring the use AI/ML-based technology for early and effective detection of malnutrition like Child Growth Monitor (CGM), SAM Photo, and MAAP applications.