

NCD programme

The Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project is one of the flagship projects of the Govt. of Tamil Nadu implemented with assistance from the World Bank since January 2005. One of the important components of the project is implementation of Non Communicable Diseases intervention Program under which services are provided for prevention, screening, treatment and follow-up of the four diseases namely Cardiovascular Diseases (Hypertension), Diabetes Mellitus, Cervical Cancer and Breast Cancer. Under the program, all men and women aged 30 years above are screened for Hypertension & Diabetes Mellitus while women in addition are screened for Cervical & Breast Cancer.

The Programme was implemented in a phased manner covering 16 districts in 2012 and the remaining 16 Phase II districts in 2013. Thus, all the 32 districts in Tamil Nadu are implementing the programme with four interventions namely School, Community, Workplace and Clinical approach.

Under the Clinical intervention approach, services are provided free of cost to all individuals attending any of the government health facilities which includes all the GHs and also PHCs, CHC, Government Medical Colleges, ESI dispensaries and Hospitals and 100 selected Municipal health facilities in the state.

The funds for the scheme is received from Government of India to State Health Society, who in turn is implementing, monitoring and controlling the programme through NCD cell of State Health Society at the office of the Tamil Nadu Health System Project / National Health Mission.

“Nalamana Tamizhagam” is an initiative of Government of Tamil Nadu which aims to screen the population and identifying the risk factors in the rural populations in Tamil Nadu. This is attained through health promotion, behaviour change in the community.

