



# CHANGE THE GAME (PHASE 2)

## Scaling up to India

*Analysis of laws and regulations*

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# HEALTHCARE

## Things you need to know



*General Requirements for opening a healthcare facility and issues in the healthcare system*



*Key areas where NGOs are currently working*



*Relevant Rules and Regulations in the Health Sector*



*Key Institutions and Organisations*

## What is the structure of health system in India?

- Healthcare system in India is a 3-tier system:
  - a. Primary healthcare – Primary Health Centre (Rural & urban), Community Health Centre
  - b. Secondary healthcare – Referral Hospital, District Hospital
  - c. Tertiary healthcare – Tertiary care / specialty hospitals, medical college hospitals
- 'Health' is a state government subject matter under the Constitution of India and it is the state government's responsibility to provide healthcare services to its citizens.

## What are the healthcare related issues where NGOs are active in India?

NGOs/ CBOs work in all areas of the healthcare sector, more particularly

- Healthcare service delivery– provision of health services through clinics, mobile medical units, hospitals etc.
- Implementation of health programs– health programmes and schemes, training and capacity building, technical support, healthcare service delivery, community participation
- Awareness generation and advocacy – IEC / BCC activities, health campaigns, , community mobilization, advocacy on healthcare issues

## On-going government health programmes and schemes in India which provides opportunities of participation of NGOs in different roles?

Followings are few examples of on-going health programmes and schemes which promotes active engagement of NGOs in various roles:

- Reproductive and Child Health
  - NGOs participation is encouraged in various role – service delivery, diagnostics, training to health workers, community training, IEC, community mobilisation etc.
  - Mother NGO scheme, Service NGO Scheme  
(Details can be accessed from - <http://mohfw.nic.in/showfile.php?lid=1122>)
- Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme
  - Advocacy, Communication, Social Mobilization Scheme, Sputum Collection Centre Scheme, Transportation Scheme, Designated Microscopy cum Treatment Centre, Laboratory Technician Scheme, Culture & Drug Susceptibility Testing Services Scheme, Adherence Scheme, Slum Scheme, Tuberculosis Unit Model, TB\_HIV Scheme
  - Different schemes requires different role from NGOs and thus eligibility. (More details on: <http://tbcindia.nic.in/pdfs/New%20Schemes%20NGO-PP%20140808.pdf>)
- National AIDS Control Programme  
[http://www.naco.gov.in/NACO/Mainstreaming\\_and\\_Partnerships/Civil\\_Society/](http://www.naco.gov.in/NACO/Mainstreaming_and_Partnerships/Civil_Society/)  
Areas for NGOs participation – Service delivery, technical assistance, training, IEC  
<http://naco.gov.in/upload/Policies%20&%20Guidelines/16,%20NGO%20CBO%20Operational%20Guidelines.pdf>
- National Blindness Control Programme
  - Expansion of eye care unit in rural area
  - Eye Bank

- Eye donation centre
- Vision Centre
- Recurring Grant-in-Aid to District health Society for NGOs & Private Practitioners  
(Details available on:<http://npcb.nic.in/writereaddata/mainlinkfile/file108.pdf>)
- National Tobacco Control Programme
  - Awareness generation, training & capacity building, School Programmes  
(Details available on:<http://mohfw.nic.in/WriteReadData/l892s/file12-92410588.pdf>)
- School Health Programme
  - Awareness generation, training and capacity building, service delivery
- Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana ([http://rsby.gov.in/how\\_works.html](http://rsby.gov.in/how_works.html))
  - Intermediaries between Insurer and beneficiaries, service provider

## Selection process and criteria for NGOs to participate in government health programmes in India?

The National Health Mission (NHM) which is the umbrella project for planning, implementation and monitoring of all the National Health Programmes, has provided that activities to the extent of 5% of total NHM budget should be spent through NGOs engagement. The new 'Guideline for NGO Involvement Under National Health Mission in Twelfth Five Year Plan'<sup>16</sup> has articulated the structure, criteria and process of engaging NGOs at different levels – sub-district, district, and state.

Based on areas identified by the state government, the State Grant in Aid Committee shall advertise for selection of NGOs for specified activities and will select eligible NGOs based on predefined scoring criteria. The District NGO Committee will be responsible to select NGOs for activities at sub-district level.

NGOs should meet the specified criteria apart from general criteria as below:

- NGOs should be registered under the Societies Registration Act/Indian Trust Act/ Indian Religious and Charitable Act/Companies Act or the State counterparts of such acts for more than three years. Further, NGOs should meet specified number of years of experience to take up role at national, state, district and sub-district level.
- NGOs applying for projects in a state other than that of its registration should have experience of working in the state for at least three years in the last 7 years. However in the case of specialized activities such as those related to technical and support functions, organizations registered in other states would also be considered.
- For Field NGOs, the NGO should preferably have office premises in the district/block where it wants to operate.
- NGOs applying for projects under the NGO scheme should give an affidavit to this effect certifying that they have not been blacklisted by any Ministry or Department of the Government of India or a State Government.

NGOs should also meet specified financial and infrastructure criteria

## Key funding institutions & organisations

Key funding institutions in the health sector include

- Ministry of health & Family Welfare, GoI
- Department of Health and Family Welfare of state governments
- State Health Societies (through National Health Mission)

- State AIDS Control Societies
- Major bi-lateral donor agencies: – These organisations support projects through government as well as directly to the organisation which carries out projects, depending on the objectives of the funding agency and nature of project. Generally support is provided to capacity building, research, assessment & evaluation, system strengthening and service delivery projects. Few of the funding agencies in this category would include Japan International Cooperation Agency, Japan; GTZ, Germany; Department for International Development, United Kingdom; US Agency for International Development, USA; European Commission

Private and other institutions – These organisations generally support projects in healthcare service delivery / programme implementation apart from support to capacity building, research, assessment & evaluation, system strengthening projects. Few of the organisations in this category would include Population Foundation of India; Sir Ratan Tata Trust & Navajbai Ratan Tata Trust; Sir Dorabji Tata Trust; Sightsavers India; MacArthur Foundation; Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Indian corporate houses (direct sponsorship or under Corporate Social Responsibility programmes)

## Key institutions and organisations

Name of Institution	What the Institution offers NGOs/ CBOs	Address & Contact
Voluntary Action Cell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interface between VOs and Key ministries/departments/government bodies through the NGO Partnership System</li> </ul>	Voluntary Action Cell Planning Commission Room No. 316, Yojna Bhavan, Sansad Marg New Delhi-110 001 Tele: 011-23042324 / 011-23042326 Email: <a href="mailto:ngos@india.gov.in">ngos@india.gov.in</a> Website: <a href="http://ngo.india.gov.in/author/default.php">http://ngo.india.gov.in/author/default.php</a>
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministry dealing in India on all aspects of public healthcare in India and information on rules, regulations, programs, schemes</li> </ul>	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi <a href="http://mohfw.nic.in/">http://mohfw.nic.in/</a>
National Rural Health Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information on the National Rural Health Mission</li> </ul>	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi <a href="http://mohfw.nic.in/">http://mohfw.nic.in/</a> <a href="http://nrhm.gov.in/contact/mohfw-officers-list.html">http://nrhm.gov.in/contact/mohfw-officers-list.html</a>
National Health System Resource Centre Medical Council of India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government organisation supporting the implementation of NRHM</li> </ul>	<a href="http://nhsrcindia.org/">http://nhsrcindia.org/</a>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides information on the medical education sector in India along with the rules and regulations and guidelines to be adhered to</li> </ul>	Pocket- 14 , Sector - 8, Dwarka Phase -1 , New Delhi - 110077 <a href="http://www.mciindia.org/">http://www.mciindia.org/</a> <a href="http://www.mciindia.org/ContactU.s.aspx">http://www.mciindia.org/ContactU.s.aspx</a>

## Useful sources of information

Some useful websites include:

- For information on different health programmes and schemes where NGOs can be engaged - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: <http://mohfw.nic.in/>
- For information on different health programmes and schemes where NGOs can be engaged - National Rural health Mission: <http://nrhm.gov.in/>
- Opportunities for research, evaluations of government projects - National Health System Resource Centre: <http://nhsrcindia.org/>
- For information on legal framework on establishing medical related institutions, code of conduct for medical professionals - Medical Council of India: <http://www.mciindia.org/>
- For information on legal framework on establishing nursing related institutions, code of conduct for nursing professionals - Indian Nursing Council: <http://www.indiannursingcouncil.org/>

For information on healthcare related Acts: [http://www.medindia.net/indian\\_health\\_act/acts.asp](http://www.medindia.net/indian_health_act/acts.asp)