

Government Engagement

KHPT meets with state officials to plan edible oil and milk fortification training in Gujarat

KHPT attended a meeting on May 5 at the Food and Drug Controls Administration (FDCA), Gandhinagar, Gujarat, with Dr H G Koshia, Commissioner, FDCA, the Assistant



A KHPT team member meets the Commissioner, FDCA, Gujarat

Director (Technical) Food Safety Standards Authority of India, (FSSAI) Gujarat, and five Food Safety Officers (FSOs). The KHPT

team shared recent developments in food fortification and discussed proposed key activities, including a State/Division Level Workshop for edible oil and milk industries, FSOs and laboratory technicians in the state. The FDCA and FSSAI agreed to support in conducting trainings in the state.

The team developed a form to collate information on central licence industries in the state with the support of FSSAI and FDCA. Data was received only from three districts of Gujarat, so KHPT is following up with the FSSAI and FDA to circulate the Google Form to all edible oil and milk industries of Gujarat. A letter will then be issued by the FDA office to invite all industries to the workshop.

Newly-fortified edible oil and milk brands launched in Tamil Nadu

KHPT, in collaboration with the Food Safety and Drug Administration Department, Tamil Nadu, organized a state-level launch

and sensitization workshop at Hotel Savera, Chennai on April 6. Six newly-fortified brands of milk and **14** newly-fortified edible oil brands were launched by Shri. Lalvena, IAS, Commissioner of Food Safety, Tamil Nadu. A total of **71** participants from **17** edible oil industries, **11** milk dairies and **2** wheat flour industries participated in the workshop and were sensitized on all aspects of food fortification.



Industry participants at the state-level launch in Chennai

Capacity Building

Community Health Officers of Tumakuru block trained on Early Childhood Care and Development focusing on pre-conception care

KHPT organized a one-day training on May 24 for Community Health Officers (CHOs) on preconception care at the Department of District Health and Family Welfare, Tumakuru.



Training for the CHOs on ECCD at Tumakuru

The purpose of this training was to sensitize CHOs on the importance of Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD), focusing on the pre-conception stage and the need

to initiate and follow a fixed-day approach Eligible Couples (EC) Day at Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs).



Dr Manjunath, DHO of Tumakuru, addressing the participants

At the end of the session, the participants also developed an action plan for piloting EC at in their respective HWCs, with the coordination and support required from the KHPT field staff in piloting the same. Dr Manjunath, District Health Officer, (DHO) Tumakuru and Dr Lakshmikanth, Taluk Health Officer, Tumakuru block also visited and motivated the participants to focus on ECCD and piloting the process and tools.

KHPT capacitates 35 dairies in Pune on milk fortification

KHPT conducted a state-level training on May 9 for **60** participants from **35** milk dairies on the process of milk fortification. About **60** participants from **35** milk dairies participated in the training, which was comprised of classroom sessions, as well as on-site training at Katraj Dairy. Participants were sensitized on the need for and importance of milk fortification, FSSAI regulations, and the technical aspects of the fortification process. Interested milk dairies will be provided with technical support to start milk fortification for their respective brands.



Participants of the milk fortification training at Pune

KHPT organizes observation and documentation training for field staff

KHPT organized a one-day training for the Community Facilitators in Kunigal block on observation skills and documenting case stories, with the aim of capturing learnings, best practices and success stories. The session, held on June 22, focused on importance of making observations during field visits, how to observe effectively, the importance of identifying case stories and how to write case stories.



■ **Training of CFs on observation skills and identifying case stories**

Advocacy and Communications

KHPT meets with Akshaya Patra Foundation in Bhopal



■ **KHPT meets with Akshaya Patra officials**

KHPT held a meeting with Akshaya Patra Foundation, Bhopal, on the provision of fortified wheat flour in meals to school

children under PM Poshan Program (formally known as Mid-day Meals). A discussion was held with Mr Sushil K Patel, Head of Department, Operation, and Mr Anil Pandey (in-charge QA/QC) at the Foundation on May 25. The Foundation is already using refined fortified soybean oil, double fortified salt and fortified rice supplied by the Government of Madhya Pradesh to provide over **35,000** meals per day to school children. The Akshaya Patra team asked for a formal proposal describing how KHPT could support them with the integration of fortified wheat flour into meals, so that it could be further discussed with Foundation management.

Monitoring Evaluation Research and Learning

KHPT conducts facility audit at Mumbai hospital to assess readiness for KMC implementation

KHPT conducted a facility audit on June 20 at Central Hospital, Ulhasnagar-3, in Mumbai city, with the aim of evaluating the current status of Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) implementation and identifying areas

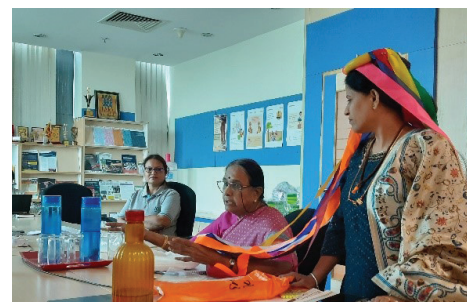
for improvement. The team used an audit tool, observation checklist and qualitative assessment checklist for the assessment. The audit provided information about the facility, including how many babies were delivered, and how many were low birth weight; availability of equipment; human resources who are trained on KMC; infrastructure such as mattresses,

pillows and baby blankets, and the current Management Information System (MIS). The team is analysing the findings to understand the gaps which could prevent the effective implementation of KMC and the facilitators that would help increase its uptake.

KHPT explores partnership for positive parenting component of ECCD project

KHPT organized a one-day workshop on positive parenting on May 26 to review a training process developed by Saranga Trust, Bengaluru, a pioneer in conducting positive parenting trainings, and to explore a potential collaboration for the development of a training module on positive parenting under the ECCD project.

Resource persons from Saranga Trust facilitated the workshop, giving an overview of the training content and running through the process of the different sessions. KHPT is also exploring a possible collaboration to roll out the training on positive parenting.



■ **Dr Manjula, training resource person, Saranga Trust facilitating the discussion on positive parenting**

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