

**Ensuring environmental sustainability**

**Better water-table management, Chennai**



TAKE engaged with Environmentalist Foundation of India (EFI) to adopt ponds in Perungalathur, Tamil Nadu. TAKE and EFI cleaned the pond, plant trees, restored bio-diversity and educated the local community in pond maintenance. TAKE volunteers helped clean lakes and plant trees through multiple clean-ups and tree-plantation drives.

**Promotion of Preventive Healthcare**

**Supporting preventive oncology**

TAKE supports preventive oncology with the Cancer Institute in Chennai. The Cancer Institute has a functional preventive oncology department set-up for early detection screening, education centres (Villupuram, Gummidipoondi, Pudukkottai and Thiruvannamalai) and a cancer exhibition and mammobile for breast cancer screening. The department also trains staff and coordinates activities across different centres.

**Supporting Life Sciences Research & Development**

TAKE worked with the Manipal Academy of Higher Education to enhance its curriculum and assist PhD students at Manipal University School of Public Health. TAKE supported the commissioning of



Research Centres of Excellence to enhance understanding of adverse drug reactions, set up a lab to test medical devices and create an incubator to promote Life Sciences innovation.

**Supporting the rehabilitation of children affected by cerebral palsy**



TAKE provided support for the Ambattur Rotary Hospital's Cerebral Palsy Rehabilitation Centre. Launched in 2007, the Centre is part of an ongoing community project of the Rotary

Club of Ambattur that supports children affected by cerebral palsy (therapy to rehabilitation, including corrective surgery, functional exercises, splinting, home programs and counseling).

**Creation of a curriculum on health literacy**

TAKE supported PHFI in funding project i-PROMISE (PROMoting health Literacy in School)

which is engaged in diabetes prevention. The project promotes healthy lifestyle among school children to prevent diabetes and other related non-communicable diseases. PHFI (in partnership with the World India Diabetes Foundation and Mayo Clinic colleagues) developed a school education module following the Health Belief Model. These resources were pre-tested in Delhi and finalized for implementation in more cities across two phases. The project helped improve knowledge, perception and behaviour towards NCDs in schools.