

# Micronutrient Grant Program

Reaching the last mile with Vitamin A Supplementation and Deworming for children under five



## Introduction

Micronutrient deficiencies, including vitamin A deficiency and parasitic worm infections, remain a major yet preventable risk for children under-5 in India.<sup>1</sup> To address this, Vitamin Angels implements the Micronutrient Grant Program with NGO partners, hospitals, and state governments.

The program supports bi-annual supplementation of vitamin A and Albendazole for children under five, focusing on underserved populations. Alongside product donations, program offer technical support for safe and equitable service delivery, helping bridge critical coverage gaps and advancing national goals to protect children from malnutrition.

## Through the Micronutrient Grant Program, we provide:



**Vitamin A 100,000 IU**  
for infants aged 6-11 months



**Vitamin A 200,000 IU**  
for children aged 12-59 months



**Albendazole tablets**  
for children aged 12-59 months

<sup>1</sup>[https://nhm.gov.in/images/pdf/NDD/FAQ/Fact\\_Sheet\\_on\\_Soil\\_Transmitted\\_Helminths\\_Infection\\_Eng.pdf](https://nhm.gov.in/images/pdf/NDD/FAQ/Fact_Sheet_on_Soil_Transmitted_Helminths_Infection_Eng.pdf)



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## National Initiatives

Government of India prescribes Vitamin A Supplementation for all children aged 9 months to 5 years, to be administered every six months under the National Vitamin A Supplementation Program.

National Deworming Day is an annual initiative aimed at Deworming all children between 1-19 years of age.

## Key facts and figures

### National VAS Coverage\*

(Figures in percentage)



NFHS-4 (2015-16)



NFHS-5 (2019-21)

Vitamin A Supplementation coverage among children in India stands at 71%, with Goa recording the highest (92%) and Nagaland & Manipur the lowest (44%)

## Goal and objectives

The overarching goal of the Micronutrient Grant Program is to reduce preventable child morbidity and mortality by increasing equitable access to essential micronutrients - Vitamin A Supplementation and Deworming (VAS+D) in underserved areas of India.

### Key objectives



To increase coverage of VAS+D among children under-five years of age in high-burden and underserved populations



To strengthen the technical capacity of partner organizations, and government frontline health workers in delivering effective and safe nutrition interventions

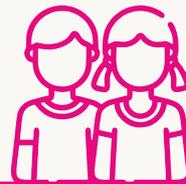


Generate and utilize data and insights to help improve program implementation and outcomes

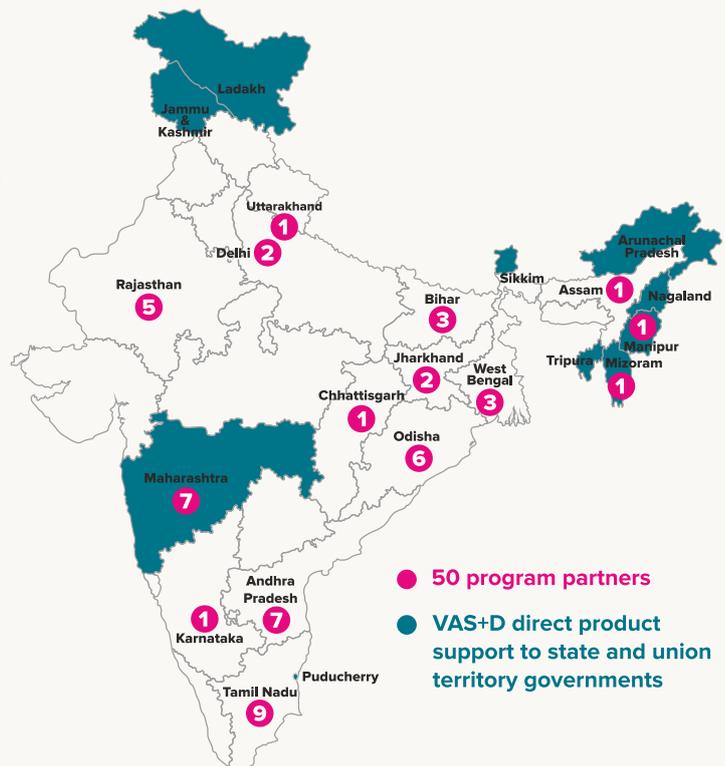
## Program partners

Micronutrient Grant Program is being implemented by over 50 NGO partners across 15 states in India. Vitamin Angels also collaborates with 10 state and union territory governments, providing direct product support to strengthen their Vitamin A Supplementation and Deworming programs.

## Target Beneficiaries



Children aged 6-59 months



\*VAS Coverage is defined as -Children age 9-35 months who received a vitamin A dose in the last 6 months.

Note that NFHS-4 reported coverage for children 9-59 months, whereas NFHS-5 reports coverage for children 9-35 months.

# Our strategic approach to improve VAS+D coverage through program partners

## Three-Pillar strategy for improving VAS+D coverage



### Supply VAS+D to program partners

Vitamin Angels supplies high quality **vitamin A 100,000 IU and 200,000 IU capsules and 400 mg Albendazole tablets** to eligible NGO partners and state governments at **no cost**. The supply model is responsive to both planned distributions and emergent needs. Clear storage, handling, and distribution guidelines are provided to ensure product quality and safety from warehouse to the last-mile service delivery point.

### Capacity building

We adopt a continuous learning approach to equip program partners, service providers, and frontline workers with the knowledge and tools needed to deliver high-quality micronutrient supplementation. In addition to structured training sessions, we provide practical job aids and learning videos, that support service providers and frontline workers in delivering consistent and effective services during community outreach and supplementation drives.



### Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E)

We focus data-driven implementation by equipping partners with CommCare, a mobile platform that enables real-time tracking of child-level VAS+D coverage, including dose frequency and coverage gaps. It also supports to prepare monthly due list to plan for repeat dose. Annual Utilization Reports and routine field monitoring visits inform program quality and allow for any timely feedback to program partners.

## 2024 at a glance



**7 million+**  
doses of Vitamin A &  
Albendazole distributed



**2.1 million+**  
children aged 6-59 months  
reached with Vitamin A

**1.8 million+**  
children aged 12-59 months  
reached with Albendazole tablets

## Voices that inspire

“ National Health Mission, Jammu & Kashmir, thanks Vitamin Angels and its team for the support they have been lending through the donation of Albendazole tablets and vitamin A supplementation free of cost. These donations are being used in the Union Territory of J&K to complement the government's supplies in successfully implementing the National Deworming Day Program to deworm preschool and school-going children at schools and Anganwadi centers to improve their overall health, nutritional status, access to education, and quality of life. ”

**Bhupinder Kumar, IAS, Mission Director,  
National Health Mission – Jammu & Kashmir**

“ Vitamin Angels' support to Doctors For You is vital to ensure access to essential micronutrients for vulnerable children and pregnant mothers across India. These multi-nutrients are part of all our ongoing field projects as well as disaster relief response. We thank the Vitamin Angels India team for their constant support and trust in us. ”

**Dr. Ravikant Singh,  
Founder, Doctors For You**

## Resources

### Vitamin A English



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### Deworming English



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### Vitamin A Hindi



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### Deworming Hindi



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