

# Micronutrient Grant Program

Reaching children under five with vitamin A supplementation and Deworming



Micronutrient deficiencies, including vitamin A deficiency and parasitic worm infections, remain a major - yet preventable risk for children under five in India.<sup>1</sup> To address this, Vitamin Angels implements the Micronutrient Grant Program in collaboration 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, the program offers 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)



Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
Government of India

## National Initiatives

Government of India prescribes vitamin A supplementation for 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 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 Vitamin A Supplementation and Deworming (VAS+D).

### Key objectives



To increase coverage of VAS+D among children under five 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

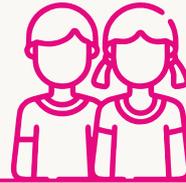


To generate and utilize data and insights to help improve program implementation and outcomes

## Program partners

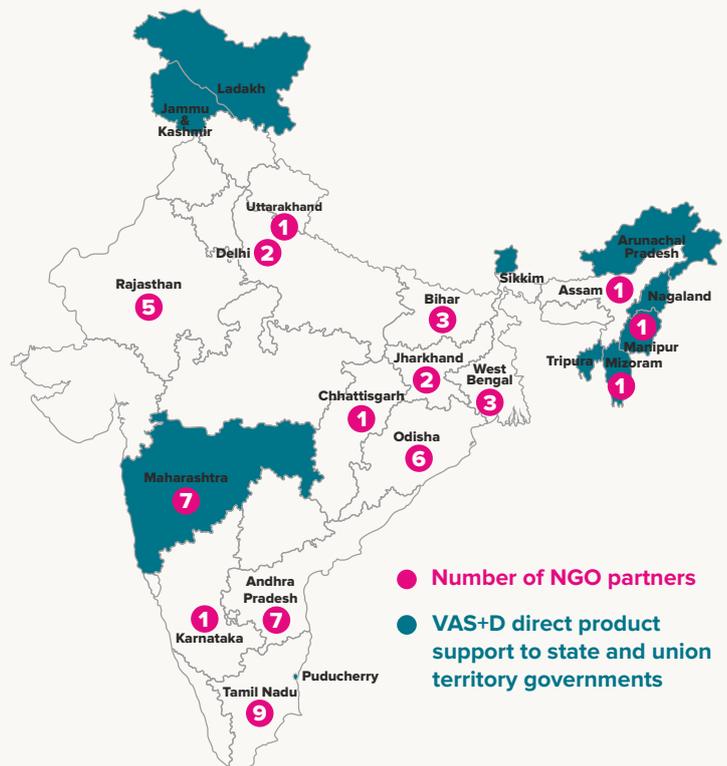
Micronutrient Grant Program is implemented by over **50** NGO partners across **15** states in India. Vitamin Angels also collaborates with **10** state and union territory governments, providing direct product support to strengthen their VAS+D programs.

## Target beneficiaries



Vitamin A supplementation:  
Children aged 6-59 months

Deworming:  
Children aged 12-59 months



● Number of NGO partners  
● VAS+D direct product support to state and union territory governments

\*VAS coverage: Children aged 9-35 months who received a vitamin A dose in the last 6 months.

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

# Our 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 capsules (100,000 and 200,000 IU) 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 consistent and effective service delivery during community outreach and supplementation drives.



### Monitoring & Evaluation

Vitamin Angels employs a robust monitoring and evaluation approach focused on partner vetting and regular reporting to ensure effective delivery of VAS+D. Partners share annual utilization reports which help to track the distribution of VAS+D doses. Every year, on-site monitoring visits are conducted for a subset of our program partners to validate reporting, observe service delivery and strengthen program implementation. In states with government partnerships, Health Management Information System data is reviewed quarterly to track progress and inform action.



## 2024 at a glance



**6.9 million+**  
doses of vitamin A &  
Albendazole distributed



**2 million+**  
children aged 6-59 months  
reached with vitamin A

**1.7 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 Jammu & Kashmir 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 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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