

GLOBAL GIVING PROGRESS REPORT

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Introduction

Prerana Women's Health Initiative at C.S.I. Holdsworth Memorial Hospital (HMH) has been carrying out a cervical cancer awareness and screening program with the following goals:

Objective 1: Hold 25 cervical cancer awareness programs in Mysore and surrounding areas.

Objective 2: Provide free cervical cancer screening at Prerana Clinic.

Community Preparedness

Prerana has conducted a number of community preparedness activities as part of our cervical cancer awareness program. We have formed a Community Advisory Board, and met with more than 200 key informants in the communities in and around Mysore to facilitate project activities.



Meeting with Community Stakeholder from Mysore Muslim community

Community Advisory Board

As part of its community preparedness activities, Prerana Women's Health Initiative has formed a Community Advisory Board (CAB) composed of community leaders, heads of local nongovernmental organizations working on women's issues, and staff from government health programs. During the first meeting of the CAB held on July 12th, Mr. Krupp presented the project activities and conducted a roundtable discussion to gain community input on the implementation of the project.

Cervical Cancer Awareness Meetings

To date, PHRI has conducted 12 of the proposed cervical cancer awareness meetings reaching more than 900 women and men. Each meeting begins with a humorous play lasting about 20 minutes which emphasizes the need for women to engage in preventative health. Following that, the staff introduce themselves, make brief presentations on women's

health issues including nutrition, vaccination against HPV infection for adolescent girls, and screening and treatment for cervical cancer. The following meetings have been held to date:



The Cervical Cancer Awareness Program

- **August 12, 2008**, Ramanahally: Community Cervical Cancer Awareness Meeting. (64 Attendees)
- **August 28, 2008**, Kiralu: Community Cervical Cancer Awareness Meeting. (94 Attendees)
- **September 5th, 2008**, (Nagamma Hospital): Cervical cancer awareness meeting with Mysore Taluk community health workers. (80 attendees)
- **October 11, 2008**, Haleem Nagar: Community cervical cancer awareness meeting (105 attendees)
- **October 24, 2008**, Lalithadripuram: Community cervical cancer awareness meeting (95 attendees)
- **October 28, 2008**, Madhavagere: Community cervical cancer awareness meeting (90 attendees)
- **November 3, 2008**, Chattanahallihundi: Community cervical cancer awareness meeting (35 attendees)
- **November 15, 2008**, Megalapur: Community cervical cancer awareness meeting (102 attendees)
- **December 12, 2008**, Keelanapura: Community cervical cancer awareness meeting (83 attendees)
- **December 20, 2008**, Uttanahalli: Community cervical cancer awareness meeting (115 attendees)
- **January 8, 2009**, Dudigere: Community cervical cancer awareness meeting (32 attendees)
- **January 18, 2009**, Puttegaudanahundi: Community cervical cancer awareness meeting (74 attendees)

Prerana Women's Health Clinic

Prerana walk-in clinic operates five days a week providing free reproductive health services to women from Mysore and surrounding areas. We have screened 134 women for cervical dysplasia using visual inspection with acetic acid and referred 18 women to CSI Holdsworth Memorial Hospital for colposcopy and further management.