

Activity Report 2012 -2013

MOHAN Foundation



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ACTIVITY REPORT

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ABOUT MOHAN FOUNDATION

January 12, 1997- the day MOHAN Foundation started its journey to give patients with organ failure a new lease of life. Organ donation and transplantation has made it possible for people with organ failure to look forward to a brighter tomorrow filled with hope and promise.

MOHAN is an acronym for Multi Organ Harvesting Aid Network and was established in 1997. It is a registered not-for-profit organization with income tax exemption under Section 80G and 35 AC. It is also entitled to receive foreign aid as per the FCRA Act. MOHAN Foundation is the brainchild of a group of highly motivated, concerned and non-commercial group of practicing medical professionals and their well-meaning friends to promote the cause of “Organ Donation”.

MISSION & OBJECTIVES

The mission of MOHAN Foundation is to ensure that every Indian who is suffering from end stage organ failure be provided with the 'gift of life' through a life-saving organ.

The Foundation envisages accomplishing this mission through the following objectives:

- 1) To create public awareness among a cross-section of the population
- 2) To train health care professionals in transplant coordination
- 3) To counsel families of "brain dead" victims to donate their loved ones' organs
- 4) To create a computerized network for logistic support for organ donation in hospitals and the utilization of organs
- 5) To liaise with Government (State and Central) to pass favorable legislation that will help increase organ donations in India.
- 6) Networking with other organ procuring organizations in the country
- 7) Raising resources to promote organ donation efficiently

ACTIVITIES

MOHAN Foundation comprises five core groups that carry out different activities of the foundation. These groups are:

1. Indian Network for Organ Sharing (INOS)
2. Public education campaigns
3. Patient Support Group (PSG)
4. Publications - Indian Transplant Newsletter and Life...Pass it on newsletter.
5. Transplant Coordinators' Training Programme & Workshops

1. INOS (INDIAN NETWORK FOR ORGAN SHARING)

“Let no organ be wasted” is the mission statement of INOS. The group was first formed in Tamil Nadu in January 2000 with Apollo Hospitals, Sri Ramachandra Hospital, Sundaram Medical Foundation, Madras Medical Mission Hospital (all from Chennai), Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore. It successfully established the fact that organ sharing was the way forward for the deceased organ transplantation programme.

In Andhra Pradesh, the hospitals that have benefited from our work are Nizam’s Institute of Medical Sciences, Global Hospitals, Care Hospitals, Medwin Hospitals, Mediciti Hospitals, Kamineni Hospitals, Osmania Hospitals, Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Star Hospitals and Innova Hospitals.

Organs & Tissues facilitated by INOS (2000 - 2009) Tamil Nadu & Andhra Pradesh	
Solid Organs/Tissues	Number of Transplants
Kidney	282
Liver	16
Heart	16
Corneas	302
TOTAL	616

The experience gained in INOS in setting up a web-based recipient waiting list registry has been shared with the government run Tamil Nadu Organ Sharing Network (www.tnos.org). Organ allocation is done as per this registry and MOHAN Foundation is involved in maintaining the registry. MOHAN Foundation is also on the Advisory Committee of the Cadaver Transplant Programme, Government of Tamil Nadu.

Taking a leaf out of Tamil Nadu's book, Kerala also brought out a set of Government Orders for deceased donor organ transplantation. A workshop was held in this regard in August 2012 in Trivandrum with the launch of "Mrithasanjeevani" and the Kerala Network for Organ Sharing (www.knos.org.in). MOHAN Foundation has been instrumental in setting up and maintaining this registry as well.

MOHAN Foundation has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the following hospitals to place their transplant coordinators there –

1. Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai
2. Global Hospitals, Chennai
3. PSG Hospitals, Coimbatore
4. Sir Gangaram Hospital, New Delhi
5. Medanta – The Medicity, New Delhi

2. PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS

The Foundation regularly organizes awareness events to a cross section of population. Over 1 million donor cards have been distributed in English, Tamil, Telugu, Marathi and Hindi. The Foundation also has literature on organ donation and prevention of different diseases. A total of 156 public education programmes were conducted across the country (Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Delhi-NCR, Chandigarh and West Bengal) during the year 2012 – 2013.

Highlights –

(i) SAMARTHAN - CHIEF MINISTER OF DELHI SIGNS PLEDGE ON ORGAN DONATION April 2012

On 4th April 2012 MOHAN Foundation successfully launched its first function in the capital New Delhi to create awareness about organ donation.

The fundraiser showed the trailer from Anand Gandhi's latest award winning film, 'The Ship of Theseus' that focuses on the importance of organ donation. Leading doctors from Delhi's renowned hospitals showed solidarity by singing popular Bollywood numbers from the 60s and 70s like *Jaaiye aap kahan jaayenge*, *Ek ladki bheegi bhaagisi*, etc., to thunderous applause from the audience.



Dr. N. Subramanian - Senior Consultant, Urology and Dr. K. Lalitha - Senior Anaesthetist from Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals singing for the cause



Dr. A.S.Soin, Chief Liver Transplant & Hepatobiliary Surgeon, Medanta – The Medicity and Prof. Anupam Sibal, Group Medical Director, Apollo Hospitals Group signing the donor card

Some of the prominent doctors present on the occasion included Dr. Rana, Director, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Dr. Samiran Nundy, Chairman, Surgical Gastro and Liver Transplant, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Prof. Anupam Sibal, Group Medical Director, Apollo Hospitals Group, Dr. A.S. Soin Chief Liver Transplant & Hepatobiliary Surgeon, Chairman, Institute of Liver Transplantation and Regenerative Medicine, Medanta – The Medicity, Dr. Sanjeev Kanoria from Advina Healthcare, UK, Dr. Vijay Kher, Senior Nephrologist, Medanta – The Medicity.

Other guests who signed the donor card included Mr. Ashok Alexander, Country Head, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Chief Minister of Delhi Mrs. Sheila Dixit dropped in and signed the Pledge Board along with the other luminaries present at the event.



Mrs. Sheila Dixit, Chief Minister of Delhi signs pledge on Organ Donation

(ii) FELICITATION OF ORGAN DONOR FAMILIES, RAJ BHAVAN- CHENNAI
August 2012

Every year, the Organ Donor week is observed in the month of August. This year a special function in which the generosity and benevolence of organ donor families was given due recognition was organized by MOHAN Foundation in Chennai on Thursday, 9th August 2012.

His Excellency Dr.K.Rosaiah, the Governor of Tamilnadu was the Chief Guest. 26 families of deceased organ donors in Tamil Nadu were felicitated by His Excellency Dr. K. Rosaiah, at Raj Bhavan on the occasion. These families despite of the loss of their loved ones have given a new lease of life to many through organ donation. The families, which hailed from diverse parts of the state like Namakkal, Tiruvanamalai, Kanchipuram and Chennai, were united through their support for this cause. The organ donations took place in the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital (RGGGH), Apollo Hospitals and Global Hospitals.

Felicitation of Deceased Organ Donor Families
9th August 2012, Raj Bhavan, Chennai



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Organ Donor Master. R. Ram Kumar's (RGGGH, Chennai) family is being honoured.

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9th August 2012, Raj Bhavan, Chennai



Mr. Thanga Pandian's (Apollo Hospitals, Chennai) family is being honoured.

The others present were Dr.V.Kanagasabai, Dean, Madras Medical College & Rajiv Gandhi Govt. General Hospital and Dr.K.Ravindranath, Chairman & Managing Director, Global Hospitals Group.

Dr. J. Amalorpavanathan, Convenor, Cadaver Transplant Programme, introduced the doctors who were felicitated by the Governor (Dr.N.Muthurajan, Deputy DME; Dr.K.Deiveegan, Dr.R.Venkatachalam, Dr.B.Santhakumar (Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital); Dr.M.Dhanraj, Dr.Anita Cherian (Apollo Hospitals); Dr.K.Sridhar, Dr.K.Ilankumaran (Global Hospitals).

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His Excellency Dr. K. Rosaiah felicitating Dr.N.Muthurajan, Deputy DME

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9th August 2012, Raj Bhavan, Chennai



His Excellency Dr. K. Rosaiah felicitates Dr.K.Deiveegan, Neurosurgeon, RGGGH, Chennai

Dr. K. Rosaiah said that August is the month when our country celebrates Independence Day. It is therefore only fitting that we remember the noble deceased organ donors of our country in August because they have made it possible for hundreds of patients with organ failure to gain 'independence' through a life-saving transplant. He added that Tamil Nadu is a role model for the Deceased organ donation programme in the country. It has an organ donation rate of 1.3 per million population, which is 15 times the national average. In the Rajiv Gandhi Govt. General Hospital alone, there have been 67 deceased organ and tissue donors from February 2010 to July 2012. This has translated to the retrieval of over 300 organs and tissues.

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9th August 2012, Raj Bhavan, Chennai**



His Excellency Dr. K. Rosaiah, the Governor of Tamil Nadu releasing the 35th edition of the Indian Transplant Newsletter (ITN)

Cognizant Foundation supports MOHAN Foundation



His Excellency Dr. K. Rosaiah felicitates the Directors of Cognizant Foundation on 9th August 2012 at Raj Bhavan

Cognizant Foundation was set up as an independent corporate entity in March, 2005, to spearhead CSR initiatives in the IT, Consulting and BPO major - Cognizant. Established with the objective of improving, guiding and inspiring the lives of underprivileged people, Cognizant Foundation focuses primarily on the areas of Education & Healthcare and supports deserving organizations/institutions working in these two areas.

In June 2012, Cognizant Foundation gave a grant to MOHAN Foundation, Chennai for setting up a Video-conferencing facility in Chennai linking up with their offices in Hyderabad, Delhi and Bangalore. This facility will enable them to offer various training programs for Transplant Coordinators located in these centres, simultaneously, in a very cost effective manner.

The Governor felicitated the following dignitaries of Cognizant Foundation on 9th August 2012 at Raj Bhavan – Mr. N. Lakshmi Narayanan, Director - Cognizant Foundation and Vice-Chairman - Cognizant, Dr. S. Ramamurthy, Director - Cognizant Foundation and Mr. N.R. Krishnan, Director - Cognizant Foundation. Mr. S. Madhavan, CEO - Cognizant Foundation was also present on the occasion.

(iii) CHINNA JEEYAR SWAMIJI ENDORSES ORGAN DONATION - October 2012

MOHAN Foundation organized a function on 26th October 2012, at Hotel Taj Deccan, Hyderabad, His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Tridandi Srimannarayana Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji, launched the Telugu public education film on organ donation. He has endorsed organ donation, and quoted from the scriptures by quoting the examples of King Shibi and Sage Dadechi. He blessed the families of organ donors and the work of MOHAN Foundation.

Cricket Legend, Sri. V.V.S. Laxman graced the occasion and honored the families of organ donors. More than 15 families were honored. Sri Laxman was very touched by the generosity of the donor families. Speaking on the occasion, he said, he would love to do anything that needs to be done to make organ donation happen in India.



His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Tridandi Srimannarayana Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji speaking at the event



Cricketer Sri. V.V.S. Laxman honouring the deceased organ donor family



Dr. Varaprasad Reddy honouring the deceased organ donor family

The other dignitaries present were Dr. K. Ravindranath, Chairman of Global Hospitals and Dr. K.I. Varaprasad Reddy, Chairman, Shantha Biotech Limited. Dr. Varaprasad Reddy felt it is a good idea to say that lives of their loved ones will be extended if they donate their organs.



Deceased Organ Donor families felicitated at the event

The event was an emotionally charged one, and everyone that witnessed the film and felicitation of organ donor families, went back with a thought that they should ensure that their lives are passed on.

(iv) **“SANT SANGAMA – MULTI RELIGIOUS CONFLUENCE ON ORGAN DONATION”**
December, 2012



Bhajans by Sangeeta Vidya Nidhi, Sri.Vidyabhushana



Religious Leaders lighting the lamp

A religious meet “Sant Sangama” was organized by MOHAN Foundation on December 4th, 2012 at SJBIT Auditorium, BGS Education city, Kengeri under the patronship of **Sri Sri Sri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math**. The main objective of the meet was to overcome the myth among the public about the religion and organ donation. 11 religious leaders from different faiths came together for the cause and graced the occasion by sharing their messages on organ donation. The programme was inaugurated by lighting the lamp. Dr. Sunil Shroff, Managing Trustee gave the welcome speech and expressed the importance of the confluence.



Religious Leaders at the Confluence

MOHAN Foundation also felicitated supporters, who helped in making a difference in the life of several patients that are suffering from end stage organ failure. Mrs. Lalitha Raghuram, Country Director, delivered the vote of thanks.

The programme was aired live from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm on Sankara TV.

(v) TOGETHER WE CARE – WALK FOR A CAUSE, December 2012

A Walkathon was organized by Vikas Tarangini – Youth, the social arm of the Trust run by Sri Sri Sri Tridandi Srimannarayana Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji and MOHAN Foundation to create awareness about organ donation among the public, especially, youth. The youth came together and gave a warm welcome to the New Year by supporting the noble cause “Organ Donation”. The 3 km walk started from People’s plaza, Necklace Road to P.V.Gyan Bhoomi. The walk was flagged off by Sri Sri Vrathadhara Jeeyar Swamiji.



His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Tridandi Srimannarayana Chinna Jeeyar swamiji addressing the gathering



Participants at the Walk

Around 5000 youth participated in the walk. The students from different colleges and schools, such as Gokaraju Rangaraju College of Engineering, Vardhaman College of Engineering, Keshav Memorial Junior College, Bandari Srinivas Institute of Technology, Bhaskara colleges of Engineering, Jagruti Degree & PG College, Jahnvi Group of Institutions, J.B. Group of Educational Institutions, Mahaveer Institute of Sciences of Technology, Anjamma Aagireddy College of Engineering for Women, Vanita Mahavidyalaya, Varadhi Engineering College, Shantiniketan School, Little Scholars school, Bharat Scouts & Guides, NCC Cadets, Maxivision Eye Hospital, Yashoda Hospital, Global Hospital, Innova Hospital, Ramayamma International Eye Bank, Vasan Eye Bank, Lions Club of Hyderabad East Jeeyar Trust's School for the Visually Challenged, Youth in Action, Friends' Association for a Change and other NGOs participated and demonstrated full support for the cause. During the Walk, the air was filled with slogans such as "We support organ donation", "Together We care" and "Donate organs- Save Lives".

The Walk concluded at P.V. Gyan Bhoomi around 9.45 am. With the arrival of Sri Sri Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji, the audience was enthralled and waited eagerly for his blessings. Swamiji spoke extensively about organ donation and encouraged the participants to support the cause and requested all adult devotees to pledge their organs. He asked all the children to memorise MOHAN Foundation's Toll free Helpline number and call them should they have any questions about organ donation.

(vi) TOGETHER WE CARE – WALK FOR A CAUSE, Chennai



Mr.Sadai.S.Duraiswamy, Mayor, Chennai Corporation flagging off the rally

The Rotaract Club of D.R.B.C.C. C Hindu College, Pattabiram Chennai organized a walkathon to spread the noble message of organ donation among the youth on 31st December 2012 from 7.00 to 9.00 am at Marina Beach.

The walkathon was supported by MOHAN Foundation and “Vikasa Tarangini – Youth” a social service organization run under the guidance of His Holiness Sri Sri Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji.

The rally commenced at the Light House. Mr. Saidai Samiyappan Duraisamy, Mayor, Corporation of Chennai, was the chief guest and flagged off the rally. He spoke on the importance of organ donation among the youth. Nearly 450 people participated in the rally covering a distance of 3 km. The programme was supported by ITC and Global Hospitals. The rally concluded at the Labour Statue.



Students gathered at Light House, Marina Beach for the walkathon



Participants walking for the cause

(vii) CELEBRATING LIFE - A MUSICAL EVENING BY INDIAN OCEAN, NEW DELHI – February 2013

On 10th February 2013, MOHAN Foundation organized awareness cum fund raising event, "Celebrating Life - a musical evening by Indian Ocean" at Zorba, MG Road, New Delhi. The main objective of the event was to create awareness on deceased organ donation, to help people connect with the cause through music and to evangelize it with a popular mainstream band show.



Popular rock band Indian Ocean performing

About the band: Indian Ocean is an Indian rock band who is considered to be the pioneers of fusion rock genre in India. Their music has been categorized by critics as "Indo-rock fusion with jazz-spiced rhythms that integrates Sholakas, Sufism, environmentalism, mythology and revolution". The band has been associated in the past with social causes and has helped organizations to spread their message through music. All the band members contributed to the cause by signing the donor card. An estimated 500- 600 people attended the event. Prominent corporate hospitals of Delhi-NCR were well represented.

(viii) ALL INDIA TOLL FREE HELPLINE ON ORGAN DONATION - 1800-419-3737

On 14th August 2012, MOHAN Foundation launched an all India Toll free Helpline number - **1800-419-3737**. This has been possible with the support of a major pharmaceutical company. It works in six different languages - English, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, Telugu, and Malayalam. The Helpline provides information on organ donation and transplantation, registration processes and legal issues. MOHAN Foundation has received 2240 calls, which makes the frequency 12 calls per day. The majority of the callers inquire about how to register as an organ donor and the next most frequently asked question is about kidney procurement.

List of Public Education Programmes – Tamil Nadu

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merrill Lynch • Life Style Employees • Apollo College of Nursing • Project DAAN - A Record 12900 • Educating Self-Help Group Members • Shri Krishnaswamy College For Women • QUADS • A Book Release On The Self-Respect Movement • Hindustan College Of Arts & Science • Kaar Technologies • Sri Gurudwara Sahib • Sri Venkateshwara College Of Nursing • VT Seva • Rane Brakes Lining Ltd • Youth Mela at Valluvar Kottam • Annai Veilankani Matriculation Higher Secondary School • Chinmaya Vidyalaya • TASMACH Godown, Ambattur Estate • Athma Seva Sangam at Washermanpet • Meenakshi Engineering College • Shell Business Service Centre • Quaid-E-Milleth College • Anna University • Easwari Engineering College • Hindu Mission Hospital • Madras School of Social work • Vinoth Arakkattalai, Salem • International Women's Day at Anna Adarsh College for Women • True Value Homes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Antony's Church, Avadi • LEO Club Members • Rural Camp – Organized By Social Work Students Of S.D.N.B Vaishnav College • Stella Maris College • Senior Citizens And Youth • Signature Campaign For Organ Donation At Anna University • Dell Employees • Hotel Savera • CRISIL Ltd • E Bay & PayPal Employees • GRT Mahalakshmi Vidhyalaya Higher Secondary School • Shoppers Stop Showroom • Sri Venkateswara Medical College • D.R.B.C.C Hindu College Students • Women's Christian College • Wedding - Prakash and Sonia Gandhi • Rane Engine Valve Limited, Trichy • Flower Bazaar Police Station • Interchange Employees • Sensitization Of ICU Nurses • Bhuddhar Gym, Thiruvallur • Cognizant • Anna Adarsh College for Women • Walkathon at Marina Beach • St. Mary's School, Kottivakkam • Poondi Madha Basilica • Croma • Youth Wing Of DMK • St. Joseph Engineering College
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List of Public Education Programmes – Andhra Pradesh

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mahindra Satyam Limited• Senior Citizens• The Sri Sri Tridandi Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji's Ashram• Anumaa Ashram,• Sign For A Cause – Public Education Campaign At Hypercity Store• Painting Competition On “Organ Donation” At Sri Venkateshwara College Of Fine Arts• Sri Venkateshwara College Of Fine Arts• General Post Office• Gokaraju Rangaraju College Of Pharmacy• Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited• Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Secunderabad• On NSS Day At Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University• Andhra Pradesh Society For Training And Employment Promotion• Gandhi Medical College• Sankara Eye Hospital• Rajasthani Graduates Association• Balaji Bhavan• Marriott Hotel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sri ParashariSeva Samstha, Chikkadapally• Solugenix India Private Limited• Elders Mela, Zorastrian Club• Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply & Sewerage Board• First Birthday of Baby. Neelothpala Neha Sai• Feedback Infrastructure Service Private Limited• Institute of Company Secretaries Of India• N V Lakshmi Foundation Second Memorial Lecture at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan• College Of Horticulture• Senior Citizens At L.B Nagar• Railway Junior College• Kotthapally Villagers• Walkathon - Together We Care At Mandal Rajam• Arogyadatha Foundation• St. Aloysius College• Cushman & Wakefield India Pvt. Ltd, Hi-Tech City• Nagarjuna Fertilizer And Chemicals Limited• CAIMS
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List of Public Education Programmes – Bengaluru

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MARC Business School • Thought Work Technologies • JSS Law College • JSS Nursing College • Rajiv Gandhi College Of Nursing • Capitol College Of Nursing • St. Martha’s College Of Nursing • Adichunchanagiri Institute Of Medical Sciences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vidyakirana College Of Nursing • Rally Of Life 2012 • Upstream Talent Management Service • Drive On The Occasion Of World Heart Day • Rajiv Gandhi Nursing College • Universal College Of Nursing • Oxford College Of Arts And Science • Drive At Robert Bosch Engineering & Business Solutions (RBE)
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List of Public Education Programmes – Delhi

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RR Nursing College Students • Nurses At Sir Ganga Ram Hospital • Employees Of Stryker • The Employees Of VIOM • The Employees Of CICO Technologies • Employees Of Luxury Hues Group & High Street Labels • At Church Of Immaculate Conception • Students Of IIHMR • PULSE 2012 • AkshyaPratishthan • Airtel Delhi Half Marathon • IBM • CRISIL • Le Passage • Feedback Infrastructure Pvt Ltd • Akshay Prathishthan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AditiMahavidyalaya • Coordinators Of “Chetanalaya,” BhaiVir Singh Marg • NTT DATA Corporation • Launch Of DONATE Initiative • NTT Data Services • PushpanjaliCrosslay Hospital • RML Hospital • SDKS Sanstha Members At Dwarka • Uni Style Image • The Residents Of World Spa • Lady Irwin College, • The Residents Of Laburnum • Bhaskaracharya College Of Applied Sciences, Dwarka • Sir Ganga Ram Hospital
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3. PATIENT SUPPORT GROUP (PSG)

MOHAN Foundation started a Patient Support Group (PSG) for organ failure patients and their families to give them a platform to discuss their problems with each other and also interact with a panel of experts comprising doctors, dietitians, and counselors. There are about 300 members in the group. The PSG is also working towards becoming a strong advocacy group so that organ failure patients can lobby for change and have a common platform from where their grievances can be heard. Subsidized transplant related medicines to needy patients are supplied. MOHAN Foundation, Hyderabad facilitated support for cost of post-transplant medication of Master. Shashank through the Individual Grants Project of the Sir Ratan Tata Trust, Mumbai.

4. PUBLICATIONS

a. Indian Transplant Newsletter (ITN) – The Indian Transplant Newsletter is being published since 1998 and is currently in its 37th issue. It carries national and international transplant news and keeps track of the Indian deceased donor organ transplant programme. The executive committee has doctors from the transplant field from all over the country and abroad. About 1500 to 2000 copies of the newsletter are dispatched every quarter to transplant clinicians and members of the public in India and abroad.

b. Life...Pass it On Newsletter - A recent publication of the foundation covering the heartrending stories of organ donor families.

5. TRANSPLANT COORDINATORS' TRAINING PROGRAMMES & WORKSHOPS

(i) One Week Transplant Coordinators' Training Programme, Delhi-NCR-April 2012

MOHAN Foundation and Army Hospital (Research and Referral) conducted a one-week transplant coordinators' training programme in collaboration with Directorate General Health Services (DGHS), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. This was the first one-week programme organized by the Foundation in North India. It acted as a sensitization programme for all the professionals working in the field and also gave them an opportunity to meet their counterparts from different hospitals. The programme was inaugurated by Maj. Gen. P.P. Varma, SM VSM, Deputy Commandment of Army Hospital (R& R)

Thirty two participants attended the training programme from cities like Calcutta, Pune, Indore, Mohali and Delhi, representing various government, private and army hospitals. The course details were so well organized that both the medical and non-medical professionals like social workers benefited equally and were inspired to work for the noble cause of organ donation. The experienced faculty included eminent doctors from leading hospitals. The sharing of their experiences during the interactive sessions provided valuable insights to the participants.



The one-week programme concluded with a session on Government Initiatives and National Transplant Programme by the Chief Medical Officer- Dr Anil Kumar from the DGHS and distribution of certificates to all the participants.

(ii) One Month Transplant Coordinators' Training Programme, Chennai – May 2012

The one month transplant coordinators' training programme in Chennai commenced on 1st May 2012. This is the fourth one month training programme that is being done in Chennai. The first two weeks of the training was dedicated to lectures, case studies, workshops /visits to tissue banks. There were 13 participants from various hospitals in Chennai and Coimbatore.

Transplant Coordinators Training Programme - May 2012



Trainees with MOHAN Foundation Team

(iii) One Week Transplant Coordinators' Training Programme, Hyderabad - July 2012

The one week Transplant Coordinators' Training Programme was organized at Sunshine Hospital, Hyderabad in July 2012. This is the second such training programme in Hyderabad. There were 22 participants with a mixed group of nurses, Medical social workers and Transplant coordinators. The programme was inaugurated by lighting the lamp; the dignitaries were Mr. Mohan who donated his wife Ms. Lakshmi's organs, and Mr. Krishna Wadi who lost his daughter because of not getting an organ at the right time.

The topics covered in the training stressed the importance of Transplant Coordinators' and enabled the participants to understand their crucial role in the deceased organ donation and transplantation programme.

The programme came to a close with Valedictory function where Dr. Gurava Reddy, Chairman and Managing Director of Sunshine Hospital, presented certificates to the participants who attended the programme.

Transplant Coordinators Training Programme - July 2012



Participants with MOHAN Foundation Team

(iv) One Week Transplant Coordinators' Training Programme, Nagpur-February 2013

A one week Transplant Coordinators' Training Programme was held in Nagpur from 11th to 15th February 2013. The training programme was organized by MOHAN Foundation in collaboration with Zonal Transplant Coordination Centre (ZTCC), Nagpur. The participants comprised doctors, nurses, administrators and social workers from both the government and corporate sector. A total of 33 participants attended the training programme.

The topics covered in the programme ranged from Organ donation and its importance, Declaration of Brain death, The Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994, Role of Transplant Coordinator, Technical sessions on Kidney and Liver Transplantation, Deceased Donor Programme, Advocacy for Organ Donation and also Transplant coordinators who are working shared their experience with case studies.

Transplant Coordinators Training Programme - February 2013



Trainees with MOHAN Foundation Team

WORKSHOPS

(i) Annual Transplant Coordinators Workshop - September, 2012

The 5th Annual Transplant Coordinators' Workshop "ASAMJANA- Coordinating the Gift of Life" was held on 28th & 29th September 2012 at Radha Regent, Arumbakkam, Chennai. This workshop acted as a platform for Transplant Coordinators across the country to meet, interact and impart their knowledge on organ donation and transplantation.

Annual Transplant Coordinators' Workshop 28th - 29th September 2012, Chennai



Dr. Muhammed Anis Bin Abd. Wahab, National Transplant Resource Centre, Malaysia lighting the lamp.

The workshop was based on three objectives

- To bring out the National & Asian perspective on Deceased Organ Donation
- To enhance oneself professionally and personally
- To give an advocacy platform to the transplant coordinators through National Association of Transplant Coordinators (NATCO)

The workshop was attended by 250 delegates comprising nurses, transplant coordinators, medical social workers, paramedics and nursing students. The workshop brought delegates and faculty from across the country and abroad to learn and deliberate about various complex issues in the field of cadaver transplantation.

Annual Transplant Coordinators' Workshop
28th - 29th September 2012, Chennai



Mr. K. Raghuram felicitates Dr. M.K.Mani, Chief Nephrologist, Apollo Hospitals.

Annual Transplant Coordinators' Workshop
28th - 29th September 2012, Chennai



Ms. Santi Krishnan, National Transplant Resource Centre, Malaysia sharing her experience.

The workshop began with lighting of lamp by Dr.Sunil Shroff, Dr.Muhammed Anis Bin Abd.Wahab, Dr.George Kurian, Dr.Sumana Navin and Mrs.Pallavi Kumar.

One of the highlights of the Workshop was the sharing of the Malaysian experience with deceased organ donation and transplantation by Dr.Muhammed Anis Bin Abd.Wahab, Clinical Manager & Deputy Head of Department and Ms. Santi Krishnan, Transplant Coordinator, National Transplant Resource Centre (NTRC), Malaysia. Dr. Muhammed Anis Bin Abd. Wahab gave an outline of the deceased donation program in his country. He said that in his country there were 2 centers for kidney and liver transplantations and 1 centre for heart transplantation. The organ donation rate for the year 2011 was 1.7 per million populations. There were 47 deceased organ donors in 2011. From 2000 to 2011 there were a total of 321 deceased organ donors. He said that the consent rate last year was 51% and that efforts need to continue to create awareness about the value of organ donation in the local population.

Ms. Santi Krishnan gave an outline of her work as a donor coordinator. She said that her job had very high expectations and she needed to interact with a lot of people in the government to get a donation and transplantation organized. She said that the SOP – Standard Operating Procedure - needed to be updated frequently and all the forms had to be translated in vernacular. She said that the method of obtaining consent for organ donation in the Asian region was different from that of Europe, UK and USA because of socio-cultural differences. In Asian countries, family consent is essential prior to organ donation and all decisions are taken as a group. Thus it becomes even more important to have a transplant coordinator in place to guide the family with the correct information. She also asked for an Asian model of training for transplant coordinators to be developed and hoped to collaborate with MOHAN Foundation on this through E-learning.

Donor family members spoke of their experiences and the value of the transplant coordinator in their time of grief. At the same time recipients, thanked the deceased organ donors and their families for giving them the Gift of Life. They also expressed their gratitude to the transplant coordinators for their work and passion, which made it possible to have a deceased donor program.

**Annual Transplant Coordinators' Workshop
28th - 29th September 2012, Chennai**



Mrs. Sushma, Transplant Recipient sharing her experience.

Ms. D. Keranal, Transplant coordinator, Apollo Hospitals and Mr. J. Nethaji, Senior Transplant Coordinator, Global Hospitals were given the award for the Swamy Narayan Best Transplant Coordinator in India for 2011 and 2012 respectively.

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(ii) Organ Donation Session for the nurses during a two day workshop- February 2013

On February 7, 2013 MOHAN Foundation's team was invited to take a session on organ donation and transplantation for the nurses of different government hospitals of Delhi. The session was a part of 2 day workshop organized by the Continuing Nursing Education Cell (CNE) of Dr RML Hospital, New Delhi, on February 6 & 7, 2013.

The sessions are going to continue for the next 3 months. The goal of these workshops is to sensitize at least 250 nurses from different hospitals of Delhi. These workshops aim at disseminating information and educating the nursing personnel on emerging trends in critical care nursing. Participants from Dr RML Hospital, AIIMS, Safdarjung, Sucheta Kriplani, Lok Nayak Jai Prakash, Guru Tegh Bahadur, Deen Dayal Upadhaya and Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital attended the presentation.

The session centred on organ/tissue donation, cardiac/brain death, role of nurses in identification and maintenance of a potential brain dead donor, the law (THO act) and various myths/facts around organ donation. It was an interactive session with active participation from the nurses who seemed well versed with the clinical aspects of organ donation. A lively discussion ensued on whether religion forbids donation and how well a critical care nurse would fit into the role of a transplant coordinator since they care for both the dying patient and the patient's family.

(iii) National Workshop for Promotion of Deceased Donor Organ Transplantation - February 2013.

A high level workshop that included international and Indian stakeholders from the field of organ transplantation met in Delhi at the India Habitat Centre to discuss ways to increase the deceased donation rate in the country and help overcome organ shortage. The workshop held for 3 days from 28th February 2013 to 2nd March 2013. A living person can only donate one of the two kidneys or a part of the liver; however a person who is brain dead can donate almost nine common organs and tissues. The current organ donation rate from deceased donors range from 12 to 40 per million population in most developed countries whereas in India it is below one at 0.16 per million population. However the pool of brain death that can become possible organ donors is large in India and this is due to the high rate of mortality due to road traffic accidents. The number of brain deaths estimated from this pool alone is over 95,000.



Inauguration of Workshop



Dr. Jagdish Prasad, Director General, DGHS

The topics covered in the programme ranged from the role of the Government organizations, hospitals and NGO's in establishment of the deceased donor programme in a hospital and the medico-legal aspects related to the Transplantation of Human Organs Act 1994 (THOA 1994) and its amendments. Specific stress was laid on practical training by conducting role plays on grief counseling, public education programmes, and documentation related to organ donation and transplantation.

The participating stakeholders at the workshop included The President from the International Transplantation Society, Transplantation Representative from WHO, Representative from Ministry of Health in India, Secretary of Indian Society of Nephrology and Indian Society of Transplantation, representatives of NGO called MOHAN Foundation, Senior Consultants in the field of Transplantation from various states and Transplant coordinators from across the country. Participants equally represented both public and private hospitals. The experienced faculty included eminent doctors from established transplant hospitals of the country. The sharing of their experiences during the interactive sessions provided valuable insights to the delegates and provided reasons why the deceased donation programme was slow to take off in India.

Dr. Jagdish Prasad, Director General, DGHS inaugurated the workshop and gave the key note address. He congratulated the stakeholders and assured them of his full support in giving a boost to the deceased donation programme in the country. He particularly pointed out of the exemplary work being done by MOHAN Foundation in the field. He emphasized the need for public awareness and training the intensive care physicians across the country.

Dr. Francis Delmonico, President Elect, The Transplantation Society, who presided over the function said that transplant coordinators in India could become pioneers in creating an Asian Transplant Coordinators' Organization just like the one in Europe.

Dr. Marti Manyalich President of Donation and Transplantation Institute, Barcelona. Emphasized the need for propagation of the Deceased Donation Pathway and Brain Death audits in all ICU's of hospitals registered as transplant or retrieval centers.



**Dr. Francis Delmonico, President Elect,
The Transplantation Society**



**Dr. Marti Manyalich, President,
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The workshop also provided opportunity and a forum for transplant coordinators to meet, interact, share challenges and success stories and get a chance to update their knowledge on deceased organ donation. The three day workshop after deliberating on various aspects of deceased donation came out with consensus document of recommendations for the expansion of deceased donation. It was unanimously resolved that the solution to organ shortage and achievement of self-sufficiency in organ donation for all states in India is possible only through systematic strengthening of the deceased donor program.



Transplant Coordinators preparing public education posters during the group activity session

DECEASED ORGAN DONATION FACILITATED BY MOHAN FOUNDATION

1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013

No. of Multi Organ Donors – 71

No. of Organs & Tissues Donated – 375

State	Hospital	No. of Donors	Kidney	Liver	Heart	Lung	Heart Valves	Corneas	Pancreas	Small Intestine
Tamil Nadu	Rajiv Gandhi Government	13	23	12	1	5	14	24	0	0
	Apollo Hospitals	9	13	8	2	2	0	10	0	0
	Global Hospitals	7	14	7	1	2	12	10	0	0
	KMC, Coimbatore	1	2	1	0	0	2	2	0	0
	PSG, Coimbatore	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Karnataka		9	13	5	0	0	9	14	0	0
Andhra Pradesh		15	23	12	0	2	12	48	1	0
Kerala	Trivandrum Medical College	4	8	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Gujarat	Apollo Hospitals, Ahmedabad	5	9	4	0	0	0	8	0	0
Delhi-NCR	Medanta – The Medicity	2	2	2	0	0	0	4	0	0
	BLK Hospital	2	4	2	0	0	0	4	0	0
	Sir Ganga Ram	3	6	3	1	0	0	2	0	1
Total		71	119	57	5	11	49	132	1	1