

Meeting Brief

Stakeholder's Meet on Increasing Financing for Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus Children in India

Date: 21st July 2023, Friday | **Time:** 08:00 – 09:00 pm | **Location:** Virtual Zoom meeting

People to People Health Foundation (PPHF) convened a meeting of stakeholders on “Working together to increase financing for Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus children in India” on Friday, July 21, 2023. The purpose of the meeting was to bring together leading stakeholders to discuss and share their experiences and results on meeting the financial requirements of Type 1 DM children, especially from the economically weaker sections of the society and discuss the possibility of formation or expansion of any existing Task Force Group for policy advocacy to increase financing for Type 1 DM children in India.

Meeting Agenda items

1. Understanding on existing platforms if any for Type 1 DM advocacy to increase financing and its functionality.
2. Discussion on the action needed for long-term sustained support for type 1 DM children and define a roadmap for collaborative actions.
3. Insights on the expansion of existing platform or formation of a new platform and Terms of Reference (ToR) for the platform.

Summary of suggestions

PPHF team briefly stated the overall purpose of the meeting and facilitated the discussion. The key highlights from the discussion are as follows:

1. Advocate to increase actions for financing

There is a need to advocate for improved policies, strategies, and operating systems for improved financing for T1D children.

- a) Collectively work on developing a national plan with stakeholders including government for equitable coverage, outcomes and resource allocations for T1D children.
- b) Collective advocacy efforts are needed to influence government to lower the prices of essential treatment products like insulin and glucometer strips.
- c) Advocate for distribution of treatment products at free of cost to underprivileged children.

2. Roadmap for collaborative actions - Mobilize partnership

Establish active partnerships with governments (national and state), private sector, civil society, and development partners to leverage and commit the required resources to support the needs of T1D children.

- a) Create a multi-stakeholder platform of diverse organizations including governments, aid agencies, patient networks, alliances, coalitions, private corporations, public sector units, non-governmental development organizations, academia and individuals to foster collaboration and mobilize collective strengths.
- b) Work as a task force on key issues and sub-themes and deliver products/strategies (short, medium, and long-term) for the stakeholders.
- c) Develop a road map to collectively achieve the objectives of the task force.
- d) T1D children should be interviewed to gain a deep understanding of their real needs. The insights from the needs assessment will serve as the basis for developing a comprehensive roadmap.
- e) PPHF offered to be the secretariat of the working group and provide administrative and content support to working groups at the national and sub-national levels and facilitate services to members.
- f) A Draft ToR for the working group was discussed (Annexure I).

Next Steps

- a) Draft the Terms of Reference for the Task force and share with key stakeholders for their feedback.
- b) Call a meeting of the stakeholders to discuss the ToR and finalize a workplan.
- c) Selection of a core committee/steering committee for the core functions as per the workplan.
- d) Organize a workshop involving ministries, government officials, endocrinologists, T1D advocates, and patient-led organizations for meaningful discussions and working together on priority issues.
- e) Explore possibilities of mobilizing more CSR grants for supporting T1D children.
- f) PPHF can contribute to strategic and administrative planning and execution of Task Force activities on a periodic basis.

The meeting was adjourned with a note of appreciation for everyone's valuable contributions and participation. PPHF Team extended a vote of thanks to all the participants.

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