

Meeting Brief

Awareness and Education Action Group

DEESHA

[Diabetes (Type 1) Education and Empowerment Strategic Health Alliance]

Date: 16th November 2023, Thursday | **Time:** 08:00 – 09:00 pm | **Location:** Virtual Zoom meeting

People to People Health Foundation (PPHF), the secretariat of DEESHA- [Diabetes (Type 1) Education and Empowerment Strategic Health Alliance] convened the first meeting for the **Awareness and Education Action Group** on **Thursday, November 16, 2023**. The meeting agenda items were:

1. Discussion of workplan activities and drafting for Awareness and Education group
2. Establishing guiding principles for the group
3. Nominations of facilitator for Awareness and Education group
4. Membership for Action group on Awareness and Education

Summary of meeting discussions

The meeting commenced with a review of the agenda items from the last meeting. The key highlights from the discussion are as follows:

a) Introduction of Action Group members

The Secretariat coordinated with each member of the Awareness and Education action group and arranged a first virtual meeting.

b) Discussion on Workplan activities for the Awareness and Education Action group

During the meeting, a review of activities spanning short-term (0-6 months), medium-term (12-36 months), and long-term (3-5 years) were discussed. In addition, members also put forth additional activities (refer to Annexure-1).

Most of the members agreed to start a comprehensive knowledge management system, collating and categorizing materials, thereby, creating a virtual repository for Type 1 Diabetes children as one of the first tasks for the action group. Knowledge Management portal should be accessible to the stakeholders, government, researchers/education institutions, private sectors, patient support groups and development organizations. Identification of knowledge sources to be leveraged – communications materials, research papers, data sources, members initiatives, govt. policies/schemes and sector reports etc. Ensuring coordination and linkage

between activities (especially advocacy), influencing school curriculum and use of knowledge products for awareness and education for families, children and communities.

Additionally, the action group will work on drafting a **political manifesto**, focusing on advocating for policies that enhance awareness, better financial provision and support for children with Type 1 Diabetes.

The secretariat will contact the absent members and will gather their inputs on the workplan activities.

c) Nominations for Action Group

The secretariat will approach the group members to seek nominations for facilitator of the Awareness and Education group. Their role will involve coordinating technical and other advocacy work of the action group, as well as facilitating effective communication and collaboration among group members and with the secretariat. The group decided to invite more key stakeholders to be part of the Awareness and Education action group.

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

List of Participants

1. Prof. Avula Laxmaiah, Ex. National Institute of Nutrition (NIN)
2. Dr. Banshi Saboo, Diacare
3. Dr. Beena Bansal, Saksham Type-1 Diabetes Welfare Society
4. Dr. Jothydev Kesavadev, Jothydev's Diabetes and Research Centre
5. Ms. Kajal Hansda, Diabetes Awareness & You
6. Dr. Mahira Saiyed, Diabetes Care India
7. Dr. Ratna Devi, Dakshama Health
8. Dr. Shivani Sidana, AIIMS, Bathinda
9. Dr. Sirisha Kusuma Boddu, Rainbow Children's Hospital
10. Ms. Sirisha Mantha, Sweet Souls
11. Ms. Snehal Nandagawli, Blue Circle Diabetes Foundation

PPHF meeting facilitators and support team

Mr. Ajay Pal, Ms. Ifra Yusuf, Ms. Kritika Banerjee, Dr. Laxmikant Palo, Dr. Sona Deshmukh

Annexure-1

Workplan Activities for Awareness and Education Action Group

Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
S1. Draft a manifesto statement for political parties in India for better financial provision and program to support the T1D children and their families.	M1. Promote annual drive for HbA1c test.	L1. School support, teacher education.
S2. Develop knowledge products, publications, position papers, technical briefs and other resource material.	M2. Develop SOPs and guidelines.	L2. Implement T1D registry, EMR, National CME, consensus, recommendations, resources.
S3. Education campaigns and support.	M3. The group will have a mandate for influencing all relevant stakeholders in driving successful T1D outcomes.	L3. Influence policymakers for T1D care and advocacy (Ex: GST reduction, access, additional financing provisions).
S4. Raise awareness in schools.	M4. Provide opportunities for members to voice their concerns.	L4. Opportunities for establishing and improving legislations, policies and implementation practices.
S5. Publish Position Statement	M5. Improve Health Management Information System to have better epidemiological data on Type 1 DM for better programming.	L5. Facilitate design and maintenance of a KM portal and ensure effective capturing and sharing of knowledge with members.
S6. Conduct CMEs for healthcare professionals.	M6. Increase community awareness and access to related services.	L6. Develop public awareness
	M7. Conduct Pan India studies and research on the prevalence of T1D.	L7. Comprehensive T1D training, helpline, awareness.
	M8. Promote ISPAD LMIC T1D guidelines.	L8. Sub-groups can be set up for specific topics of urgent interest.
	M9. Advocate for collecting nationwide T1D data for assessing prevalence.	

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