

## Meeting Brief

### Supply Chain Action Group

#### DEESHA

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

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> December 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 **Supply Chain Action Group** on **Thursday, December 7, 2023**.

The meeting agenda items were:

1. Discussion of workplan activities and drafting for Supply Chain action group.
2. Establishing guiding principles for the group.
3. Nominations of facilitators for Supply Chain group.
4. Membership for Action group on Supply Chain.

#### Summary of meeting discussions

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

#### 1. Discussion on workplan activities for the Supply Chain Action group

During the meeting, the members discussed activities across various time frames- short-term (0-6 months), medium-term (12-36 months) and long-term (3-5 years). The members discussed the workplan activities (refer to Annexure-1) and suggested some additional activities (refer to S2 and S3 in Annexure-1).

Most members mentioned that further research is imperative to identify gaps and gain a more profound understanding of areas for improvement. Notably, within the diabetes treatment essentials, supply chain, affordability and inadequate and irregular availability within government setups emerged as significant challenges. In response to these challenges, members proposed to conduct a pilot study aimed at shedding light on the issues and the root causes.

As a next step, the action group will draft a political manifesto, advocating support for Type 1 children and building on the treatment essentials and deeper understanding of the supply chain. The objective is to enhance medication accessibility and establish robust support systems for children living with Type 1 Diabetes.

## **2. Nominations for facilitators Action Group**

The secretariat will approach the group members to seek nominations for facilitator and co-facilitator of the Supply Chain action 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.

## **3. Membership for Action group on Supply Chain**

The group decided to invite more key stakeholders to be a part of the Supply Chain action group. The group will coordinate with all members requesting them to nominate individuals to be a part of the 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. Dr Anil Kumar Vedwal, Yog Dhyan Foundation
2. Dr Anoop Khandelwal, Kspire Solutions LLP
3. Dr Gagandeep Kwatra, AIIMS – Bathinda
4. Mr. Niloy Kumar Sinha, Diabetes Awareness & You
5. Dr Suchy Chugh, Novo Nordisk

### **PPHF meeting facilitators and support team**

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

## Annexure- 1

### Workplan Activities for Supply Chain Action Group

Short Term (0-6 months)	Medium Term (12-36 months)	Long Term (3-5 years)
<p><b>S1.</b> Draft a manifesto statement for political parties in India for better financial provision and program to support the T1D children and their families.</p>	<p><b>M1.</b> Improve supply chain for sustainable access to Type 1 DM medicines and availability of diagnostics.</p>	<p><b>L1.</b> Influence policymakers for T1D care and advocacy (Ex: GST reduction, access, additional financing provisions).</p>
<p><b>S2.</b> A pilot study aimed at shedding light on the issues and pinpointing the root causes.</p>	<p><b>M2.</b> The group will have a mandate for influencing all relevant stakeholders in driving successful T1D outcomes.</p>	<p><b>L2.</b> Provide opportunities for members to voice their concerns.</p>
<p><b>S3.</b> Creation of a research-driven dataset for a more profound exploration of existing gaps.</p>	<p><b>M3.</b> Forge partnerships with pediatric healthcare providers to align supply chain processes with the clinical needs of children with Type 1 diabetes.</p>	<p><b>L3.</b> Advocate for insulin pump and CGMS for all.</p>
<p><b>S4.</b> Maintain an up-to-date inventory of diabetes supplies such as insulin, glucose monitoring devices, test strips, syringes, and related items.</p>		<p><b>L4.</b> Sub-groups can be set up for specific topics of urgent interest.</p>
<p><b>S5.</b> Advocacy for insulin and glucostrips access.</p>		
<p><b>S6.</b> Conduct training and education programs for supply chain staff to ensure they are well-informed about the requirements of diabetes supplies.</p>		

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