



Preventing Cervical Cancer (PINCC)
Interim Progress Report for Dining For Women
2013-2015 Grant, as of August 2015

1. Organizational Information

- a. Organization Name: Prevention International: No Cervical Cancer, or PINCC
DBA: Preventing Cervical Cancer
- b. Program Title: Education, Training, and Equipping Sustainable Sites for
Cervical Cancer Prevention in India
- c. Grant Amount: \$45,000
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2. Program Goals and Achievements

Original Grant: Provide community education, training for medical providers, and equipment to establish self-sustaining cervical cancer prevention programs in 3 sites in India.

- Provide community education by training of community health workers, and provision of tools for outreach and education (flipbooks).
- Educate, train and equip medical providers at sites in Hyderabad, Siliguri, and Bangalore to establish independent screening and treatment for cervical cancer prevention.

3. Interim Funding Changes

At this time, no other funding sources have been added to our India Campaigns.

4. Interim Program/ Organizational Changes:

Debra Fuller is PINCC's Interim Executive Director

5. Challenges in Implementation of Program

- Siliguri has been a challenge, as laboratory tests were not appropriately processed or reported. Conflicting reports of results, follow-up, and treatments were received. The site has since reported regular screening and treatment of women, and is arranging for LEEP and referrals with Dr. Chanda, the gynecologist trained by PINCC.



- PINCC realized that completing the Ethiopia registration to work in country was going to take some time and delay our travel. Remarkably, we are now being shepherded through by Yohannes Olana of the Gimbi Adventist Association in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. We are on track and now able to travel.

6. Revision of Original Objectives

- The original program included training a doctor residing in India to do interim training visits. We have discontinued that plan, because of the very different situations in the two sites currently under training, and the distance between them. The BIAC Hospital in Hyderabad has a gynecologist overseeing the training and outreach through their mobile clinic program who has been certified by us in VIA, cryotherapy, and LEEP. She will serve as the referral and ongoing training supervisor for their program. In Siliguri, Dr. Chanda, gynecologist, is supervising the screening and treatment of women by the Sumita Cancer Society program.
- A third site for training will occur in the Oromia Region of Ethiopia, with Gimbie Adventist Hospital (GAH) and Begi Government Hospital. Additionally, physicians will come from the Gimbie Government Hospital for training with PINCC. Our training begins in November 2015.

7. Progress towards achievement of our objectives

We have completed training at Puttaparthi's mobile clinic system, and they are screening and treating over 1,000 women every year, continuing to train new volunteer gynecologists to serve the 12 nodal village centers and their network of smaller ones. In Mysore, both Prerana Sahaya Clinic and the JSS Hospital, continue to provide screening and treatment services, taking mobile camps out to rural areas and doing LEEP at the hospital when needed.

We have completed training with the Basavatarakam Indo American Cancer Hospital & Research Institute (BIACHI), in Hyderabad. It has a large staff including several gynecologists, and wanted us to develop a VIA screening program with its nurses who staff a mobile clinic for the region, to reach many of the rural and poor villages. They proved to be excellent partners. We started training in November 2013, and made 2 more visits in March and October 2014. We certified 2 gynecologists in VIA/cryotherapy and LEEP procedures, and 6 nurses in VIA, and donated LEEP and cryotherapy instruments. They are visiting the outlying villages every 2 months, screening between 1,000-1,500 women per year there as well as those in Hyderabad. We are discussing possible expansion of this program with their head gynecologist and another NGO for 2016.



Siliguri, in the West Bengal region, was more problematic. We trained 8 nurses and a gynecologist in VIA, cryotherapy, and the doctor in LEEP. The loose organization of the project under a cancer prevention association, with a gynecologist who refers severe cases to his private practice, working out of many tea plantation clinics with irregular schedules, made follow-up difficult. There were problems with getting lab testing sent, patients informed, and treatment offered. After 3 visits, the agency was still asking for PINCC to return to do the treatments. We have counseled them regarding the needed structural improvements, and are keeping in contact in hopes that we can finally certify the site when organization is up to standard. Our most recent report from the Sumita Cancer Society assures us that they are performing VIA and cryotherapy, and arranging for LEEP by the gynecologist.

8. Completion of Project within Grant Timeframe

PINCC will add a third regional site in the state of Oromia, Ethiopia, to begin in November 2015. This site will need 2 further visits in 2016 to complete training of the hospitals, additional clinicians from outlying hospitals/clinics and health workers. The program objectives are on track to be achieved in 2016 with the certification of 2 hospitals, expanded training for clinicians from a neighboring hospital, and outreach education for health works.

Additional Information

A. Picture: India – Health educator



B. Message: *Hundreds of women die of cervical cancer every day and it is completely preventable. With Dining for Women's support, Preventing Cervical Cancer (PINCC) brings sustainable prevention to women internationally in under resourced areas. Women's lives are saved. PINCC's programs train clinicians in VIA, see and treat, for cervical cancer and teach health works who educate the women in their communitities. Thank you DFW!*

C. Expenses/Budget included in attachment.

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