

# Changing the Course of Chronic Disease with mDiabetes in India

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Arogya in Sanskrit means good health. More literally to live a life without disease. Chronic non-communicable diseases called NCDs, include heart diseases, cancer, diabetes and chronic lung diseases

## The Problem

- Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD\*s) among top health and development challenges of the century
  - > 2 out of 3 deaths in the world, 80% in developing countries

#### > Alarming Disease Burden in India

- >20% of population one NCD; >10% more than one; 50% die from NCDs
- 65 million live with diabetes. Diabetes kills 1 million Indians/yr (IDF)
- > 30% have high BP
- Indians get diabetes 10 years earlier
- Half of India < 25 years = alarming public health crisis in 20 yrs</p>

#### Devastating Economic Impact

- The World Economic Forum cumulative economic output loss due to NCDs (with mental health) over 20 yrs is a staggering \$47 trillion.
- International Diabetes Federation 25% of a poor Indian family's income is spent on care for one person with diabetes.
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  - ≥ 25% women spend 25% of household income on NCDs,
  - Shockingly, 7% spend 50% of household income on NCDs.
- \*NCDs = heart disease, diabetes, cancer, chronic lung diseases

## Strong Scientific Rationale for Our Work

#### Compelling Clinical Proof Exists that NCDs Can Be Prevented

- WHO: a healthy diet, exercise and avoiding tobacco can prevent 80% of premature heart disease, 80% type II diabetes and 40% of cancers
- Landmark Clinical Trial Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP)
- 3,234 high-risk adults in the US. 30 min physical activity/ day + low-fat diet reduced chance of getting diabetes by 58%, (metformin: 31%) NEJM Feb 7, 2002
- The Lancet (2009) ...diabetes prevention with lifestyle changes sustained 10 yrs

## **Our Solution – Global and Local**

#### **Engage Leaders, Rally The World, Change Policy**

- Engage with Member States: 10,000 Women NCD Impact Global Survey
- Mobilize world / business leaders, policy makers and the general public on prevention
- Op-ed, blog, social media



#### **On the Ground Prevention Programs**

- > Multipronged approach in India schools, workplaces and mHealth.
- > Engage the individual. Bring about behavior change known to prevent diabetes
- > Measurable, scalable impact.
- > Chronic Disease Prevention Model for the Developing World



- Focus on NCD education and prevention
- Create compelling, science-based, scalable programs
- Monitor impact on a continuous basis
- Partner with others to yield effective solutions

## **Our Partners and Sponsors**





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mHealth2.0 CIGNA Foundation



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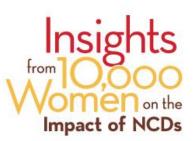


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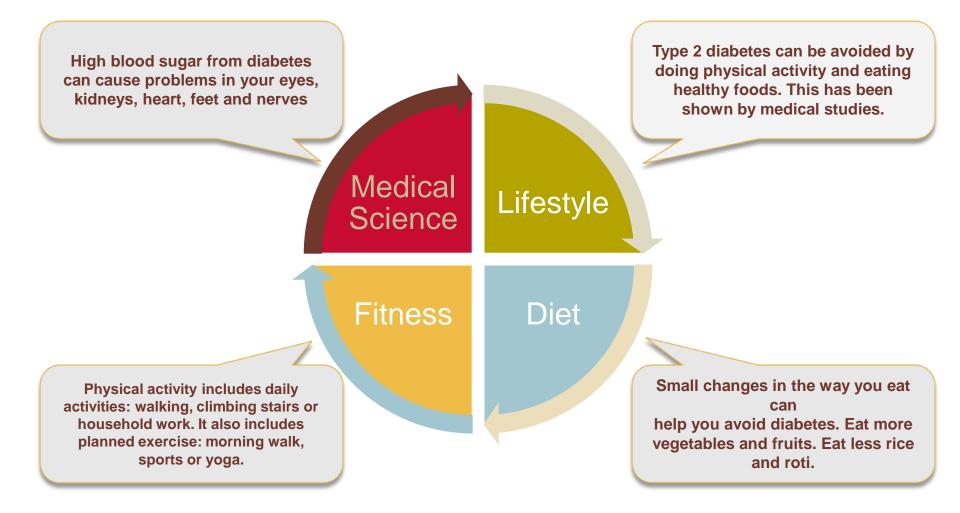
A groundbreaking one-million-person diabetes awareness and prevention mHealth program in India. A Completed 2011 CGI Commitment to Action.





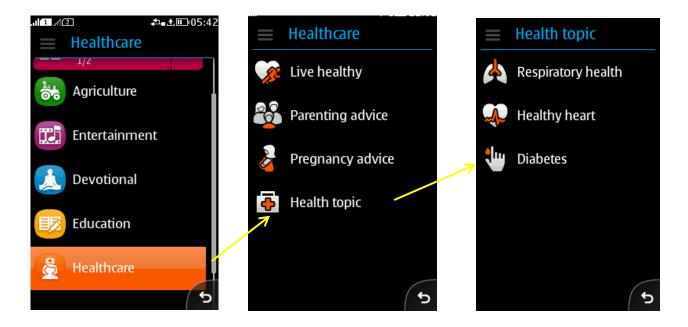
#### **Behavior Change Task Force**

#### mDiabetes: Content



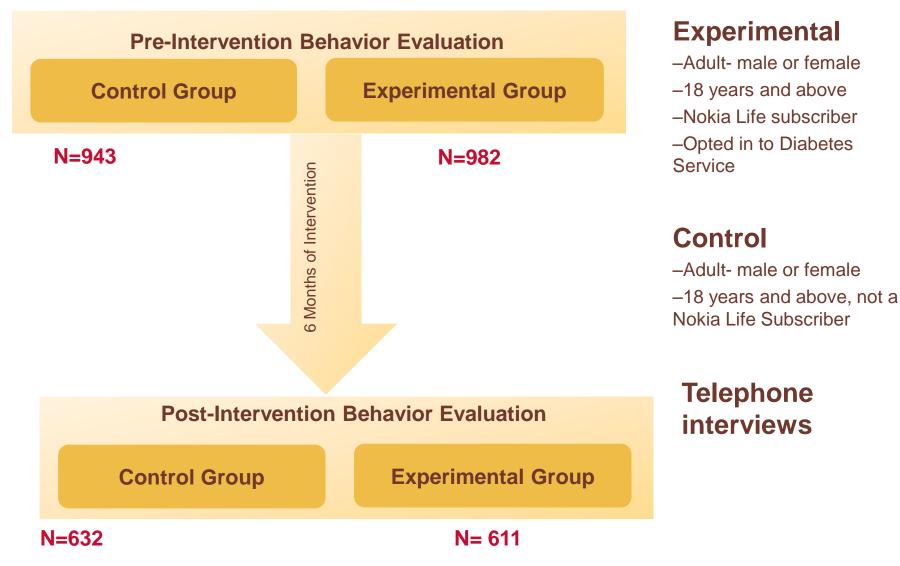
# How Were the Messages Sent to Consumers?

Nokia Life provides users with a simple browsing interface on their mobile to explore the application and subscribe to the service



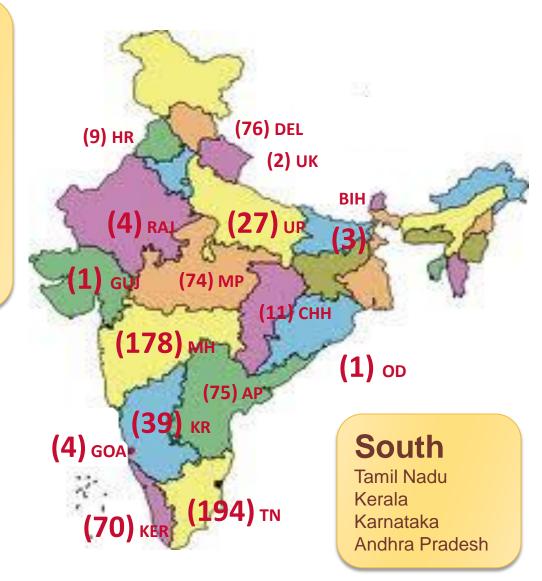
- User navigates the application through a simple graphic menu.
- Graphics on these class of devices are an industry first
- Service is available in 11 Indian languages + English

## Effectiveness Evaluation – Methodology

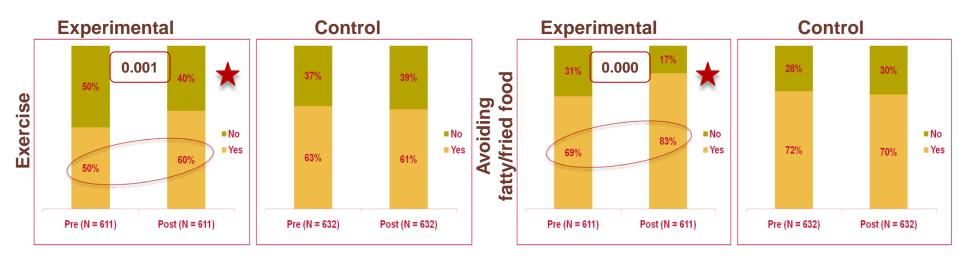


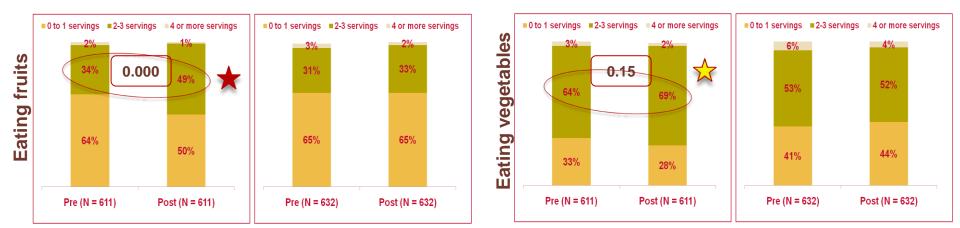
## Consumer Responses Collected From All of India (2012)

North Delhi Haryana Uttar Pradesh Bihar Rajasthan Gujarat Madhya Pradesh Chhattisgarh Maharashtra Odisha Goa



## Key mDiabetes Effectiveness Data

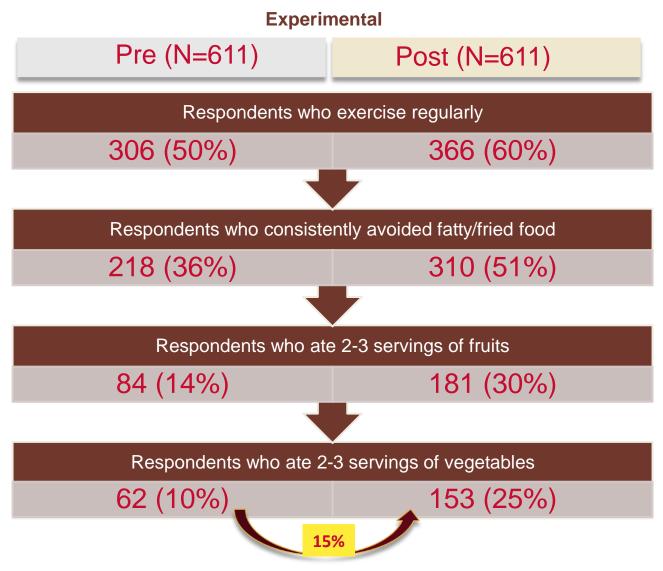




Statistically significant at 95% confidence; 🔀 Statistically significant at 80% confidence;

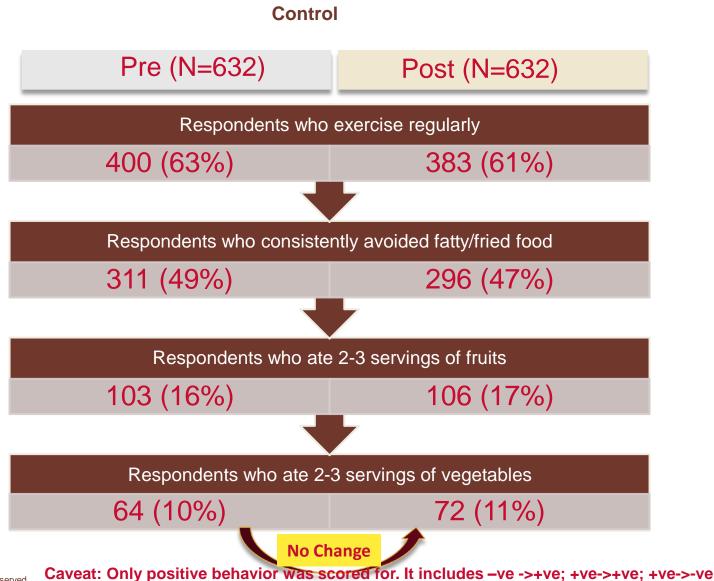
p-value

### Considerable Impact:15% show Multiple Healthy Behaviors



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## Little or no Change seen in Controls



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# mDiabetes video shown at plenary session CGI Annual Meeting Sep 2013

**Recognition:** 

- •Finalist for 2014 Drucker Award
- Won 2013 mBillionth Award
- Finalist 2013 Vodafone Mobile4Good
- •Finalist 2012 Meffys

## mHealth2.0

#### > mDiabetes = mHealth1.0. Population-level program.

- effective, scalable
- Estimated to have helped 150,000 Indians lead healthier lives (2012-2013)

#### Expand to mHealth2.0 (funding obtained)

- heart disease/stroke, kidney disease awareness + prevention
- Effectiveness in RCT in Healthy Workplaces
- Measure Behavior Change + Blood/Urine biochemical markers

### Build diabetes prevention mobile 'app' targeting Indians

- MDiabetes, mHealth2.0, mCessation (for smoking cessation),
- nutritional guide to Indian foods, food /activity tracker, risk score

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