#### SEVAK PROJECT: GUJARAT, INDIA & GUYANA

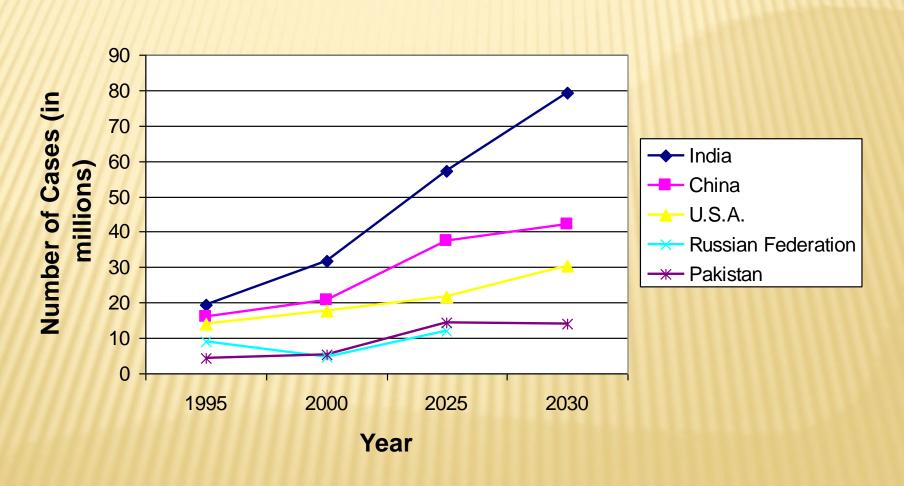


## Sevak Project: A Model for Access to Care in Rural India & Guyana

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# Global Trends in Incidence of Diabetes Mellitus



# DIABETES PROJECTS ON INDIANS IN INDIA AND INDIAN AMERICANS IN THE UNITED STATES

- Diabetes among Indian Americans (DIA Study)
- Diabetes Prevention and Management Projects in India
  - + (a) DPM in South India by Trained trainers & Peer Educators.
  - + (c) Diabetes and Nutrition Intervention in North India
- Chronic Disease Management Project in Gujarat (Sevak Project).

#### PREVALENCE OF DIABETES

<b>/////////////////////////////////////</b>	Fasting Blood Glucose Levels			A1c Levels				
US Sites (n=1038)	Number of cases	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	<8.0	≥8.0	
Self-reported diagnosed T2DM cases	145	137.03	42.73	6.84	1.30	84.4%	15.6%	
Undiagnosed cases	36	156.03	35.58	7.28	1.35	80.6%	19.4%	
Prevalence of diabetes = 17.44%; prevalence of prediabetes = number of cases (342) = 32.9%								
Urban India (n = 508)	Number of cases	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	<8.0	≥8.0	
Self-reported diagnosed T2DM cases	57	134.10	47.68	6.85	1.22	79.4%	20.6%	
Undiagnosed cases	12	152.17	43.52	7.11	0.69	83.4%	16.6%	
Prevalence of diabetes = 13.6%; prevalence of prediabetes = 23.4%								
Rural India (n = 598)	Number of cases	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	<8.0	≥8.0	
Self-reported diagnosed T2DM cases	36	174.3	79.15	7.70	1.11	47.5	52.5	
Undiagnosed cases	12	184.0	68.19	7.90	0.99	50.0	50.0	
Prevalence of diabetes = 8.4%; prevalence of prediabetes = 12.5%								

# OUTCOMES OF DIABETES AND CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

- Reduced chronic disease risk factors (diabetes, hypertension, obesity)
- Improved health behaviors
- Highlighted the success of community-based programs
- Improved outcomes among vulnerable populations.

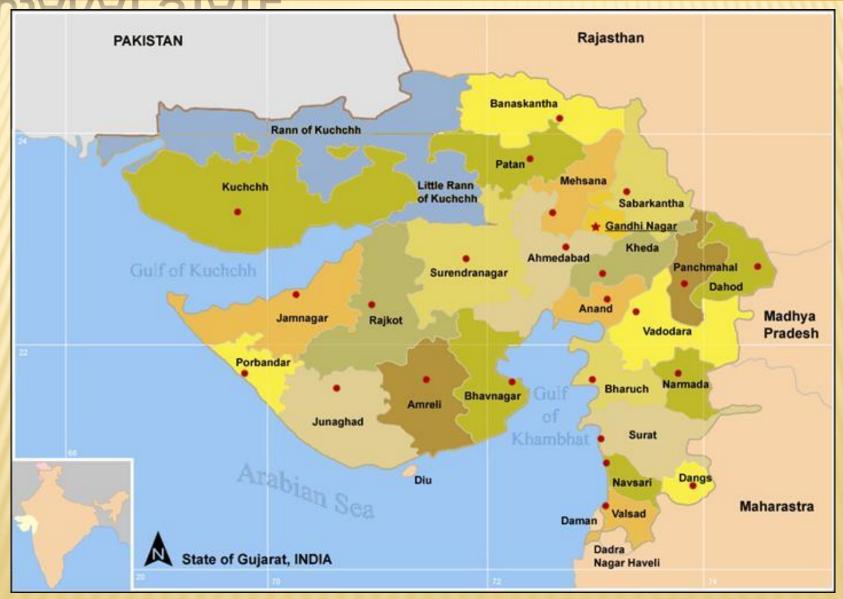
#### PURPOSE OF SEVAK PROJECT

- Sevak Project was created:
  - + To screen villagers for diabetes, hypertension, obesity and other chronic disease;
  - + To provide lifestyle modification, sanitation, water purification and healthy environment education to prevent diseases and other ailments that can take away the livelihood of the farmers and laborers.

- Sevak Project is based on the U.S.Navy model of Independent Duty Corpsman
- A village per district (26) was selected from the state of Gujarat
  - + The average population of the village was about 1500-2500
  - + Sevaks were identified with average education of 12<sup>th</sup> grade and above

- For the project, Gujarat was divided into 4 regions and a coordinator with graduate level education was appointed for each one
- Sevaks' occupation was farmer, college student, or unemployed. They had to live in the village to participate in the project
- They were brought to Vadodara, provided with lodging, boarding and other support

#### **GUJARAT STATE**



- Government Medical College, Vadodara provided faculty for teaching
- Yoga and English classes daily each for one hour
- \* Afternoon, clinical lectures and practical
- One week in Ahmedabad for environment, sanitation and leadership education

- Graduation after 10 weeks with competency tests in health education, glucometers, BP and training the trainer.
- The Chancellor of M.S.University was the keynote speaker
- The project has been approved by the Chief Minister of Gujarat, Mr. Modi

- The sevaks are in their respective villages doing screening for diabetes and hypertension along with recording other health care problems
- They are required to educate the village folks about the merit of having house toilets and smokeless stoves ventilated to the outside

- \* The coordinators meet in Vadodara quarterly and are required to visit all the villages in their region once a month
- Sevaks meet in Vadodara once a year and brainstorm ideas and lessons learned. They also get refresher training in medicine
- Video teleconferencing and education of the villages is being looked at, but will require additional funding

- This was a three year pilot project:
  - To demonstrate that preventive model works in keeping farmers at work without illness;
  - To identify those with diabetes and hypertension and get them treatment to prevent complications
- Such a model has not been tried as a system
- \* The project is very successful and is now being continued indefintely, it can be applied in any developing country—as it is being done in Guyana now

#### DR. T.G.PATEL WITH J & J REPRESENTATIVES



#### SEVAKS IN A REFRESHER CLASS







#### SEVAK CONVENTION DEC 2011



#### GUEST LECTURER



#### FACULTY FROM THE MEDICAL COLLEGE



#### WITH THE MEDICAL SCHOOL DEAN & STAFF



#### INSULIN COOLER



### COOKING STOVE IN THE HOUSE



#### SMOKELESS STOVE



#### SEVAKS LEARN TO MAKE SMOKELESS STOVE



#### **ANEMIA CHART**





#### SEVAKS PRACTICING WITH GLUCOMETERS



#### SEVAK VISITING PATIENTS IN KUTCH



#### SEVAK COLLECTING DATA



#### SEVAK CONDUCTING AN EDUCATION CLASS





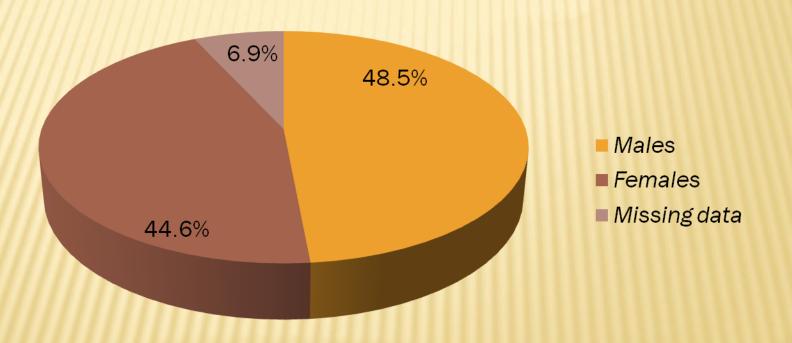


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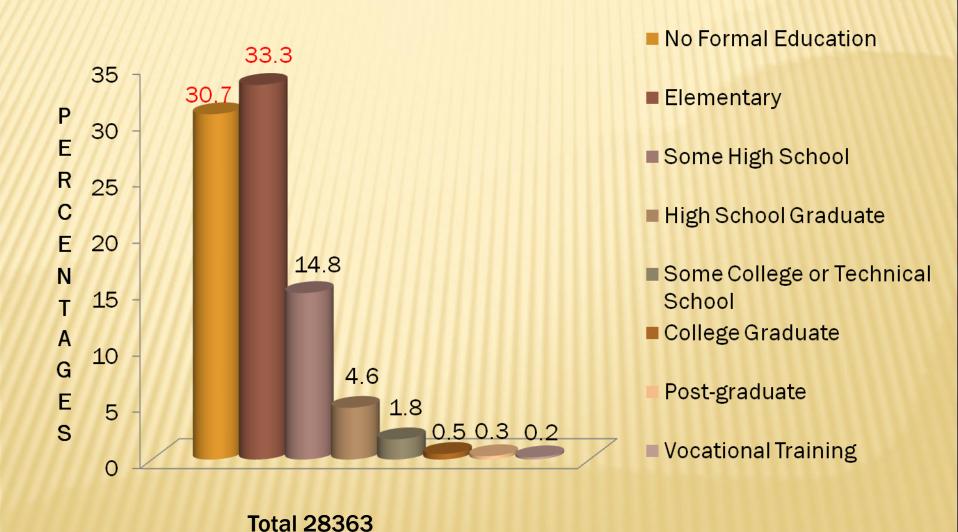
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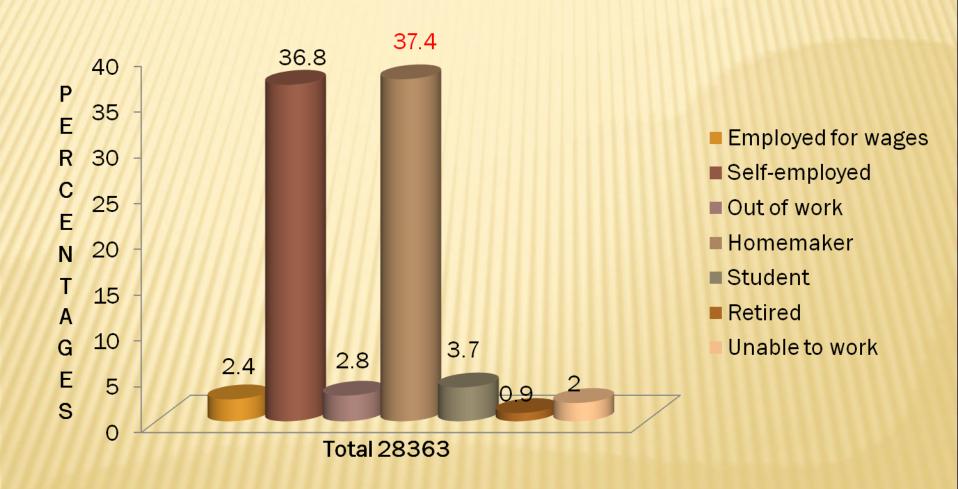
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#### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

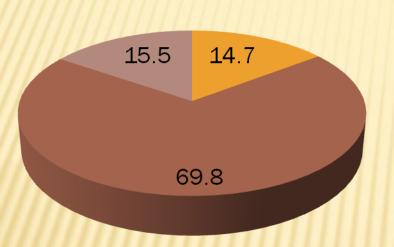


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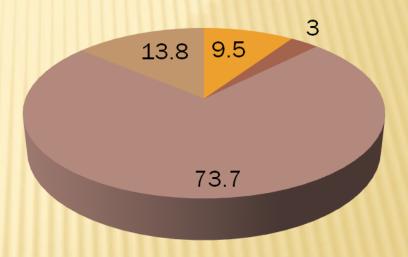
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Tobacco use (percentages)



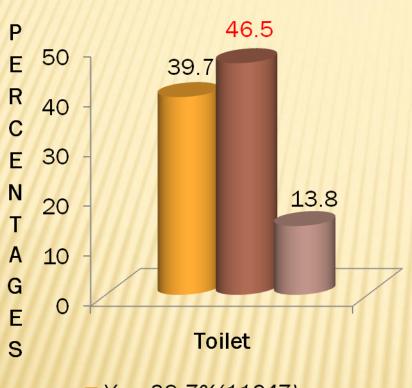
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- No-69.8%(19797)
- Missing data

Smoking (percentages)

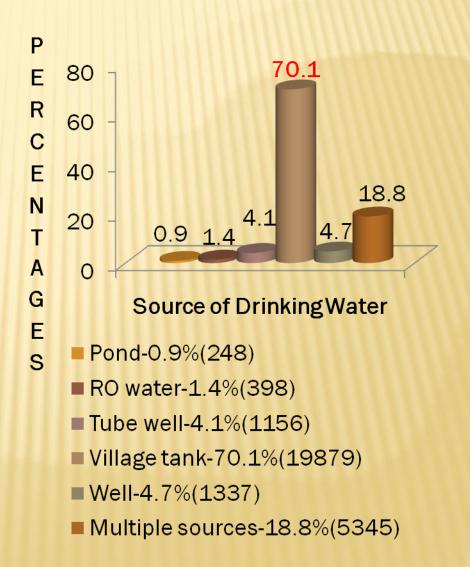


- Everyday-9.5%(2683)
- Somedays-3%(862)
- Not at all-73.7%(20895)
- Missing-13.8%(3923)

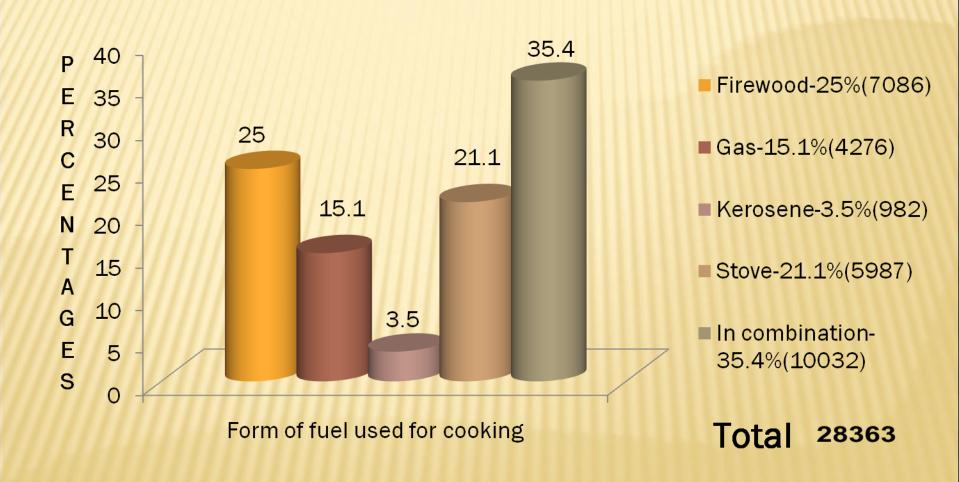
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- Yes-39.7%(11247)
- No- 46.5%(13190)
- Missing-13.8%(3926)



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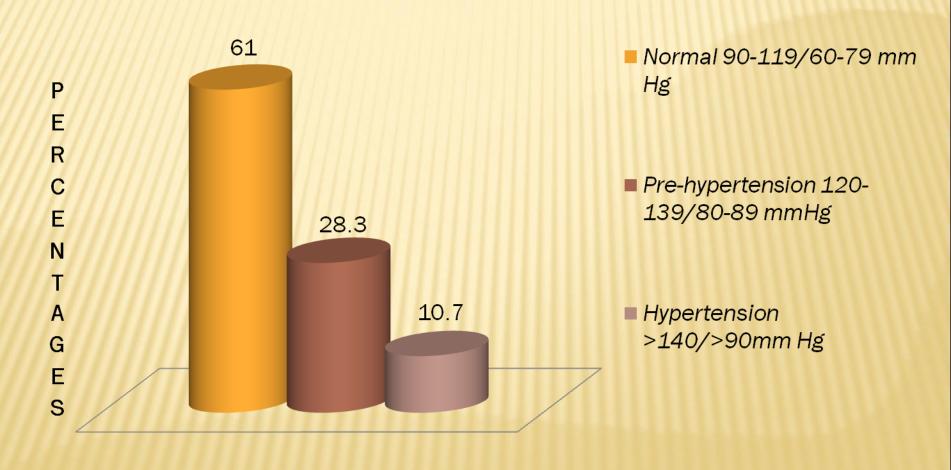


#### CHRONIC DISEASES- DIABETES



<35 Years: Pre-diabetes- (2%); Diabetes- (1.1%)
≥ 35 Years: Pre-diabetes-(8.5%); Diabetes-(5.6%)

#### CHRONIC DISEASES-HYPERTENSION



TOTAL 27716

## SEVAK ZARA PROJECT: GUYANA

#### SEVAK ZARA PROJECT GUYANA

- This project is sponsored by philanthropist Mr. George Subraj of New York
- It is similar to the Gujarat Sevak Project
- Training in anatomy and physiology undertaken by the local teacher who was provided the materials from the US. Clinical and practical training was given when I went to Guyana.
- Swami Aksharanand who runs the Saraswati Vidya Niketan (SVN) very supportive

### SEVAK ZARA (CONT)

- Six Sevaks volunteered from the Saraswati
   Vidya Niketan run by Swami Aksharanand--two
   teachers and four senior students.
- There is a critical need for such a project as people are poor and benefit immensely from such a project.
- 51% of the population is third generation Indian, 48% African descent, and rest are natives.

#### SEVAK ZARA (CONT)

- Dr. Rahul Jindal who started the transplant program in Guyana got me involved to start the Sevak Project.
- \* Mr. Subraj saw the potential of this project to reach a wider population and the long term benefits that could be had. He agreed to bear the entire cost. He has no house in Guyana but has love for the people and wants to give back.

#### WITH MR. GEORGE SUBRAJ IN FRONT OF SYN SCHOOL



# DR. JINDAL, DR.PATEL, AND MR. SUBRAJ WITH THE SEVAKS



### TEACHING TO DO BLOOD SUGAR CHECK



## SEVAKS LEARNING TO DO BP CHECKS



#### **GRADUATES WITH FAMILY AND STUDENTS**



#### SWAMI ADDRESSING THE GRADUATES



# PARMESHWARIE RECEIVING CERTIFICATE FROM SWAMIJI AND MR. SUBRAJ



## ROAD TO SEVAK AMIT'S HOUSE



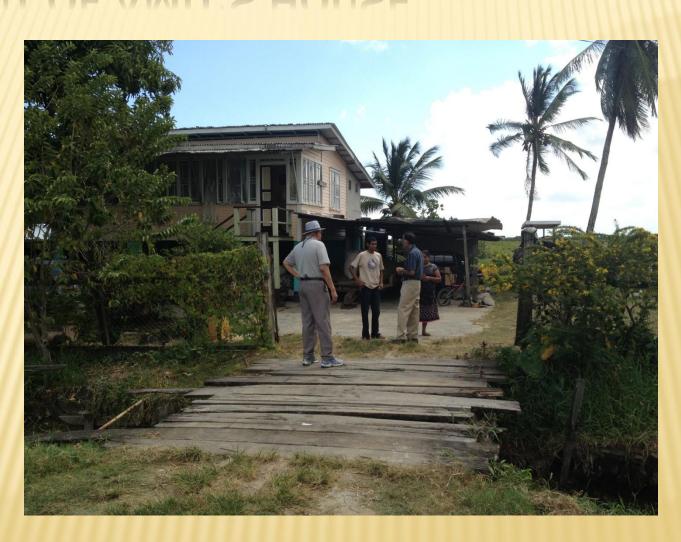
### AMIT WITH MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER



## AMIT DOING HIS FIRST SURVEY



## FRONT OF AMIT'S HOUSE



## NEHRU DOING HIS FIRST SURVEY



## CANAL ALONG THE ROAD



# PARMESHWAR IS A PART TIME PRIEST AT THIS TEMPLE



# SEVAK PARMESHWARIE WITH MOTHER AT HOME



## PARMESHWARIE'S HOUSE



# SEVAK RAJNIE WITH GRANDFATHER, GEORGE, A PATIENT. AND ME



### RAJNIE'S FAMILY



## RAJNIE'S NEIGHBORHOOD



### SEVAK ROOPA DOING HER FIRST SURVEY



## ONE OF THE TYPES OF TOILET USED IN GUYANA



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