

25,000 health facilities across India undergoing transformation to address climate issues

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The initiative has received initial funding of €48 million from the IKEA Foundation

In a significant step towards transforming the public health infrastructure for improved sustainability, SELCO Foundation and IKEA Foundation, in partnership with India's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and various State Health Missions, have launched a groundbreaking initiative 'Energy for Health'. The programme recognises climate adaptation and mitigation at the centre to all efforts to upgrade the public health facilities across the world.

The first-of-a-kind initiative will bring solar energy solutions with efficient medical and electrical equipment to 25,000 healthcare facilities in 12 states by 2026.

Across the 12 states under this programme, there is a diversity in terms of topography, socio-economic vulnerabilities, disease burden and climate. This diversity across selected geographies will contribute to this programme serving as a showcase globally- innovating on approaches, models and processes relevant for similar contexts in other parts of the world.

The initiative aims to reach over 170 million people across the 12 states and improve working conditions for over 160,000 front line health staff at these health facilities.