

## Abbott plans to upgrade 300+ Primary Health Centres by end of 2026 in India

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**To help address India's significant burden of non-communicable diseases**



Abbott in India, in collaboration with Americares India Foundation, has completed the upgradation of 216 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) to Health and Wellness Centres across 12 states since the programme started in 2022, reinforcing the company's commitment to advancing quality and affordable healthcare.

As a part of the scale-up, Abbott will upgrade more than 300 PHCs to Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) in India by 2026, potentially benefitting over 9 million people across 12 states. These include Maharashtra, Goa, Haryana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, and Jharkhand.

Ambati Venu, Vice President, Abbott India said, "Upgrading Primary Health Centers advances access to affordable healthcare services and infrastructure, and fosters proactive health-seeking behavior within communities, promoting early diagnosis and effective treatment. This is particularly crucial to help address India's significant burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Demonstrating the impact, we have seen positive outcomes with increased footfall for availing health services in these upgraded centres. This effort aligns with Abbott's goal of expanding access to quality care in India."

The 127 PHCs that were in the initial phase of upgradation are showing significant improvements in care infrastructure, service delivery capabilities, and community support for health services.