



a Fondation Botnar initiative Practice Agnostic Geography India

THE OPPORTUNITY

In order to build sustainable and healthy city ecosystems that cater to the unique needs of the growing adolescent population, global development organisations require local knowledge and expertise to design programs that are contextually appropriate and establish relationships with diverse stakeholders. Fondation Botnar, a Swiss philanthropic organization that focuses on young people's wellbeing in intermediary cities, sought a country partner in India with deep contextual knowledge and expertise in providing technical assistance for the Healthy Cities for Adolescents (HCA) program in the country.

OUR SOLUTION

Ennovent partnered with Foundation Botnar to assist with the co-design and launch of HCA in India. It conducted a rapid assessment study and selection exercise to identify the target cities in the states of Rajasthan and Odisha and anchored phase 1 of the program in India. This involved mapping adolescent needs and priorities, focus interventions, best practices, multi-sectoral partnership opportunities, and regulatory guidelines. It worked with diverse stakeholders to formulate the program strategy and focus areas, including local governance, life skills, and healthy environments. Ennovent supported the launch of two demonstrator projects in intermediary cities – Jaipur in Rajasthan and Bhubaneswar in Odisha.

THE BENEFITS

Ennovent's initial scoping and collaboration with implementing partners contextualised operations and supported consortium-building processes for Foundation Botnar by ensuring that the projects were fit for the context and adolescent-friendly. Its regular convening support also ensured that diverse program and thematic experts were brought together to share their learnings and co-create evidence for the program. Ennovent continues to advise Foundation Botnar's India strategy and the implementation of the second phase of the HCA program.