Cervical Cancer Project – Sri Lanka

Joint Project - Rotary Clubs of Birmingham and Colombo, Rotary District 3220, and Ministry of Health

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Vision
Eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem.

Mission
Decrease morbidity and mortality through facilitation of prevention, screening, early detection, and social awareness.
Prevention and Control

- Primary – HPV vaccination
- Secondary – screening, prevention, early detection
- Tertiary – management, detection and treatment on invasive cervical cancer
Initial Meeting of Team
HPV Vaccination Program

- Incorporated into National Immunization Program
- Successfully underway
- 10 year old cohort
  - 175,000 10 year old girls
  - 150,000 (80%) already vaccinated
- 10 year commitment
  - GAVI price $4.50
Screening Program

- Pap test – administered through ~1,000 well women clinics
- Committed to HPV testing as primary screening modality
Comprehensive Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control Plan

- HPV Vaccination Program
- Transition from Pap test to HPV, 35 and 45 year old cohort
- Establish 11 colposcopy units district wise
Rotary Support and Facilitation

- Screening at 35 and 45 years of age
- Assist

  Social mobilization, education, and awareness

  Development, implementation of culturally relevant strategies to reach women not responsive

  Self-testing

  Capacity building in mid-wives (behavior change among unscreened women and navigation)
Capacity building for colposcopy

Help mediate negotiation for HPV supplies

Purchase HPV testing and colpo equipment

Mobile units

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Monitoring and evaluation
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