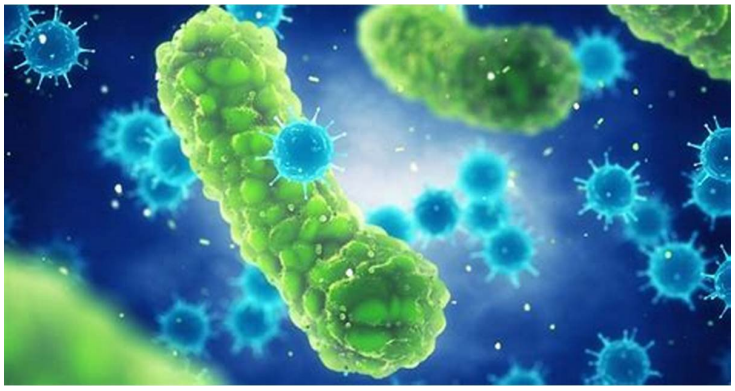
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Abbott and YRGCARE open outreach centres in India to curb spread of HIV and other infectious diseases

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Abbott and YRGCARE, a leading non-profit offering non-stigmatising, high-quality services to those with or at risk for HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus), have opened two new facilities dedicated to helping stop the spread of HIV.

The first facility, called “The Blue Shed,” is based in Delhi’s Yamuna Bazar, a hotspot for HIV transmission amongst its largely transient population. The new facility will offer testing, treatment and counselling, and other support services to provide holistic support for those who have or are at-risk for HIV and other known or emerging infectious diseases.

In Mizoram, YRGCARE recently opened an adolescent center in Aizawl to serve at-risk youth who are vulnerable to HIV and other sexually transmitted infections. In addition to testing through the support of the Abbott Pandemic Defense Coalition, the Center offers access to treatment and other healthcare services, counselling and mental health services and guidance programs. Over 1600 young people have enrolled and this number is increasing.

The initiative aims to transform the lives of over 2500 people in these cities over the next year by taking a holistic approach for those who have or are at-risk for HIV and other known or emerging infectious diseases.