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POLICY ON

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1.0 Title and Applicability

Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited ('Company') has developed its Corporate Social Responsibility Policy ('Policy') in accordance with section 135 of the Companies Act 2013 and the rules made there under.

2.0 CSR Vision Statement

Creating Wellness.

3.0 CSR Mission Statement

- Create a meaningful and lasting impact on the communities in remote areas by helping them transcend barriers of socio-economic development
- Extending Comprehensive Integrated Healthcare Services to the community
- Develop the skills of the youth through high quality education and research in healthcare services

4.0 CSR Objectives

- The Company will undertake social projects in designated communities and villages, in a focused manner, for maximum positive impact
- In consultation with the local community, the Company will design and effectively implement projects in areas such as healthcare, rural development, education and skills development
- Promote preventive healthcare to the most remote corners of the country
- Making quality healthcare accessible and affordable for all
- Develop and implement the education, healthcare, water and sanitation, infrastructure development and elderly care projects for sustainable socio-economic development of the rural areas
- Develop the skills of the youth by setting up educational institutions, improving infrastructure of the existing institutes, providing scholarships for deserving students and promoting research in the healthcare services sector

- Make contributions, enter into collaboration/ joint arrangements directly or through CSR implementing agency with public funded Universities, Indian Institute of Technology (IITs), prescribed National Laboratories and autonomous bodies engaged in conducting research in science, technology, engineering, and medicine aimed at promoting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and technology incubation and to undertake research activities in the field of artificial intelligence, medical science & technology, healthcare, drug development & novel therapeutics, innovation & invention, medical engineering, and promoting entrepreneurship in the field of healthcare & medicine.
- Undertake activities in preservation and protection of national heritage, art and culture, including restoration of buildings, sites of historical importance and works of Art; setting up public libraries; promotion and development of traditional arts and handicrafts.
- Undertake CSR programmes and/or projects on CSR focus areas which are eligible under Section 135 read with Schedule VII of the Act along with the CSR Rules, 2014 as amended from time to time and as may be approved by the CSR and/or ESG Committee.

5.0 Validity of CSR Policy

The Board may amend the CSR policy as may be required from time to time In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Policy and statutory requirements, law shall prevail over the requirements mentioned in this Policy

6.0 CSR Programme Areas

The Company will focus primarily on the following programmes:

A. Rural Development

The Company aims to create a meaningful and lasting impact on the communities in remote areas by helping them transcend barriers of socio-economic development.

A Model of Integrated Healthcare Service will be established to improve the health of communities through:

- Access to quality education for youth
- Educate and train ASHA workers, nurses, midwives, etc. in delivery of Comprehensive Healthcare
- Promotion of Research in Healthcare
- Promotion of healthy lifestyles
- Access to drinking Water
- Access to Sanitation
- Developing infrastructure facilities for socio-economic development
- Elderly care

The programme will bridge the gap by uniting the Governmental Efforts with the Industry and Peoples Participation.

B. Healthcare

The Company intends to touch a billion lives by reaching out to people from every walk of life to help them stay healthy. The objective is to promote wellness and not treatment.

In line with this, under its CSR focus the company will aim to promote preventive healthcare in the most remote corners of the country with the aim of making quality healthcare accessible & affordable for all. To do this the Company will:

- Promote preventive healthcare through awareness campaigns in rural as well as urban areas
- Conduct free screening and diagnostics camps as part of promotion of preventive healthcare
- Provide free treatment including emergency care, ambulance support, consultation, investigation and pharmacy at identified locations and camps for the benefit of marginalized and disadvantaged

- Committee of experts will accept, review and approve the applications for free treatment with predefined criteria. The selection criteria can include:
 - Below Poverty Line OR Antyodaya card holder
 - Patients under palliative care
 - Natural calamity affected citizen
 - Differently abled individuals
 - Patients needing emergency healthcare

C. Education and Skills Development

The Company will develop the skills of the youth through high quality Education in Paramedical and Allied Services and Research in Healthcare.

High quality Education in Paramedical and Allied Services will be provided by setting up educational institutions, improving infrastructure of the existing institutes and providing scholarships to the meritorious students from underprivileged and economically weaker communities.

D. Promote Research in Healthcare

The Company will promote Research and disseminate information on latest technology and trends in the Healthcare sector.

The Company directly and/ or through CSR implementing agency(ies) shall contribute, provide technical/ financial assistance, make investment or co-investment,

sharing of medical know-how, clinical data/ trial results, field trials, engage people of academic repute in the field of medical science & technology to undertake Research & Development (R&D) projects/ programmes, technology incubators falling within the CSR focus areas in compliance with the CSR Rules and other applicable laws, regulations in India, participate in governance or management of R&D projects/ programmes, technology incubators and such other activities that would diversify and intensify practices in conducting research and development in the areas or subjects specified in Schedule VII of the Act as amended from time to time.

E. Preservation and protection of National Heritage, Art and Culture:

The Company directly and/ or through CSR implementing agency(ies) shall contribute/ undertake CSR projects aimed at protection of national heritage, promotion of art and culture, including restoration of buildings, sites of historical importance and works of Art; setting up public libraries; promotion and development of traditional arts and handicrafts.

F. Any other programme or project in areas or subject specified in Schedule VII:

The Company may undertake such other activities in areas or subjects as specified in Schedule VII of the Act.

7.0 CSR Budget

- The Board of the Company shall ensure that the Company spends, in every financial year, at least 2% of the average net profit ("net profit" shall not include such sums as may be prescribed, and shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of section 198 of the Act made during the immediately three preceding financial years).
- Any surplus arising out of the CSR projects or programs or activities shall not form part of the business profit of the Company and will be ploughed back into the same project; or will be transferred to the 'Unspent CSR Account' and spent in pursuance of CSR policy and annual action plan of the Company; or will be transferred to a Fund specified in Schedule VII within a period of six months of the expiry of the financial year.
- The Company may collaborate or pool resources with group companies, other organizations or companies to undertake CSR activities in such a manner that the respective companies are in a position to report separately on such projects or programs in accordance with the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014, as may be amended from time to time.
- The Company shall ensure that administrative overheads shall not exceed 5% of total CSR expenditure of the Company for the financial year.

- Any amount spent in excess of the requirement provided under Section 135(5) of the Act, may be set-off against the requirement to spend in the immediate succeeding three financial years' subject to the conditions as prescribed under the Act.
- If for any reason, the amount allocated for spending as per the Annual Action Plan remain unspent, then the same shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

8.0 CSR Implementation

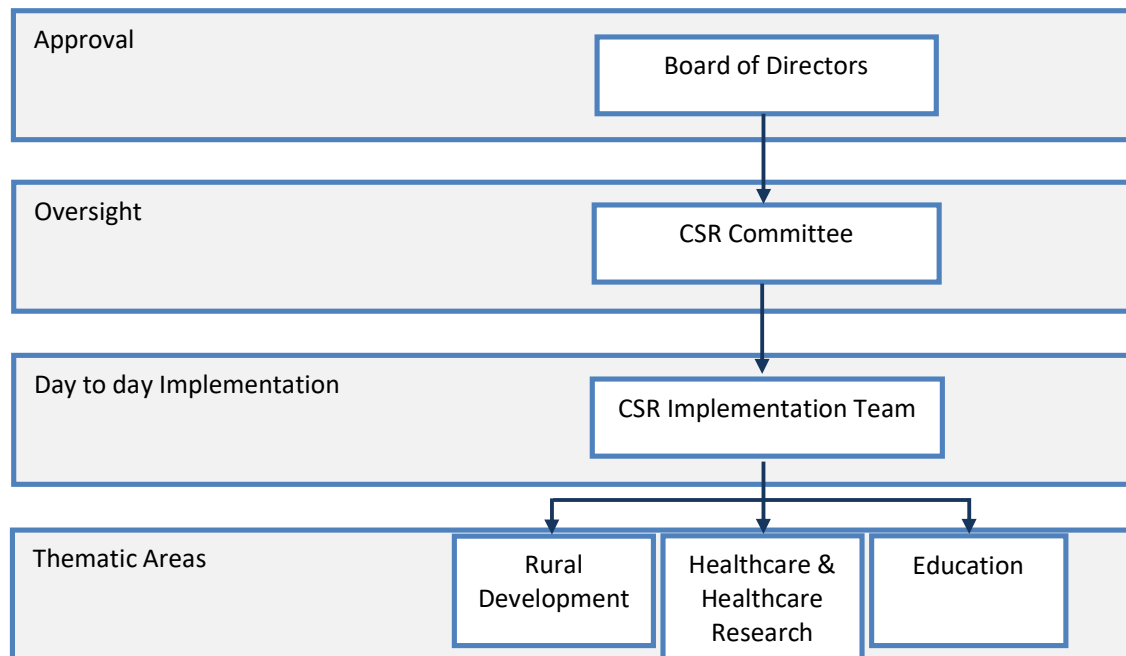
- The CSR projects will be implemented in a time-bound manner with clear objectives, plan, targets and robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.
- The time period/duration over which a particular programme will be spread will depend on its nature, extent of coverage the intended impact of the program and as per the conditions mentioned in the CSR Rules. Any multi-year project undertaken by the Company in fulfilment of its CSR obligation having timelines not exceeding three years excluding the financial year in which it was commenced, including such project that were initially not approved as a multi-year project but whose duration has been extended beyond one year by the board based on reasonable justification, will be referred to as 'Ongoing Projects'.
- The Company's ongoing CSR projects will be aligned to the Policy. This Policy builds on the learnings and good practices of the CSR projects initiated by the Company.
- The Company will enter into partnerships with the government, not for profit organizations, business partners and communities to create multiplier effect of its social projects.
- The Company has set up dedicated teams for implementation of CSR projects. The mode of implementation will include a combination of direct implementation and implementation through trust/foundation/society set up by the Company and partners such as Foundations, Registered Societies, Trusts, etc. The Company will select its partners after appropriate due diligence.
- The Company, through its CSR Committee, shall formulate an annual action plan consisting of list of CSR projects or programmes that are approved to be undertaken in the areas or subjects specified in Schedule VII of the Act; manner of execution of projects; modalities of utilization of funds and implementation schedules for projects; monitoring and reporting mechanism for the projects; and details of need and impact assessment, if any, for the projects to be undertaken

- The Company will use services of expert agencies, consultancy firms etc. wherever required for carrying out baseline surveys, guidance on project design and implementation, third-party monitoring and evaluations, impact assessment surveys etc.
- The teams responsible for implementing various CSR projects are mentioned in the section on the Governance Structure of the Policy.
- The heads of the respective teams managing CSR projects will be authorised to sign Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)/Agreements with the implementing partners after taking required approvals.

9.0 Impact Assessment

Impact assessment shall be undertaken by the Company or by the recipient or by the implementing agency as required by and in the manner set out under Applicable Law, and the impact assessment report(s) shall be placed before the CSR Committee and the Board, and shall be disclosed as legally required.

10.0 CSR Governance Structure



10.1 Roles and responsibilities

A. The Board

The Board of Directors of the Company will be responsible for:

- Approval of the CSR Policy of the Company

- Disclosing the content of the Policy in its report and place the Policy on the Company's website in such a manner as prescribed under Section 135 of the Companies Act 2013 read with the CSR Rules
- Ensuring that the social projects included in the Policy are undertaken by the Company
- Ensuring that the Company spends, in every financial year, at least 2% of the average net profits of the Company made during the three immediately preceding financial years in pursuance of the Policy
- Ensuring that the Company gives preference to the local areas around its operations for spending the amount earmarked for CSR projects.
- Monitor the implementation of ongoing project with reference to the approved timelines and year-wise allocation and make modifications, if any, for smooth implementation of the project within the overall permissible time period.
- Satisfy itself that the funds disbursed have been utilized for the purposes and in the manner as approved by it and the Chief Financial Officer or the person authorised by the Board shall certify to the effect
- Ensuring that any surplus arising out of the CSR activities; any excess amount spend on the CSR activities; and any amount remaining unspent on the CSR activities are treated as per the modalities prescribed under Section 135 of the Act read with CSR Rules.
- Ensuring that the reasons for failure to spend the CSR amount is specified in the Board's report.

B. CSR Committee

- **Composition of the the CSR committee:**

The CSR Committee shall be comprised in accordance with the requirements of Applicable Law. The details of the composition of the CSR Committee approved by the Board shall be hosted on the Company's website at www.apollohospitals.com

The Board shall have the power to make any change(s) in the constitution of the Committee.

▪ **Responsibility of the CSR Committee:**

- Formulate and recommend the CSR Policy to the Board for approval. The Committee shall indicate the projects to be undertaken by the Company as specified in Schedule VII
- Monitor the implementation of the Policy from time to time and recommend changes to the Board
- Recommend the amount of expenditure to be incurred on CSR projects.
- Undertake to conduct impact assessment through an independent agency, if required under the Act, for CSR projects having outlays of one crore rupees or more and which have been completed not less than one year before undertaking the impact study, and place such report before the CSR Committee
- Institute a transparent monitoring mechanism for ensuring implementation of the social projects undertaken by the Company

C. CSR Coordinating Team

▪ **Responsibility of the CSR Implementation Team**

- Act as a central coordinating point for the delivery of CSR activities
- Coordinate with the implementing departments for project design and implementation of CSR programmes in compliance with section 135 of the Companies Act and the CSR Rules
- Plan annual budgets for CSR projects in coordination with the implementing departments and make a proposal to the CSR Committee
- Identify and manage partners to implement programs as required
- Report to the CSR Committee the progress on CSR projects and status of CSR expenditure once in each quarter
- Documentation and reporting of all CSR activities of the Company in pursuit of the Companies Act and the CSR Rules
- Any other activities that may be required to effectively deliver the CSR programs of the Company

11.0 Monitoring and Reporting Framework

Project monitoring

The Company will institute a well-defined monitoring and evaluation mechanism to ensure that each social project has:

- Clear objectives developed out of the societal needs that are determined through baseline studies and research
- Clear targets, timelines and measurable parameters wherever possible
- A progress monitoring and reporting framework that is aligned with the requirements of Section 135 of the Companies Act and the CSR Rules

The CSR progress monitoring authorities and the frequency of review is given below

Sr. No.	CSR Progress Review and Monitoring Authority	Frequency of review
1	Board of Directors	Half Yearly
2	CSR Committee	Half Yearly

Budget monitoring

The Company will establish an accounting system to ensure project wise accounting of CSR spends

Reporting framework

The Company will monitor progress on CSR projects and CSR spends and report to the CSR Committee half yearly.

The Company will report CSR performance in its annual report as per the structure and format prescribed in the notified CSR Rules.