Digital technologies and access to healthcare in India NPOs respond to Covid-19

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A few words about Cisco and CSR

Inclusive cultures, technologies and economies

Worldwide

\$ 51.7 B (FY19 Revenue) Networking company

World #7

Most Sustainable Companies in America

BARRON'S

\$100 K Grand Prize

Global Problem Solver Challenge

83% of energy from renewable sources

49% drop in Scope 1/2 greenhouse gas emission

Cisco NetAcad

World's largest and longest running CSR edu program

Cisco CSR Approach in India

3 areas of focus

Education **Economic Empowerment** Critical Human Needs

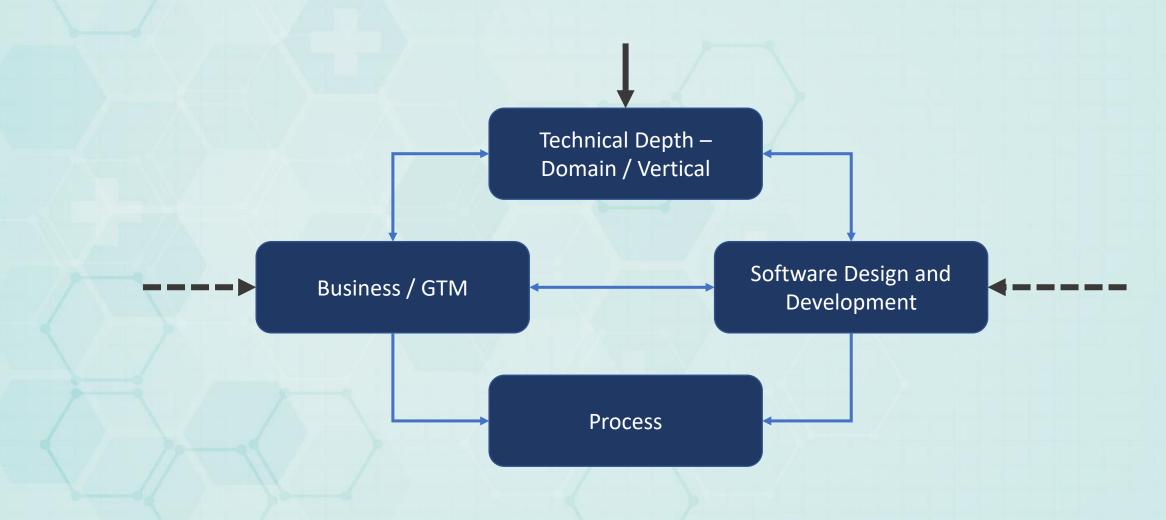
Positively impact 50K lives by 2025

Cohort non-profit program

Partnership with Nudge Center for Social Innovation

Source: Cisco CSR Report 2019

The Four Possible Dimensions ...



Examples of scale ...

Aravind Eye Hospitals

450,000 eye surgeries per year

Goonj

Works in 22 states

Akshaya Patra

World's largest mid-day meal scheme

HoneyBee Network

Documenting innovations in rural India

The Third Sector

NPOs/NGOs fulfill yawning gaps, but fragmentation is an issue

~3.3 M

of NGOs

~4 NGOs

For every 1000 people (URBAN)

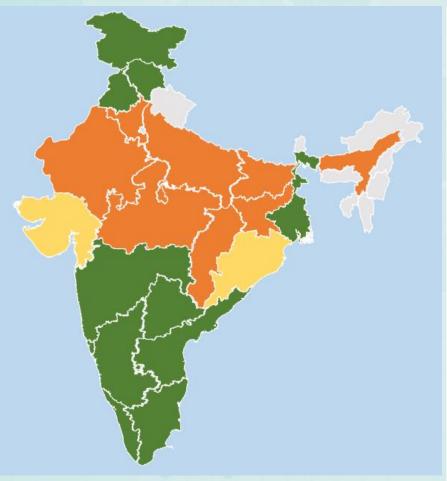
~2 NGOs

For every 1000 people (RURAL)

Source: https://www.downtoearth.org.in/coverage/rise-of-third-sector-33712

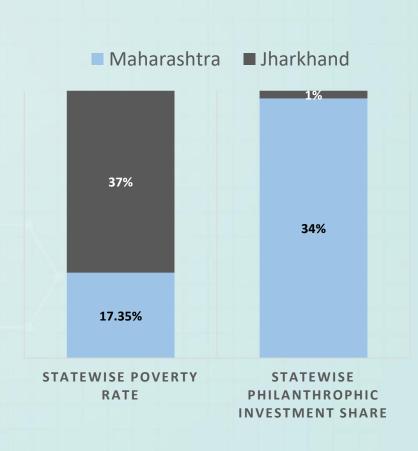
A Tale of Two Countries?

Fertility Rates of Major Indian States





Philanthropic Spending



Source: Bain and Company – India Philanthropy Report 2020

Problems of Healthcare in India

How Technology can bridge the gap

Issues

Outcome

Technology Intervention

Lack of Time / Access

Optimize time / Ease of use

UX, App Design, Vernacular support

Limited / Non-existent Data

Improve speed of diagnosis

Analytics

Local Manufacturing

Reduce cost; improve affordability

Medical devices; Digital twin

Poor Infrastructure

Reduce burden on existing systems

Home-care / Telehealth

Lack of Interoperability

Reduce "friction" in the process

APIs

Inadequate Security

Increase trust

Segmentation / Zero Trust

Limited Bandwidth (i.e. Rural)

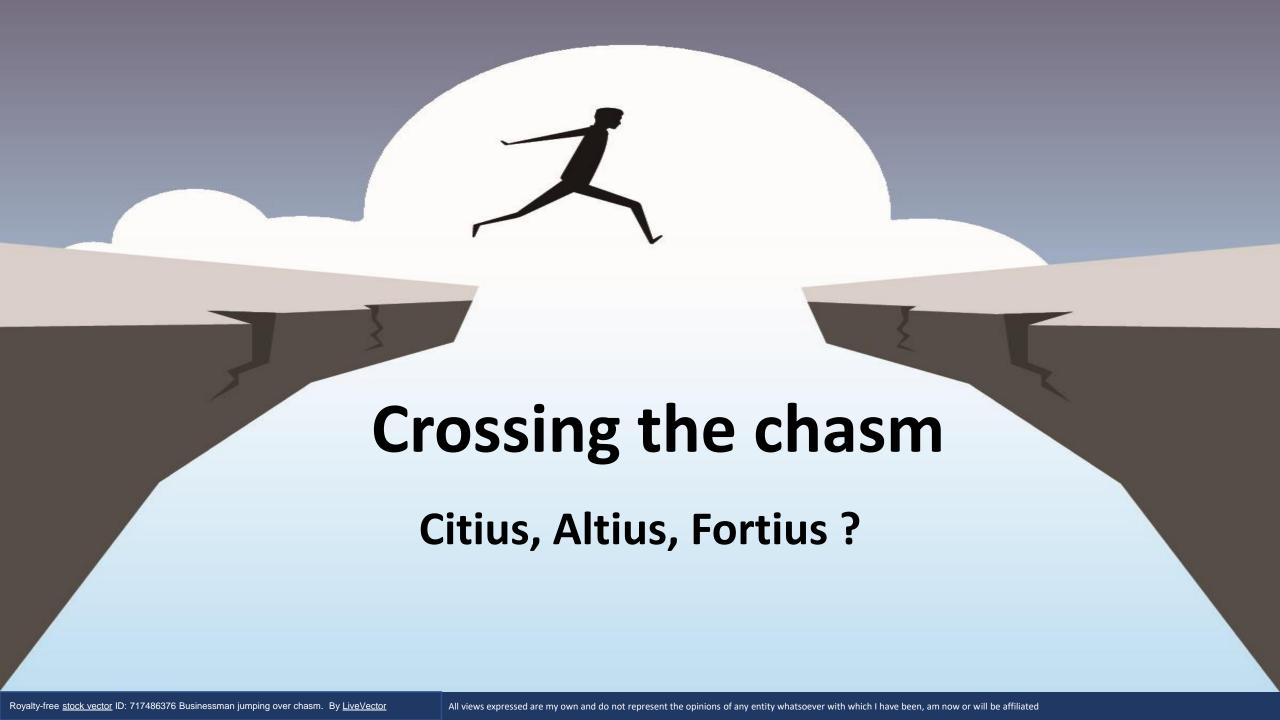
Speed of Access

3G / 4G

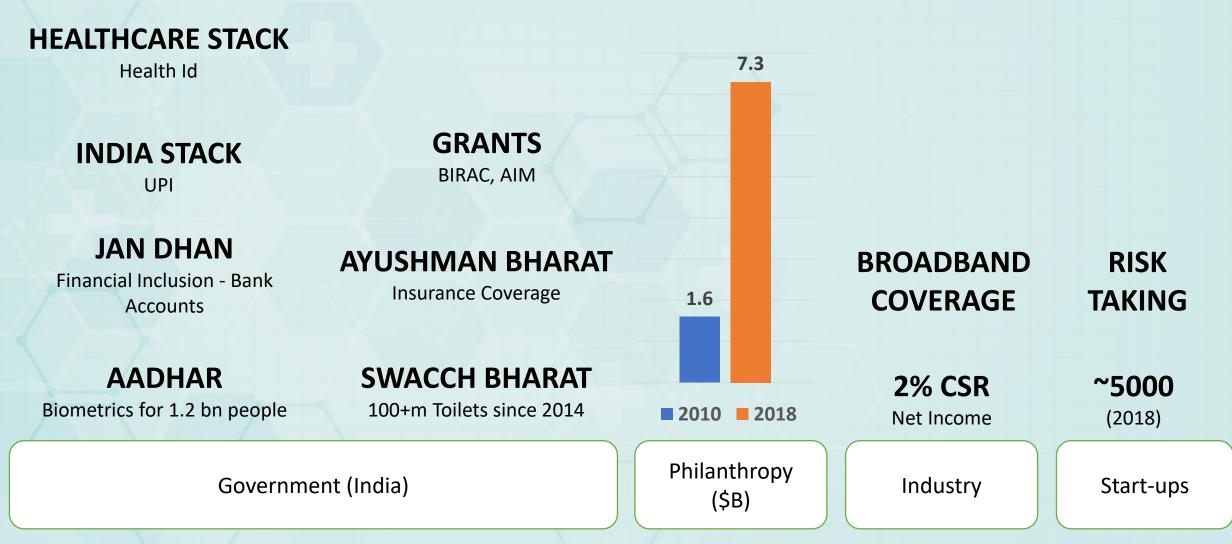
Scale is massive

Focus on replicability/standardization

Open source / Microservice / Container



What is changing?



Source: https://www.forbesindia.com/blog/health/opinion-swachh-bharat-success-goes-beyond-just-toilets-and-india/

Source: Bain and Company - India Philanthropy Report 2020

And what needs to change / continued focus ...

INCREASE HEALTHCARE SPENDING

Percentage of GDP

STRENGTHEN PRIMARY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Centre + State

REGULATORY STANDARDS

Centre + State

DATA PROTECTION BILLS

Personal Data Protection (PDP), DISHA

Government (India)

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

SKILL & CAPACITY BUILDING

WASTE-WATER AND SANITATION

FEMALE LITERACY AND EMPOWERMENT

NPOs / NGOs

DISHA – Digital Information Security Healthcare Act

CO-OPT WHERE FEASIBLE

Some things for non-profits to think about ...

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- Are you comfortable with your level of scale and level of impact?
- Are alliances or mergers an option?
- Do you have the right level of leadership in the areas of focus?

- Connect, Collaborate, Integrate,
 Standardize and Replicate
- Learn how for-profit companies run their business
- In-sourcing versus out-sourcing
- Technology is just an enabler

And finally ... **TRUST** Industry Government Academia Start-ups **TRANSPARENCY**

