

Press Release

One Newborn Every 9 Hours: NAS-108 Ambulances Deliver Over 3,000 Newborns in Himachal Pradesh

The NAS-108 Ambulance Service, operated by Medswan Foundation in partnership with the Government of Himachal Pradesh and the National Health Mission (NHM), has reached a remarkable milestone—successfully assisting in over 3,060 safe deliveries inside ambulances or at emergency scenes since its inception on January 15, 2022. This milestone underscores the service's unwavering commitment to strengthening maternal and neonatal healthcare across the state.

Since it commenced its operations on 15th January 2022, the NAS-108 ambulance service has responded to over 4.27 lakhs emergencies, including around 78,000 pregnancy-related cases, navigating the tough Himalayan terrain to deliver timely medical care. With an average of one newborn welcomed every 9 hours, the service has emerged as a lifeline for expectant mothers, particularly in remote and underserved regions where healthcare access is limited.

The NAS-108 Ambulance Service has played a transformative role in reducing maternal and neonatal mortality rates, aligning with State's broader health goals. Equipped with skilled Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), ambulance pilots, and essential Delivery kits, the service ensures safe deliveries even in most challenging situations. In many cases, when mothers in labor were referred to higher medical facilities due to complications, deliveries occurred en route—thanks to the expertise of 108 Ambulance team who handled these tough situations effectively.

This seamless blend of pre-hospital obstetric care and institutional healthcare has averted life-threatening complications. By bridging critical gaps in emergency response, NAS-108 has significantly bolstered Himachal Pradesh's health indices, setting a benchmark for emergency medical services nationwide. Himachal Pradesh's mountainous topography and scattered settlements often poses significant barriers to healthcare access. The NAS-108 Ambulance Service has turned this challenge into an opportunity and has emerged as the backbone of emergency healthcare infrastructure, ensuring 24x7 service across the State, even in the most remote regions. This achievement is a testament to the vision of the Government of Himachal Pradesh, the dedication of NHM, and the operational excellence of Medswan Foundation.

Beyond numbers, every delivery assisted by NAS-108 tells a story of hope and joy—bringing smiles to thousands of families. The service's trained staff and robust emergency response system have redefined pre-hospital care, proving that timely intervention can make all the difference. This milestone of over 3,000 deliveries is not just a number—it's a reflection of the trust placed in NAS-108 by the people of Himachal Pradesh and a step towards a healthier, stronger state.

Under the continued guidance of the Government of Himachal Pradesh and unwavering support from NHM, Medswan Foundation remains steadfast in its mission to save lives and enhance healthcare delivery in the State of Himachal Pradesh. We appeal to the citizens of the state to dial toll free number 108 in any emergency.

District wise Detail of Medical Emergencies & Deliveries Assisted by NAS-108 Ambulances:

Data Period: 15th January 2022 till 31st March 2025			
District	Medical Emergencies	Pregnancy Emergencies	Deliveries Assisted
Bilaspur	25040	3314	84
Chamba	35624	6640	238
Hamirpur	21700	3254	76
Kangra	62351	10405	121
Kinnaur	5782	856	51
Kullu	25226	5373	312
Lahaul-Spiti	2090	171	26
Mandi	56974	8864	307
Shimla	68935	9668	581
Sirmaur	52817	12204	809
Solan	47500	12915	343
Una	23256	4300	112
Himachal Pradesh	427295	77964	3060

