



# Improving Women's Health Outcomes through Effective Screening & Diagnostics

## How can we improve women's health through reducing Disability Adjusted Life Year Losses for them?

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The SKI Annual Summit will bring together eminent and diverse voices from the impact ecosystem to examine and chart pathways for bringing about some ambitious shifts in Agriculture, Education, Livelihoods, Digital Public Goods, Climate Change, Health, and Impact Capital. Facilitating action-focused conversations among 100+ leaders from corporates, government, philanthropic and civil society organisations in an interactive workshop format, this convening will be a catalyst in identifying gaps and co-creating knowledge that will guide paradigm-shifting decisions for impact.

### The problem



Almost **four billion women, slightly less than half of the world's population**, face unique health and safety issues unique to their gender.



Diseases like **breast cancer and cervical cancer**, which affect women more significantly, are the largest contributors to the **Indian cancer burden among women aged 50-69 years**.



**Ischaemic Heart Disease (ISD), Diarrhoeal Diseases, and COPD** are the top three causes of death among women of all ages.



**ISD, and Tuberculosis** are the **top causes of death in women** between ages 15-49.

### Low screening among women



**Early screening and diagnosis remain a challenge** for women across various focus areas of health.



In Maternal and Child Health, **30% of pregnant women do not have an antenatal checkup** in the first trimester, while **42% of women do not undergo all four antenatal checkups**.



**99% and 98% of women do not undergo screening to test for breast cancer and cervical cancer, respectively**. Screening for mental health among women is also low.



Screening and diagnostics are critical initial steps in seeking effective treatment for a disease.

Timely screening & diagnosis, coupled with treatment up-take, has the potential to reduce catastrophic health expenditure and improve life expectancy for women.

While tech-enabled diagnostics are the future, there are challenges in supply (limited solution availability for underserved geographies and poor funding pathways for domestic innovation) and demand (lack of access to affordable diagnostic centres at the last mile, shortage of healthcare providers). To solve these challenges, stakeholders such as funders, incubators, industry bodies and associations, community partners, state actors, and ecosystem intermediaries need to come together to improve women's health outcomes through early tech-enabled diagnosis at scale.



### Workshop Objectives

- 1 Discuss and align on the state of screening and diagnostics for women at the last mile - for patients and healthcare providers.**
- 2 Discuss challenges on implementation and uptake of these services for women across disease areas.**
- 3 Identify pathways to address the bottlenecks in the lab-to-market pathway for screening and diagnostics innovators.**
- 4 Gauge how effective solutions in this context can be integrated and scaled within the public health system.**
- 5 Validate and define system-level solutions with recommendations for specific stakeholders.**

### Who will participate in the workshop?

The workshop will bring together a group of 25 leaders across corporates, investors, government, philanthropists, entrepreneurs and social organisations.