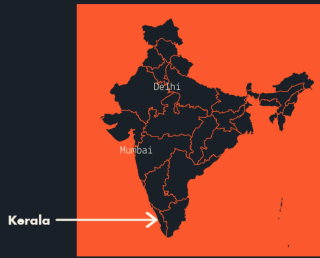


# Kerala, India

## Population Policies

### Location



### Why was it implemented?

#### Poverty



The reason for the original problem was due to a high amount of poverty, and that resulted in lack of contraception and access to healthcare.

#### Existing Strategies



National population policy which was created in 1976 implemented family planning. However this was found to only have limited success in the future.

### What was implemented?



#### Increase educational standards of women

Rates among women has increased to 55%, meaning they can have lucrative careers in the future. This will decrease the interest of having a higher amount of children.



#### Increasing the number of health clinics

There are more health clinics in Kerala than any other state of India. As a result, infant mortality has decreased, therefore couples have more confidence in having less children.



#### Free contraception and education about family planning

This has reduced the average family size in Kerala. It aids reducing population growth, as well as reducing pressure on health clinics. Thus resulting in quicker treatment and more confidence in having less children.



#### New schools, drinking water and roads for areas that meet targets

This rewards those communities that follow the plan and therefore enforces the ideas into society through motivation. With these benefits communities can gain in wealth and prosperity.

### Has it worked?

#### In India...



Despite the developments in family planning that have spread to other areas in India from Kerala, India still has the most rapidly growing population in the world.

- India's BR 1975: 38.2 per 1000
- India's BR 1995: 29.1 per 1000
- India's BR 2000: 25.2 per 1000

#### In Kerala...



Kerala has had a dramatic success in lowering its birth rates, without implementing socialist policies and offering financial incentives.



Kerala has significant population difference to other states in India.

- Uttar Pradesh: 40 per 1000
- Kerala: 18 per 1000