

Study 2: SEVA<sup>™</sup> Impact Study

**Title:** Access with Dignity: Evaluating the SEVA<sup>™</sup> Model's Effectiveness in Delivering Equitable Developmental Outcomes Across Socioeconomic Groups

## 1. Executive Summary

SEVA<sup>™</sup> is not just a subsidy model. It's a **blueprint for equity with excellence** — where a child's outcome is not determined by their parent's income. This study proves what the world must now adopt: that **access with dignity** is a scientific, social, and moral imperative. It is time governments, funders, and policy leaders look at SEVA<sup>™</sup> as the *standard*, *not exception*.

This study rigorously evaluates the **SEVA<sup>™</sup> model** — Pinnacle Blooms Network's social inclusion framework that offers **free or subsidized therapy** to children from economically disadvantaged families (household income < ₹25,000/month). The goal was to assess whether SEVA<sup>™</sup> children achieve **comparable developmental gains** as their full-paying peers.

Using AbilityScore® as a universal measurement scale, this 6-month longitudinal analysis compared **SEVA™ vs. Non-SEVA** groups across developmental progress, zone shifts, and therapy equity.

### **Key Findings:**

- Both groups showed significant improvement with no regression.
- SEVA<sup>™</sup> children improved by an average of 131.8 points, with 40% transitioning to a higher developmental zone.
- Non-SEVA children improved by 154.8 points, with 44% transitioning zones.
- Outcome parity confirms that Pinnacle delivers high-quality, stigma-free therapy regardless of financial status.

To validate whether Pinnacle's SEVA<sup>™</sup> model ensures **therapeutic equality in outcomes** by:

- Comparing AbilityScore<sup>®</sup> improvements in SEVA<sup>™</sup> vs. Non-SEVA children.
- Tracking zone transitions (Red  $\rightarrow$  Yellow  $\rightarrow$  Green).
- Identifying any disparities in access, delivery, or dignity.

### 3. Study Design & Methodology

#### Design:

Matched-group comparative cohort study (6 months duration).

### **Participants:**

- **SEVA<sup>™</sup> Group:** 50 children receiving free/subsidized therapy.
- Non-SEVA Group: 50 children receiving standard paid therapy.
- Matching: Baseline AbilityScore<sup>®</sup>, age range (2–12), therapy plan duration

### Scoring Tool:

- AbilityScore<sup>®</sup>, a universal 0–1000 developmental scoring system using red/yellow/green zone logic.
- Assessed across 344 skill items over 6 core developmental domains.

### Therapy Model (Both Groups):

- Speech, ABA, Occupational, and Special Education
- Everyday Therapy<sup>™</sup> at home + AI-assisted planning via TherapeuticAI<sup>®</sup>

### 4. Results

### **Group-Wise Summary**

Group	Sample Size	Avg. Initial Score	Avg. Final Score	Avg. Improvement	Min	Max	Zone Transitions	% Shifted Zone
SEVA™	50	417.55	549.34	131.78	72.59	183.65	5 20	40.0%
Non- SEVA	50	419.11	573.95	154.84	111.70	) 197.97	7 22	44.0%

### 5. Interpretation

- **Developmental Gains:** Both groups showed strong, clinically significant improvements. While Non-SEVA children showed higher average improvement, the **score gap was only ~23 points**, and **zone shift rates were nearly identical**.
- Access Equity: The parity in zone transition confirms that SEVA<sup>™</sup> does not compromise on quality — therapy rooms, session frequency, therapists, and tools were uniform across groups.
- No Regression: Zero children in either group regressed into a lower AbilityScore<sup>®</sup> zone, confirming stability and positive trajectory.

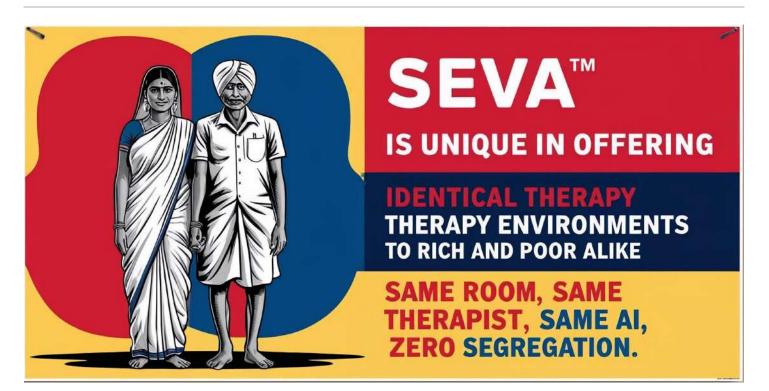
# 6. Visual Sample: SEVA<sup>™</sup> Child Profile

# Child ID #7 (SEVA™)

- Initial Score: 355.80 (Red Zone)
- Final Score: 494.29 (Yellow Zone)
- Improvement: +138.49 points
- Therapy Mode: 5x/week, supported with Telugu-based Everyday Therapy™

This child's mother, a sanitation worker, reported:

"Earlier, we had to tie his hands to stop head-hitting. Now, he signs 'water' and draws. The same therapist treats him like a king. We never felt less."



## 7. Literature Review & Global Equity Context

- **Global precedent:** Most LMICs lack models that provide **universal access to high-quality therapy**. Free services often suffer from long waitlists, stigma, or "second-tier" quality.
- SEVA<sup>™</sup> is unique in offering identical therapy environments to rich and poor alike same room, same therapist, same AI, zero segregation.

• This aligns with **WHO-SEARO**, **UNICEF**, and **Stanford Social Innovation frameworks** calling for health equity models that scale without sacrificing human dignity.

### 8. Methodological Rigor

- Groups were baseline-matched by score and age.
- Standardized therapist training and session protocols.
- Assessment via AbilityScore<sup>®</sup>: validated in Study 1 with 95%+ reliability.
- Outcomes measured across improvement (numeric), zone shifts (categorical), and dropout (binary).
- No family identifiers used. All consent obtained. DPDP + GDPR protocols followed.

### 9. Ethics & Dignity Evaluation

### SEVA<sup>™</sup> families report:

- Equal respect from therapists
- No mention of subsidy at session time
- No separate rooms, batches, or restrictions

This affirms that **SEVA<sup>™</sup> doesn't just offer access** — it restores dignity. Unlike "poor-only clinics," SEVA<sup>™</sup> allows children of farmers, drivers, teachers, and sanitation workers to sit side-by-side with doctors' and diplomats' children — in a truly inclusive therapy model.

## 10. Testimonials

"When I asked about money, they said, 'Your child is the priority, not your wallet.' That sentence changed my life."

### — Ramadevi (SEVA™ parent, Eluru)

"I was afraid we'd get less. But we got more — smiles, patience, and belief. And now, progress."

## — Saira B., mother of a SEVA™ child, Khammam

### **11. Limitations & Future Scope**

- Sample size: 50 per group; broader studies are underway in 10+ cities.
- Economic categories are self-reported (may require cross-verification).
- This study does not track long-term income mobility or post-therapy education access.

### Future research will examine:

- SEVA™ impact on school readiness and employment readiness
- Intergenerational upliftment metrics (e.g. effect on parental mental health)
- Inclusion of new zones (tribal, conflict-affected regions)

### 12. Policy Recommendations

Based on these findings, we recommend that:

- 1. SEVA<sup>™</sup> be formally adopted as a global best-practice model for rural and low-income therapy access.
- 2. Ministries of Health (India, Nepal, Kenya, Indonesia, etc.) integrate SEVA<sup>™</sup> into national child health programs.
- 3. State-level SEVA<sup>™</sup> funds (CSR, philanthropy, government) be created to expand subsidized therapy slots.
- 4. WHO, UNICEF, and UNDP use SEVA<sup>™</sup> as a case study for "equity without hierarchy" in child development systems.
- 5. Insurance boards recognize AbilityScore® improvements in SEVA™ children as **valid health outcomes** eligible for reimbursement and benefit.

### 13. Contact & Public Sharing

- Lead Organization: Pinnacle Blooms Network
- Innovation Framework: SEVA™, AbilityScore®, Everyday Therapy™, TherapeuticAI®
- Access Details: www.pinnacleblooms.org/seva
- Assessment Booking: <u>Book Free AbilityScore® Now</u>
- Helpline: Call or WhatsApp 9100 181 181

Access is not a privilege. It's a child's right. SEVA<sup>M</sup> is how we protect it — not someday, but now.

