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SUSTAINABLE HEALTH APPROACHES FOR KEY TRIBAL COMMUNITIES HEALTH INTERVENTIONS (SHAKTHI) PROJECT



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Message from Manager- Knowledge Management & New Initiatives

“The SHAKTHI Project highlights how sustained grassroots engagement can play a transformative role in strengthening care-seeking behaviours and improving health outcomes over time. Over time, it has been encouraging to observe gradual but meaningful shifts in community awareness, with individuals not only identifying symptoms earlier but also engaging more consistently with care, building trust in services, and seeking timely and appropriate treatment”

Achievement of the Month: Enabling 7 Successful Hydrocele Surgeries



- Seven hydrocele cases in the Maalgaon Sector were identified, counselled, and supported by community health workers, supervisors, and staff nurses.
- Continuous follow-up and beneficiary motivation enabled timely referrals to Dimrapal Medical College for surgical treatment.
- All seven individuals successfully underwent hydrocele surgery, reducing long-standing discomfort and improving daily functioning.
- Beneficiaries were supported throughout the treatment process, including guidance on post-surgery care.
- The intervention will lead to a better quality of life and restoring dignity for those treated.
- This achievement highlights SHAKTHI Project's strength in patient support, referral linkages, and facilitating access to essential surgical care.
- It reflects a strong grassroots commitment to ensuring underserved tribal communities receive timely and appropriate treatment.

Meeting with CEO Zilla Panchayat Bastar on SHAKTHI Project Initiatives

The SHAKTHI Project team met Mr. Pratik Jain, IAS, CEO Zilla Panchayat Bastar (C.G.), and shared key activities being implemented under the project, including community-based health interventions and PRI involvement through the Swasth Village Initiative.



The discussion focused on strengthening village health systems, promoting community participation, and improving health outcomes in tribal areas through collaborative efforts.

Stronger Together: Kinjoli Marks World Health Day 2026

- Awareness sessions on seven major diseases, covering hygiene, prevention, symptom identification, and timely treatment.
- Interactive outreach through discussions and placards, engaging Mitans, students, health staff, children, and community members.
- Strengthened community ownership of health, with increased focus on preventive practices and early care-seeking.



Projects Update for Learning and Sharing Experiences (PULSE) Training on Filariasis Awareness

Training for the project staff was conducted by Dr. Chinmay Kumar Das, State Training Consultant (Chhattisgarh), NVBDCP, focusing on strengthening capacity in filariasis awareness and community-based morbidity management.



World Malaria Day & Malaria Week 2026

- Activities were carried out across Bakawand Block in collaboration with the Government Health Department, focusing on malaria prevention and control.
- Awareness rallies with Christ College B.Sc Nursing students and educational sessions helped build understanding around prevention, early detection, and timely treatment.
- In Malgaon and Kolawal sectors, Sirha Gunia Sammelans (traditional healer meetings) were organised to engage local healers and strengthen their role in promoting awareness and facilitating timely referrals.
- Villages led cleanliness drives, focusing on improved sanitation, mosquito control, and reducing breeding sites.
- Together, these efforts strengthened community awareness, encouraged preventive practices, and contributed to the shared goal of malaria-free villages.



TB Prevention, Detection Training – for Community Health Officers, Rural Health Officers in Bakawand Block

- Training for CHOs and RHOs focused on early TB detection, timely treatment, and patient-centred care to reduce TB deaths.
- Strengthened awareness, surveillance, follow-up, and treatment adherence among high-risk groups, including the elderly, diabetics, malnourished individuals, smokers, previous TB patients, and household contacts.
- Covered key strategies such as community screening, X-ray and NAAT testing, prompt treatment initiation, TB Preventive Treatment (TPT), and nutritional support.
- Aims to improve early diagnosis, reduce TB mortality, and expand access to quality TB care across Bakawand Block.



Block-Level Coordination & Planning Meeting at Bakawand CHC

A block-level coordination meeting at Bakawand CHC brought together the Block Medical Officer, RMOs, and SHAKTHI Project staff including supervisors, CHWs and the monitoring team. Discussions focused on strengthening collaboration, aligning strategies, and improving the implementation of community health interventions across Bakawand Block.



Meet Our Staff



Priyanka Singh
Supervisor
SHAKTHI

What does a typical day in your role as a SHAKTHI Supervisor look like in your allocated PHC/area?

My daily work includes visiting villages, guiding Community Health Workers during field activities, reviewing their progress, coordinating with PHC staff, and ensuring that activities are carried out effectively as per the plan.

What role do you think community participation plays in the success of the SHAKTHI Project?

Active community involvement is essential as it helps build confidence, encourages people to participate in screening, and supports smooth implementation of SHAKTHI interventions at the village level.

What role do you play in disease surveillance and reporting?

I support CHWs in identifying symptomatic cases, ensure proper recording in registers and digital tools, review data regularly, and assist in timely referral and follow-up of cases.

How do you feel your work contributes to improving community health?

By strengthening supervision, improving coordination, and supporting early identification of diseases, my work helps enhance service delivery and promotes better health outcomes in the community.

What strategies do you use to help improve coordination between CHWs and the public health system?

I regularly communicate with CHWs and health staff, facilitate coordination meetings, and ensure that field activities are aligned with PHC guidelines and priorities.

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