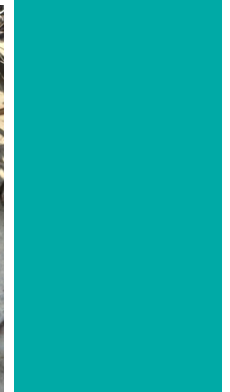


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SUSTAINABLE HEALTH APPROACHES FOR KEY TRIBAL COMMUNITIES HEALTH INTERVENTIONS (SHAKTHI) PROJECT



Field-Level Active Case Screening Activities

- Active case screening was conducted in the field by Community Health Workers (CHWs) and Supervisors.
- During the screening, suspected cases of Lymphatic Filariasis, Leprosy, Scabies, Tuberculosis, and Malaria were identified.
- Ulcer cases and suspected LF cases were specifically detected during field visits.
- All identified suspected cases were promptly referred to PHCs and CHCs for further diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up.

Online Training on Malaria Detection & Prevention in - Projects Update for Learning and Sharing Experiences (PULSE)

An online training session on Malaria detection and prevention was conducted for all SHAKTHI Project staff. The session was facilitated by,

Dr. S. M. Joshi Sir Zonal Coordinator, from WHO (Bastar). Key focus areas included early detection of malaria, prevention strategies, timely referral, and effective community-level interventions. The training enhanced staff capacity to support malaria control efforts and improve health outcomes in the community.



Gram Panchayat Meetings – January

- Seven Gram Panchayat meetings were conducted in January 2026 under the SHAKTHI Project to strengthen community participation in disease prevention and health promotion.
- The meetings were attended by PRI members, Sarpanch, Ward Members, Mitans (ASHAs), Anganwadi Workers, and village community members.
- Sessions included awareness on seven priority diseases, focusing on early signs, prevention, and availability of timely treatment, supported by flipbook-based discussions.
- The role of community leaders and frontline workers in early identification, referral, hygiene promotion, and health awareness was emphasized.
- The meetings concluded with leadership assuring continued support for health, sanitation, and awareness activities, followed by a vote of thanks.



Challenge

“Periodic shortages of medicines at government health facilities, which affected timely availability of treatment for some patients”

Anti-Leprosy Day Celebration

- Anti-Leprosy Day was observed in the Bakawand Sector, Bastar, through a community awareness rally aimed at promoting early detection and reducing stigma associated with leprosy.
- The rally was actively participated in by government school students, teachers, NCC, Scout & Guide members, Mitansins, CHC staff, and LEPRASociety SHAKTHI Project team members.
- Key participants included our SHAKTHI staff members, government health department staff
- The programme was organized under the SHAKTHI Project Leprosy Society with support from Azim Premji Foundation, reinforcing community-based health awareness initiatives.
- Participants carried awareness messages highlighting that "Leprosy is curable – the real challenge is stigma", encouraging acceptance, early reporting, and treatment-seeking behavior.
- The rally successfully created awareness on leprosy prevention, early identification, and community care, strengthening collective efforts towards a stigma-free and healthier community.



New Initiative: QR-Based Disease Symptom Reporting

A QR-based awareness poster was introduced under the SHAKTHI Project to help community members report disease symptoms easily and receive timely support and referral, these forms are available at gram panchayat level offices.



Field-Level Monitoring and Staff Review Meeting



- A SHAKTHI Project staff review meeting was conducted by Dr. Khyathi, Program Manager – Knowledge Management & New Initiatives, LEPRASociety.
- The meeting was also attended by Mr. Naveen, State Coordinator (MP, Odisha & Chhattisgarh), and Ms. Amrita Singh, Program Coordinator, Odisha.
- During the visit to the SHAKTHI Project Office, Jagdalpur, the team interacted with staff members and reviewed project progress and implementation status.
- Field-level monitoring visits were carried out by Dr. Khyathi and Mr. Sahu to review ongoing community and health activities.
- The monitoring team visited the field areas of Kachnaar, Kolawal, Sonpur, and Karpawand to assess project implementation at the community level.
- The team observed the use of flipbooks as IEC tools during field activities for community awareness and early disease identification.
- Guidance was provided to staff on strengthening field implementation, improving coordination, and enhancing the quality of project activities.

Meet Our Staff



Dr. Mahipal Munda
Monitoring & Evaluation
Officer- SHAKTHI

Q. Can you tell us about your key responsibilities in the SHAKTHI Project?

My key responsibilities include reviewing and validating field data, updating monitoring tools, tracking project indicators, and ensuring timely and accurate reporting. I also coordinate closely with supervisors and field teams to support smooth project implementation.

Q. Why is monitoring and evaluation important for a community health project like SHAKTHI?

Monitoring and evaluation help measure progress, identify gaps, and ensure that activities are implemented effectively. It supports data-driven decision-making and improves the overall quality and impact of project interventions.

Q. How do you support disease surveillance and reporting at the field level?

I assist in compiling and verifying disease surveillance data, ensure proper documentation in registers and digital systems (Kobo tool), and support timely reporting and follow-up of identified cases.

Q. In what ways does your role help improve health services at the community level?

By regularly analyzing data and sharing findings with the field team, I help strengthen early identification, improve referral systems, and enhance coordination, which contributes to better health outcomes in the community.

Q. How do you ensure effective coordination between field teams and the public health system?

I maintain regular communication with supervisors, CHWs, and PHC staff, participate in review meetings, and share monitoring insights to align field activities with public health guidelines and project priorities.

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