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

This edition highlights the SHAKTHI Project's key achievements in June, showcasing collaborative efforts with government partners and communities to strengthen disease prevention, improve access to healthcare, and enhance the well-being of tribal communities across Bakawand Block.

World Sickle Cell Day Celebrated Across Bakawand



World Sickle Cell Day was observed across all seven health facilities in Bakawand Block under the theme "Closing the Survival Gap: Equity in Sickle Cell Disease."

Highlights:

- Around 700 beneficiaries received SCD screening and haemoglobin testing.
- 400 nutrition kits were distributed to eligible beneficiaries.
- Counselling focused on early detection, disease management, nutrition, and prevention of complications.
- Suspected cases were identified and referred for further diagnosis and treatment.

The programme strengthened community awareness and encouraged timely screening and access to healthcare services.

Block-Level Training of Medical Officers Held at Bakawand CHC

- More than 50 government healthcare providers, including Rural Health Officers (RHOs) and Community Health Officers (CHOs), Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) Medical Officers, and Sector Medical Officers, participated in a block-level training at Bakawand Community Health Centre (CHC).
- The training enhanced participants' knowledge of integrated prevention, early detection, referral, and management of Leprosy, Tuberculosis, Sickle Cell Disease, Malaria, Scabies, Lymphatic Filariasis, and Japanese Encephalitis.
- Interactive discussions also provided an opportunity to address field challenges and strengthen coordination for improved service delivery.



Participation in National NLEP Workshop

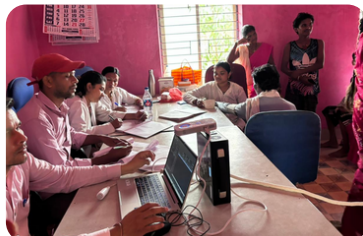
LEPRA Society representatives Mr. K. Arun Kumar, Mr. Naveen Satle, and Mr. N.N. Sahu participated in the National Workshop on Strategic and Focused Action under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) in Raipur.

The workshop reviewed programme progress, identified implementation gaps, and discussed strategies to accelerate leprosy elimination and achieve interruption of transmission. The learnings will support stronger implementation of SHAKTHI activities at the field level.



100-Day TB Campaign Screening Conducted Across Bakawand Block

- As part of the 100-Day TB Campaign, screening activities were conducted across all sectors of Bakawand Block.
- Approximately 680 community members underwent chest X-ray and sputum examinations with support from the Health Department, Mitandin Didis, and LEPRAs Society staff.
- The campaign promoted early detection and improved access to tuberculosis screening services.



Nalpawand Gram Panchayat Recognises SHAKTHI Project

- The Nalpawand Gram Panchayat recognised the SHAKTHI Project for its dedicated services to persons affected by leprosy.
- During the Leprosy Forum Meeting, the Sarpanch presented a shield acknowledging the project's contribution to early detection, treatment adherence, disability prevention, and self-care promotion.
- Self-care kits, MCR footwear, and tubs were distributed to eligible beneficiaries, while practical guidance on ulcer care and self-management was provided.
- The recognition reflects the strong partnership between the community, Gram Panchayat, and the SHAKTHI Project in improving the quality of life of persons affected by leprosy.



Project Highlights

Supporting the Pulse Polio Campaign



Community Health Workers actively supported the Pulse Polio Immunization Drive in coordination with the Health Department, helping ensure maximum immunization coverage across the block.

Facilitating Hydrocele Surgeries



Four hydrocele patients from Bakawand Sector were referred to Maharani Hospital, Jagdalpur. Three patients successfully underwent surgery, improving access to timely treatment for LF-related hydrocele.

Azim Premji University Bhopal Team Visits SHAKTHI Project

Prof. Rohit and Deepesh from Azim Premji University, Bhopal, visited the SHAKTHI project to review project activities and interact with the field team.

During the visit, they met with the LF Forum Committee members in Belgaon and interacted with leprosy, LF, and SCD affected beneficiaries.



Meet Our Staff



Himanshu Tiwari
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.

Thank you to LEPRAs Society team for your unending support

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