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Edition 3

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



Five-Day Block level Training Cum Planning Meeting

- A five-day training was conducted at Community Health Center (CHC), Bakawand, Bastar, for Supervisors, Community Health Workers (CHWs), and Staff Nurses from 27–31 October 2025
- The training focused on seven priority diseases: Leprosy, Tuberculosis (TB), Malaria, Lymphatic Filariasis (LF), Scabies, Sickle Cell Disease (SCD), and Japanese Encephalitis

Training Objectives

- Improve understanding of the signs, symptoms, and treatment protocols for targeted diseases.
- Strengthen the ability of staff to identify, report, and refer suspected cases promptly.
- Build communication and counseling skills for effective community engagement.
- Foster collaboration between CHWs, supervisors, nurses, and block government staff for improved programme performance.

“Disease awareness, preventive care, and timely community-level screening are crucial for early detection and effective management of major health conditions, especially in tribal areas.”

**Dr. Sanjay Basak, Chief Medical Health Officer,
Government District Health Office, Bastar**

Stakeholders Involved

- **District Health Department, Bastar (Government of Chhattisgarh):** Conducted detailed technical sessions on Leprosy, Tuberculosis, Malaria, Lymphatic Filariasis, and Scabies, covering prevention, treatment, and providing overall guidance on SHAKTHI programme implementation.
- **SAATHI Project – LEPRA Society:** Delivered sessions on Tuberculosis and Paediatric TB management, with focus on NTEP guidelines, counselling practices, and relevant government schemes.
- **Jan Swasthya Sahyog:** Facilitated sessions on Sickle Cell Disease, including counselling approaches and practical demonstrations of screening and testing.
- **Dimrapal Medical College:** Led sessions on Lymphatic Filariasis covering disease transmission, Mass Drug Administration (MDA), morbidity management, prevention, and public health approaches.
- **World Health Organization (WHO):** Provided guidance on Japanese Encephalitis surveillance and prevention, emphasizing vaccination and vector control measures.





Strategical Guidance by LEPRa Society Team

- Mr. K. Arun Kumar (Head – Programmes, Resource Mobilization & Communication), LEPRa Society, Hyderabad) Provided strategic direction during the training, explaining the SHAKTHI Project framework, service delivery mechanisms, and the essential role of frontline field staff in improving primary healthcare access for tribal communities.
- Dr. Khyathi Reddy (Manager – Knowledge Management & New Initiatives), LEPRa Society, Hyderabad– Played a key training role by guiding participants on treatment protocols and referral pathways under the SHAKTHI Project, strengthening clinical decision-making and case management.

Discussions focused on

- Coverage of seven priority diseases: Leprosy, Lymphatic Filariasis, Tuberculosis, Malaria, Japanese Encephalitis, Scabies, and Sickle Cell Disease.
- Overview of transmission, key signs & symptoms, and diagnostic methods for early identification.
- Orientation on treatment protocols, community-based prevention, and linkage with National Health Programmes (NLEP, NTEP, NVBDCP, NSCAEM).



- Emphasis on early detection, treatment adherence, and socio-economic rehabilitation to prevent disability and stigma.
- Discussion on field challenges, supportive supervision, and quality data documentation.

- Strengthening Behavior Change Communication (BCC) and IEC strategies for improved community awareness.
- Practical demonstrations on sputum collection (TB), nerve palpation (Leprosy), and solubility testing (SCD).
- Training on data collection tools, including screening & symptomatic registers and Kobo digital forms.

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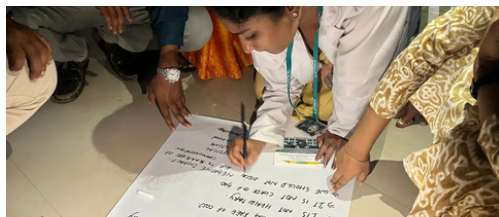
जगदलपुर। सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र बकावंड में लेप्रा सोसायटी की ओर से जिला मलेरिया अधिकारी डॉ. एसएस टेकम ने स्वास्थ्य कार्यकर्ता स्टाफ नर्स पर्यवेक्षक को मलेरिया प्रशिक्षण के दौरान मलेरिया, फाइलेरिया, डेंगू, चिकनगुनिया आदि बीमारियों के लक्षण उपचार एवं बचाव के विस्तार पूर्वक बताया। साथ ही कर्मचारियों का समझाया कि रात को सोते समय मच्छरदानी का उपयोग करें। घर-घर ग्रामीणों का मच्छरदानी का उपयोग के लिए प्रेरित करें एवं शाम के समय नीम की पत्ती का धुआं करें। जिला मलेरिया सलाहकार लव कुमार नागेश द्वारा सभी बिमारियों के उपचार के संबंध में उपस्थित कर्मचारियों को जानकारी दी और कहा कि जैसे ही लक्षण दिखाई दे तत्काल स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र जाकर अपनी खून की जांच कराएं। इस अवसर पर टेमेश्वर गजभिये, पर्यवेक्षक रोहित पांडे, दिनेश पराते आदि शामिल हुए।



Hands-on Training sessions



Sickle Cell Disease: Demonstration of Solubility testing procedures and recording of screening data.



Project staff engaged in interactive group exercises on IEC/BCC, developing referral pathways and data collection using screening, symptomatic registers and KOBO form



Leprosy: Practical demonstration of nerve palpation, skin patch identification, Nerve function Assessment, and recognition of early deformities.

News Paper Clippings



Community Health workers trained on 7 priority Diseases



Disease Control training Strengthens community Health responses

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जगदलपुर। लेप्रा सोसायटी और अजीम प्रेम जी फाउंडेशन के संयुक्त तत्वाधान में तथा स्वास्थ्य विभाग और प्रशासन के सहयोग से आयोजित पांच दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम का सफल समापन हुआ। इस कार्यक्रम में सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य कार्यकर्ता (सीएचडब्ल्यू), पर्यवेक्षक और स्टाफ नर्सों ने भाग लिया। पांच दिवसीय इस प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम में कूष्ठ रोग, मलेरिया, फाइलेरिया, टीबी, जेई, सिकल सेल और स्केबीज जैसी सात बीमारियों के उपचार और प्रबंधन में दक्षता प्रदान की गई। कार्यक्रम में विभिन्न सत्रों के दौरान विशेषज्ञों ने अपने ज्ञान और अनुभव साझा किए। प्रशिक्षण के दौरान सभी प्रतिभागियों को प्रायोगिक प्रदर्शन के साथ-साथ पूर्व और उत्तर परीक्षण भी करवाया गया। इस प्रशिक्षण में 35 सीएचडब्ल्यू, 7 स्टाफ नर्स और 7 पर्यवेक्षक शामिल हुए। प्रशिक्षण के अंतिम दिवस पर मुख्य चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी (सीएमएचओ) डॉ. संजय बसाक, जिला टीबी अधिकारी डॉ. सीके मैत्री, बकावर्ड ब्लॉक चिकित्सा अधिकारी, बीपीएम संतोष सिंह, सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र के पर्यवेक्षक दिनेश पराते डब्ल्यूएचओ चिकित्सा अधिकारी डॉ. मिनल इंदुरकर ने प्रशिक्षण का समापन किया। प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम का उद्देश्य स्वास्थ्य कर्मियों को इन बीमारियों के प्रति जागरूक करना और उनके प्रबंधन में दक्ष बनाना है। कार्यक्रम के आयोजन से स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं में सुधार की दिशा में एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम उठाया गया है।

Meet our staff



Mr. Rama Rao,
Supervisor

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

My day involves field visits, supporting CHWs, reviewing progress, coordinating with PHC staff, and ensuring activities are implemented as planned.

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

Community participation builds trust, improves service uptake, and ensures effective implementation of SHAKTHI activities.

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

I facilitate regular meetings, support communication, and help align CHWs' work with PHC priorities.

What role do you play in disease surveillance and reporting?

I guide CHWs on screening and reporting, monitor data quality, and support timely identification and follow-up of cases.

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

By strengthening field implementation and coordination, I help improve service delivery and early disease detection.

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