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



About LEPRA Society

- LEPRA Society is a leading Indian health non-governmental organization (NGO) established in 1989, working to eliminate leprosy and other Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs).
- They provide comprehensive healthcare from awareness to disability/morbidity prevention and medical rehabilitation, and community empowerment, helping marginalized populations live with dignity and hope.
- They also work with affected communities, families and local forums to build support systems and raise awareness on right and responsibilities.

About Azim Premji Foundation

- Azim Premji Foundation is an organisation with a vision to facilitate a just, equitable, humane and sustainable society by supporting projects that make a tangible difference in the lives of deeply disadvantaged, impoverished, underserved and marginalised sections of the society.
- In order to serve the public and achieve its objective of a just, equitable, humane and sustainable society, Foundation engages with various not-for-profit organisations, treats them as valued partners and works with them to ensure that the best effort is made towards the success of a given project.

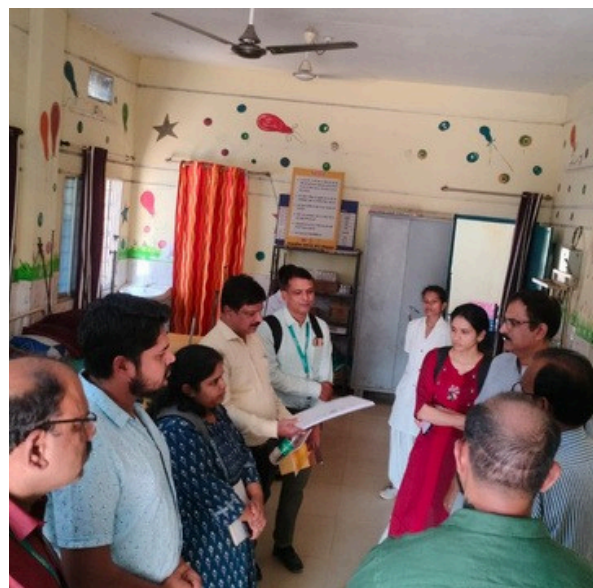
MoU Between LEPRA Society and Azim Premji Foundation

- LEPRA Society and Azim Premji Foundation agreed to collaborate for three years to strengthen the primary health care in Bakawand block, Bastar District, Chhattisgarh through community based approach.
- Bakawand is a region with 175,000 population, spread across 114 villages and 93 Gram Panchayats, with 67% tribal population.
- Despite the presence of 42 Sub-Centers, 6 PHCs, 430 ASHAs, and 22 CHOs, the block continues to face significant barriers to healthcare accessibility, awareness, and service delivery.



■ What is SHAKTHI Project ?

SHAKTHI project main goal is to strengthen General Health Systems to reduce the prevalence of tuberculosis, malaria, leprosy, lymphatic filariasis, scabies, Japanese Encephalitis (JE) in tribal Bakawand population through a community-based approach, focusing on prevention, early diagnosis, treatment, and raising community awareness to improve health outcomes.



The Existing Burden

As per 2023-24 government report, the current health system gaps mirror the high incidence of priority diseases, including:

- Leprosy -112 cases,
- Lymphatic Filariasis- 36 lymphedema and 20 hydrocele cases,
- Tuberculosis -166 cases,
- Malaria -148 cases,
- Sickle Cell Disease -199 cases,
- Scabies - approx. 50% prevalence,
- Japanese Encephalitis -9 cases.



■ OBJECTIVES

- 1.To focus on preventive aspects of targeted communicable, vector borne diseases in the community by conducting awareness sessions, population level screening and working with community structures for improved health outcomes.
- 2.To enable/ provide the necessary care services for the targeted communicable, vector borne with an intensive follow up to ensure adherence to treatment and successful treatment outcomes.
- 3.Capacity building of public health system staff (ASHA, ANM, CHO, MO) in management of targeted diseases and establish systems in CHCs for referral care.



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