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



Observance of International Disability Day & Week

International Disability Day and Week were observed in December 2025 at Bakawand Community Health Centre (CHC) and Karpawand Primary Health Centre (PHC) with the theme "Fostering Disability-Inclusive Societies for Advancing Social Progress."

- At Bakawand CHC, the programme was attended by key elected representatives and health officials, including Mrs. Sonvari Bhadre (Janpad President), Mr. Tarun Kumar Pandey (Janpad Upadhyaksh), Mr. Arun Kumar Bisai (Janpad Sadasya), Dr. Harish Markram (Block Medical Officer, Bakawand), Mr. Santosh Singh (Block Programme Manager), and Mr. Luv Nagesh (NVBDPC Consultant).
- 43 beneficiaries affected by Leprosy, Lymphatic Filariasis (LF), and Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) were trained on self-care and disability prevention and management practices.
- 12 Micro Cellular Rubber (MCR) footwear, 13 Self-Care Kits, and 5 LF Self-care tubs were distributed to the beneficiaries.
- A quiz competition on targeted diseases and government programme activities was organized for Mitandin Didis. The winners were felicitated with memento in appreciation of their knowledge and enthusiasm.
- Complementing this, Disability Week activities at Karpawand PHC focused on direct community impact. The programme supported 33 persons with disabilities and strengthened the capacity of 8 Mitandin Didis, who were oriented on disability care, prevention, and referral pathways. These efforts aim to improve early identification, continuity of care, and access to rehabilitation services at the community level.



Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) Members and Opinion Leaders sensitization

Programme

- Gram Panchayat-level meetings were conducted in Chitalur, Badejirakhal, Badeumargaon, Kinjoli, Sonpur, Badew, Satosha, and Bakawand villages.
- Meetings were attended by PRI members (Sarpanch, Deputy Sarpanch, Panchayat Members), CHWs, Supervisors, sector staff, women SHG representatives, and community members, with around 40 participants in each meeting.
- Discussions were focused on including health in their Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GDP), developing a joint action plan on the targeted — Leprosy, Lymphatic Filariasis, Tuberculosis, Malaria, Scabies, and Sickle Cell Disease and work towards a Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) free villages.



Coordination Activities



A courtesy meeting with Dr. Jitendra, Directorate of Health Services (DHS), Raipur, Chhattisgarh, was conducted at Swasthya Bhawan to review LEPRASociety's state-level health interventions.

Mr. NN Sahu, Project Coordinator attended a Leprosy-focused training programme for RHOs (Rural Health Officer) held at Maharani Hospital, Jagdalpur as a resource person. An overview of SHAKTHI Project was also presented during the meeting.



As part of Community Screening, flip books were provided to CHWs as a practical tool for community education. These flip books contain simple messages, illustrations, and key information on the seven targeted diseases.



Staff Review Meeting

Mr. Arun Kumar, Head – Programmes, Resource Mobilization & Communication, LEPRASociety held a staff meeting with supervisors, Staff Nurse and project core staff. The discussion focused on reviewing ongoing activities and planning strategies to strengthen field implementation.



Meet Our Staff



Priyanka Panigrahi
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 LEPRASociety team for your unending support
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