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

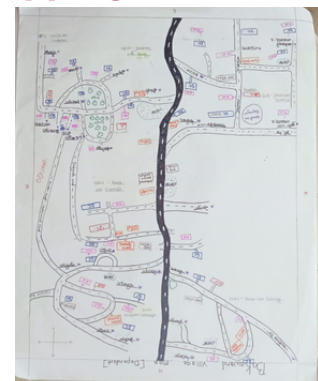


Field Workforce on Ground

November 2025 marked the initiation of community-level screening under the SHAKTHI Project. Community Health Workers (CHWs), with the support of Supervisors and Staff Nurses are conducting door-to-door visits across villages in Bakawand Block to identify suspected and existing cases of seven target diseases. This activity aims to strengthen early detection, and timely referral of patients from tribal and remote communities.

Area Wise Mapping

Before screening, CHWs conducted detailed village mapping to identify households, plan routes, and ensure complete coverage with the help of supervisors.



Community Reach and Screening Progress

Extensive community-level screening was carried out by 35 CHWs reaching 11,696 individuals across 2,339 households. CHWs are playing a key role in symptomatic screening of targeted diseases and are enhancing health awareness through regular household outreach.

Baseline Evaluation

A baseline evaluation was conducted to establish benchmark indicators before project rollout. The evaluation, carried out by DCOR Consultancy, included qualitative and quantitative assessments to guide strategic implementation, optimize resource allocation, and strengthen community-public health system convergence.



Community Sensitization

- CHWs are conducting household visits to educate families on disease symptoms, prevention, and the importance of early testing.
- Household-level data are recorded using screening and symptomatic registers, strengthening micro-level planning.
- Micro-level planning is carried out through village mapping and regular coordination meetings with the Sarpanch, Sachiv, and Mitadin (ASHA worker) to ensure effective community-level implementation.

Systematic Data Collection during Screening

During the community screening process, CHWs are systematically collecting key household and individual-level information through registers and KoboToolbox. Kobo form training was provided to Field staff to strengthen accurate and timely data entry for field activities. The key details include:

- Village and Gram Panchayat details
- Name, age, and gender of the individual
- Disease-specific information related to the seven target diseases
- Presence of signs and symptoms for early identification and referral
- Duration of symptoms
- History of previous illness or treatment, if any.



Learning Visit by Azim Premji Foundation

As part of continuous learning and partnership strengthening, Dr. Sreya Pradhan, Grants Manager at the Azim Premji Foundation, visited the Nallakunta Referral Centre in Hyderabad to gain insights into referral services and program implementation.



Head of Finance and Operations, Mr. Omprakash, along with Mr. Ashish, Odisha State Finance Manager, visited the SHAKTHI Project Office in Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh, to review project operations and financial processes.

Meet our staff

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 SHAKTHI 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 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.

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.



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