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Dissemination of Learnings and Insights from TB Intervention in Gujarat and Jharkhand



Glimpses of discussion held with key stakeholders and participants present during the state dissemination of CGC project in Ranchi (left) and Ahmedabad (Right)

As part of closure of the Project ‘Closing the Gaps in Tuberculosis Care Cascade’ (4-year-long, USAID India supported, TB intervention) concluding June 2024, state-level dissemination events for sharing key project insights and learnings were organised in Jharkhand and Gujarat. The events were attended by respective State Tuberculosis Officers Dr. T. K. Soni in Gujarat and Dr. Kamlesh Kumar in Jharkhand and other officials demonstrating continued support to the intervention in their capacities. USAID India representatives Dr. Amar Shah, Division Chief, TB and Infectious Disease and Dr. Vrushali Deshmukh, Development Assistance Specialist participated in Gujarat and Jharkhand meet respectively.

In presence of Ms Prachi Shukla, Country Director, World Health Partners, and Chandra Shekhar Joshi, Director – Programs, the state program teams participated and shared valuable insights, learnings and observations from the project. The health officials expressed interest and commitment for integration and sustainability of TB interventions and models that have shown promising results.

Monitoring Maternal and Child CARE Initiative in Jharkhand



A team from World Health Partners led by Ms. Prachi Shukla, Country Director, and Mr. Akhilesh Sharma, Director Programs, visited Jharkhand and interacted with beneficiaries of CARE in Ranchi

Senior members from World Health Partners visited Mandar and Ratu Block in Ranchi, Jharkhand to observe the ongoing community-level activities under 'Systems Approach for MNCH focusing on Vulnerable Geographies' (SAMVEG) Project. The team met several beneficiaries to understand their experiences.

Counseling for ANC, readiness for birth, and strengthening essential newborn and child health care practices (CARE) model is one of the activities currently being piloted in two blocks (Mandar and Ratu) in Ranchi district under the SAMVEG project. This model was launched by the MD-NHM, Jharkhand in October 2023 and it is being demonstrated in two blocks and later will be scaled up based on the lesson learned.

District Collector Commends TB Elimination Efforts in Surat



TB Forum meeting chaired by Dr. Saurabh Pardhi, District Collector-Surat

World Health Partners' team participated in the TB review meeting presided by the District Collector Dr. Saurabh Pardhi at the Zila Panchayat, Surat, on May 30, 2024. During the discussion, focusing on ascertaining the progress in TB elimination and mortality reduction under the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) activities in Surat Rural, there was a special mention of the integration of new interventions such as Differentiated Care Management (DCM), Post-Treatment Follow-up (PTFU), and verbal autopsy, with the support of development partners.

These initiatives have strengthened NTEP's TB elimination goal through initiatives such as TB-free Panchayat and nutritional support underway through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). The District Collector suggested to maintain a focused approach for eliminating TB and engage more CSR sectors in TB services.

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Through regular visits, counselling to ensure my mental wellbeing along with TB illness treatment by maintaining positivity and providing free of cost sputum culture report, WHP Care Coordinator has been extremely supportive in facilitating my TB treatment. He guided me and advised when to visit the Medical Officer for consultation and helped me in assessing and tracking my weight and HB.

— **Riyaben Patel, 21 years, Kalol, Gandhinagar**



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