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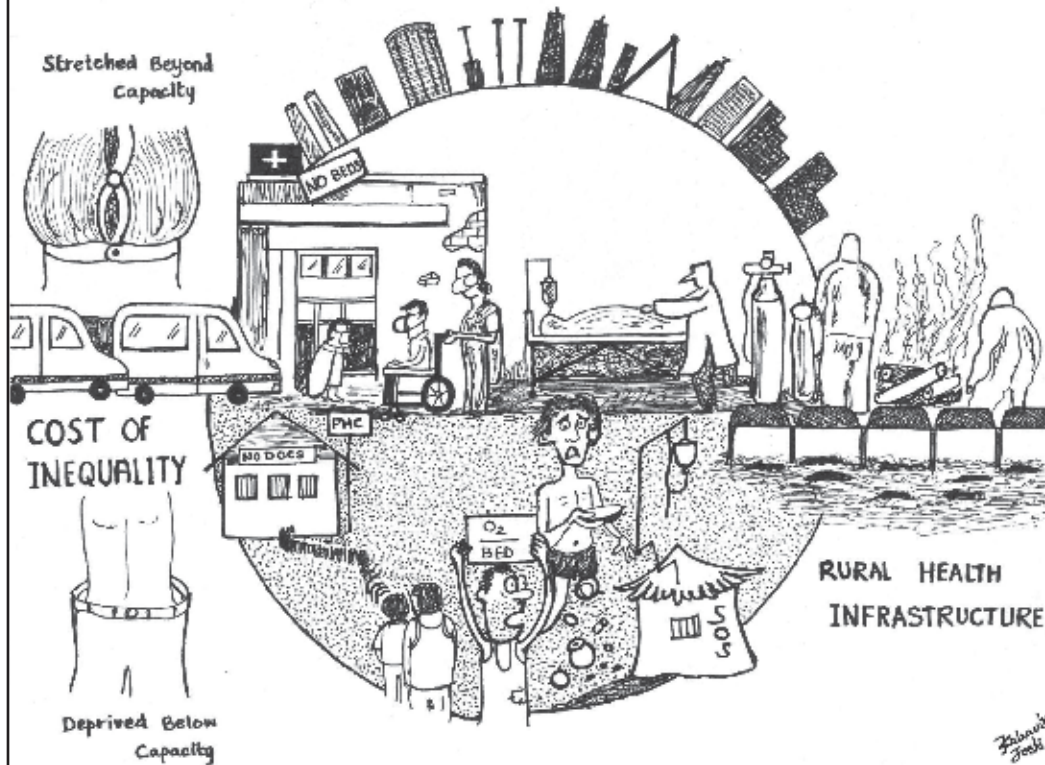
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From Editor's Desk

Greetings!



The second wave of COVID pandemic left a trail of devastation. As the deadly pandemic ravaged rural population, they were in a denial mode, did not adopt COVID appropriate behaviours. The critical cases who were rushed to the tertiary care facilities in urban areas were left frantically looking for cost-effective options as the govt.'s free-of-cost facilities were already chalk-a-block. The communities faced an unprecedented crisis of resource shortage. Deepak Foundation works towards strengthening preventive and promotive health care services in rural areas. Do write to us with your feedback.

Ms. Priya Chakraborty Giri

Padma Shri's virtual interaction with Sankul kids



Padma Shri Anil Kumar Gupta, founder of the Honey Bee Network known for his keen interest in grassroots innovations, this former Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad professor virtually interacted with children at the Samaj Suraksha Sankul.

During his interaction, he emphasised on the importance of creating knowledge networks for augmenting innovations and unfolding creative potential of individuals, institutions and societies through frugal, flexible and friendly empathetic open innovations and blending excellence in formal and informal science.

"Aavo chalo avishkar kare" (Let's invent and innovate): Children at Sankul attending the virtual session





Vidya saathi - Priyankaben Gohil helping the children with their academics.

Deepak Foundation celebrated "International Yoga Day" across all its locations. Team members at different locations had virtually participated in the event.



Community participation is important for sustainable development. Understanding the influential role that community involvement can play in project acceptability and implementation, equitable distribution of benefits, local resource mobilization and project sustainability, Deepak Foundation has kept community participation at the fulcrum of its programmes.

Project Vivek Vidya, a door-to-door education program is creating women catalysts to strengthen village and community education system. The project is designed in a way that capacities of the local women are built so that they are a role model for the community and change agents contributing in development of their own village or community education scenario, by playing the role of "Vidya Saathis". Currently, 65 "Vidya Saathis" are intervening in our remedial units in selected areas from all three project sites Nandesari - Gujarat, Hyderabad –

Telangana and, Roha – Raigad and catering to over 4000 children. They ensure that each child is enrolled in education net and having age and grade appropriate learning abilities as per requirement.

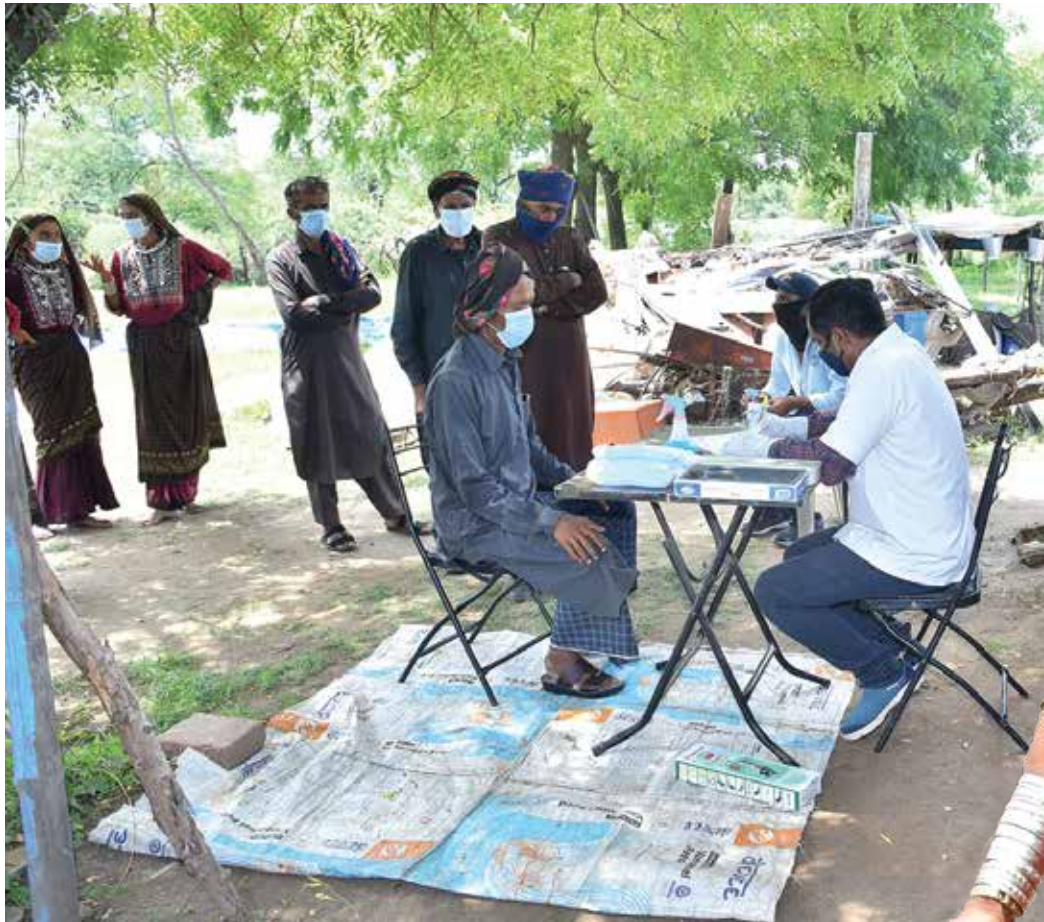
Priyankaben Gohil has been associated with Project Vivek Vidya as Vidya Saathi. She hails from the local Rajput community and lives at Ramghad village with her spouse, children and in-laws. Priyanka could not complete her education beyond senior secondary due to restrictions imposed at her parent's place. Post marriage, her husband encouraged her for taking up a job and even enrol for graduation course. Through community contact, she came in touch with Project Vivek Vidya team. After few months of hand-holding by our field executive, Priyanka picked up various teaching techniques such as dance, singing and drawing for teaching regular maths and language to 54 children.

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Health Camp conducted by MHU for local community



Heading towards Aaliya bet in Vagra Block in Bharuch, off the main road with dusty road patches by the Narmada River in search of the indigenous Kacchi Jats, also known as 'maldharis'. Around 120 odd Kacchi Jat families are leading nomadic pastoralist life guided by the principles of nature, living in complete harmony with their surroundings. Spread over an area of about 200 sq km, Aaliya bet is located about 25 km west of Bharuch. This is formed over thousands of years by the silt of the Narmada and other rivers. Other than pitching a tent, it is not possible to build any structure here, not even a hut. The land is frequently inundated with water during the monsoon and often the maldharis do not even get an opportunity to dry themselves for days. The milk-product industry unfurls as an economic lifeline for the tribe with economic revitalization ushering in industrial development like factories and commercial operations

plunked down.

Given a dearth of medical infrastructure in the area, Deepak Foundation's Mobile Health Unit provides primary health services to this community catering to a population of approximately 500 'maldharis' with 130 households.

This quarter, 65 people took advantage of the OPD services and 19 people availed of counseling services. Nearly 20 adolescent girls participated in awareness sessions wherein sanitary napkins were also distributed.

In response to the COVID scenario, awareness was created on COVID appropriate measures, on use of masks, frequent hand washing, adequate social distancing and educating communities to seek timely treatment at dedicated COVID care health facilities.

Initiating COVID Care Centre

With a surge in cases during the second wave of COVID-19 infections in April 2021, Deepak Foundation initiated COVID Care Centres at three locations, two in Gujarat & one in Maharashtra. As the deadly pandemic ravaged rural population, they had limited access to COVID care facilities. While the urban health infrastructure was chalk-a-block full with unavailability of ambulance services, the plight of patients from rural areas particularly those from poor communities was relatively worse than the urban community. The critical cases who rushed to the tertiary care facilities were left frantically looking for cost-effective options as the govt.'s free-of-cost facilities were already full. Considering the dearth of facilities in rural areas, Deepak Foundation initiated a multi-pronged relief measure to mitigate the impact of the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in partnership with Govt. and Corporate partners. Three different models of about 50 bed COVID Care Centers (CCC) were established w.e.f. April 2021 to address the need for hospital care. Two CCCs, one each in Vadodara district and Chhota Udepur district of Gujarat and one CCC in Palghar district of Maharashtra linked with mobile health unit were operationalized. The facilities have also been geared to promote vaccination among catchment population and supports in linking the govt.'s relief schemes and programs meant for eligible households.



COVID Care Center was setup at Nandesari unit, Gujarat



COVID Care Center was setup at Mokhada unit, Maharashtra

Guiding COVID cases at SSG Hospital, Vadodara

The Help Desk established at the Sir Sayajirao Gaekwad Hospital in Vadodara aimed at guiding and counselling caretakers of critical cases seeking treatment at district hospitals, provide support to those needing blood, medicines, diagnostic services, medico-legal help, assistance in getting birth and death certificates. During COVID pandemic, it serviced as a 24x7 COVID Control Room. Nearly 20,000 COVID-19 cases were guided and counselled for treatment which included 12,597 patients at emergency ward of SSG hospital.



Public Health Events

International Nurses Day is celebrated each year on the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birthday to mark the contributions nurses make to the society. The celebration took place at dedicated COVID Health Centre, Mokhada, Palghar, Maharashtra while recognising inspiring nurses for their compassion, professionalism, and round-the-clock commitment. Mrs. Rashmi Thackeray, Minister of State, Maharashtra, Dr. Shubha Raul, Ex-Mayor, Mumbai and members of Maharashtra State Covid Task Force, Block Health Administration and Deepak Foundation team members were also present on the occasion.

Maharashtra



Deepak Foundation inaugurated Mobile Health Unit (MHU) linked to the govt. health facility in the Mokhada block, Palghar district in Maharashtra for CSR partner Deepak Nitrite Limited and Health Department, Government of Maharashtra. It covers 31 tribal villages in the Mokhada block by providing services to approximately 40,426 people in the catchment areas. Member of the Legislative Assembly, Vikramgad Constituency, Shri Sunil Bhusara inaugurated the services.



MHU inauguration

A Dental Health Camp had been organised for adolescent girls at K.G.B.Vidyalaya, Kuchai, Seraikella district of Jharkhand by the Deepak Foundation team. The team also distributed the dental kits to the girls.

Jharkhand



Early identification & treatment of TB patients

As the Nation was undergoing the Second wave of COVID -19 and major States were in Lockdown including Madhya Pradesh, people faced difficulty in availing essential services. During these times of difficulty, the Patient Private Support Agency (PPSA) services by Deepak Foundation in 21 districts of Madhya Pradesh were on going. The staff ensured that they transported the sputum, continued testing sputum samples and delivered medicines to the TB patients. To ensure that majority of the patients are reached and catered to, following activities were undertaken during the lockdown:

- Sputum Collection and Transportation
- HIV and Diabetes Mellitus Testing for TB positive patients
- Follow up of patients completing the course treatment
- Delivering of fixed dose combination drugs for TB Positive patients

Madhya Pradesh

Counseling during COVID-19



Sputum Collection



Fixed-drug combination delivery

Gujarat



An awareness session on using artificial insemination method for enhancing milk production was organized for the women dairy members under the aegis of Project Kamdhenu at Sakariyapura village, Nandesari, Gujarat. The topic covered was "using the sexed semen (artificial insemination) method for increasing milk production". Dr. Amul Wagh, Senior Program Officer-BAIF-Vadodara was the trainer. There was total 72 participants including 65 women participants.



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