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SCHOOL AWARENESS

AT ASSISI RAICHUR

With the support of Dr. Musthafa from the D.L.O's office, consultants of Leprosy staff & Assisi staffs, a school awareness programme was conducted across .P.H.C.s in Raichur as well as urban schools. The goal of the program was to increase awareness about all aspects of leprosy. School staff were also co opted into the program and supported the Assisi staff in conducting medical examinations for students. Suspected cases were referred to the PHC'S for further.

"Through this program the number of cases identified through voluntary reporting as well as hidden leprosy case numbers increased."

ABOVE

Assisi staffs conducted leprosy awareness programmes across .P.H.C.s in Raichur and urban schools, even examining some of the students.

CBR and Leprosy Workshop

A three days intensive, residential workshop on CBR and leprosy was conducted from 6-8th March 2017 by AIFO India. The workshop is A total of 13 Participants from 4 Andra and Telangana projects took part in the workshop. Dr. Jose, Dr. Manimozhi, Dr. Jayanth from AIFO and coordinators from Malavalli project facilitated different sessions on update on CBR and leprosy, action plan preparation, the new RPD act and other related topics. A Special feature of the workshop was one day field visits to Malavalli CBR project thereby participants had a chance to interact with DPOs, SHGs, many families of disabled persons and other rehabilitation activities. As one of the main outcome of the workshop, all the project leaders presented and submitted their respective action plans to AIFO for the year 2017.

AIFO-ASSISI RAICHUR

ANTI LEPROSY DAY CELEBRATION

Anti leprosy day celebrations, organized by AIF- Assisi brought together all members of the community including Government healthcare staff, Government doctors, ASHA workers, Angandwady teachers, Panchayat members, school teachers and students. The program was held in the form of awareness rally's in different schools and villages such as Gunjalli, Ganadal, Giligewsure, Idepensure, Begingere, Manikanagar, Rampur, Hosur, Yeregera and Mattamari. In addition to public information, flyers were distributed carrying relevant information about leprosy. School children were given biscuits and sweets as a token of encouragement.

At the Assisi centre, leprosy patients and their children participated in a sports meet, and winners received their prizes from persons without leprosy.

Finally, the District Leprosy Officer (DLO) as well as the DLO staff celebrated anti leprosy day at the Leprosy Colony.

Highlighting the importance of the event, all health staff, ASHA's , Anganwadi staff and a students from Navodhya medical college were also present. The DLO and staff provided MCR (Micro Cellular rubber) footwear for persons affected by leprosy

DIFFERENTLY ABLED REHABILITATION

AIFO - Assisi facilitated the development of two new self help groups to promote the habits of savings among people. The focus is on those persons who live in poverty and survive on daily wages. The groups meet twice a month for regular meetings and are engaged in internal loaning, as well as vocational training activities like crafts, agarbathi making etc. This year the groups have received a subsidy loans from the government and have started small petty-shops, fruits selling and fees for higher studies.

HEALTH CONTACT SURVEY TO IDENTIFY HIDDEN CASES

Health contact survey was conducted in slum areas where MB cases were suspected. Around 300 houses were surveyed. Several new cases were detected and voluntary case reporting was observed and referred to the Primary Health Centre (PHC) . This survey was a vital tool for us to find hidden cases and treat existing cases in the community, greatly enhancing the impact of our work.



AIFO-ASSISI BELLARY

ANTI LEPROSY DAY CELEBRATION

To commemorate Anti Leprosy day, a public awareness program was organized in Hadahalli involving school children. These young children organized rallies, street by street and chanted slogans regarding leprosy. This was followed by a public gathering where persons formerly affected by leprosy were also present. The public program brought together Gram Panchayat members, Doctors from the Primary Healthcare Centres and community health workers. In addition, an essay competition for high school students was organized around the topic of leprosy.

TRAINING FOR SELF HELP GROUPS

A training program for members of a Self Help Group in order to form a Mahasangha was conducted involving 60 members. This taluk level training spread over two sessions. The goal of the program was to highlight the importance of a mahasangha, understand rules and regulations and benefits and entitlements from government departments. The training also touched upon aspects of registrations of SHG's and mahasangha. Through the program outreach a total of 210 women learned about their responsibilities.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE DISABLED

Ten adults with disability enrolled at the Samathanam trust for computer training in Bellary. Among them one girl with disability was placed in employment through the program. Further, through our support, another girl was placed in employment.

GLIMPSES FROM OUR WORK - PROVIDING MEDICAL AIDIES, MACHINERY AND HOPE

Hanumanthappa hailing from HBhalli is a differently abled person. He works as a cobbler and has a wife and 6 children. One of his children, his son is affected by leprosy. Hanumanthappa doesn't have any tools or machinery to improve his business. His poverty and the healthcare costs of his family members have inhibited him from purchasing any tools. AIFO- Bellary provided him with a sewing machine as well as tools to help him improve his income. Chandrappa, from Rammanagar HB Halli Taluk is physically challenged. He suffered an amputation to his leg. In addition, his daughter suffers from cerebral palsy. He lives in poverty and struggles to make ends meet. Through our project, we provided him crutches, to support him in improving his mobility.



AIFO- SRMAB

LEPROSY MEETING & ANTI LEPROSY DAY CELEBRATION



Reiterating that leprosy is their primary priority, SRMAB Mallavalli CBR project initiated a self help group for person affected by Leprosy. SRMAB celebrated Leprosy Day and the 'person with Leprosy self help group' anniversary programme at the Samudaya office on 26 January -2017. Mandya DLO, Dr, Ashwath and team, Taluk health officer, Child Development Programme Officer, Malavalli Taluk Tasildhar, APMC president, MU Joseph Sir, and 32 Leprosy affected persons, Office staff and computer students participated in the programme.

Dr.Ashwath, in his remarks to the audience spoke in detail about leprosy, precautions and the uses of the Samudaya CBR programme in the taluk. Further, he and his team distributed Micro cellular rubber footwear as well as Blankets to some of the participants.

STAFF REFRESHER TRAINING COURSE



A Two day refresher course was organized by SRMAB Malavalli CBR Project for all the staffs on 17 Feb 2017. Rehabilitation of Physical disabilities like Stroke, Cerebral palsy and Spinal cord injury were explained and demonstrated by Parthipan Ramasamy , trained and experienced physiotherapist. Rehabilitation of Physical disabilities like Spina bifida, congenital deformity, Amputation were explained by Siddegowda, trained physiotherapist and CBR Coordinator.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Dr.Manimozhi Natarajan, Head AIFO NLEP was recognized for his contribution to the field of leprosy and his undying commitment to serve persons affected by leprosy, related disability and other underserved communities.

Pictured alongside, Dr. Manimozhi receiving the Hansens Award from the Staff at Sumanahalli.

NLEP ASSAM REVIEW MEETING

