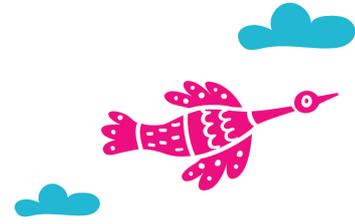


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Sangwari Programme



What is the Need for Sangwari Program?

Tribal regions across India categorised by poor health infrastructure, human resource deficiency and access to healthcare-related challenges. Consequently, tribal communities have poor health outcomes compared to all other population groups. Further, as per reports, approximately 40% of them live below the poverty line, depending on agriculture and local forest produce for their livelihood. [1]

Lack of opportunities at hyperlocal levels, and unpredictability associated with available livelihood options, force millions of tribal people to migrate to distant lands. They enter the informal economy and find work as landless labourers, daily wage earners, and factory and construction site workers, among others. This deprives them of their safety nets and further makes them vulnerable to diseases and health complications.

[1] nhm.gov.in/nhm_components/tribal_report/Executive_Summary.pdf

What is Sangwari Programme?

The Sangwari programme is designed to address the health and livelihood needs of the tribal communities of Bastar. Placed at an intersection of these two areas, it is a customised community health entrepreneurship model to address challenges associated with accessibility to healthcare.

Instead of depending on external sources and factors, the programme provides opportunities to women at the local level, building their capacities and empowering them to address their own challenges.

The Sangwari programme is being implemented as a pilot for a duration of 12 months. 18 villages have been chosen as pilot geographies, spread across Bastar district in the blocks of Jagdalpur, Darbha and Bastar.



What are the key objectives of the Programme?

The Sangwari Programme aims



To improve access to diagnostic tests, doctors' consultation, and essential medicines.



To provide preventive, promotive and curative healthcare services.



To offer sustainable livelihood options to tribal women by making community health entrepreneurs



What are The Components of Sangwari Program?

Tribal women (Sangwari) from the community who fulfill the basic selection criteria have been chosen for this Program. Post selection, they have undergone an intensive immersion program wherein they have been introduced to basics of health, public health system, key stakeholders in healthcare, etc. The two months of this initial phase culminated with a 5-day rigorous training program where the women were trained on signs and symptoms of key diseases, using diagnostic devices, connecting to doctors, communication, soft skills etc.



Services that will be provided by the Sangwari:

The Sangwari will provide the services within their community, at nominal costs.



Diagnostic tests (height, weight, temperature, pulse rate, oxygen saturation, blood pressure, blood sugar, anemia)



Tele-medicine consultation (using smartphones provided to them, they'll facilitate consultations between patients and doctors). Further, based on the prescriptions provided by the doctor, they'll provide doorstep delivery of medicines to the patients



Demand generation, health education and awareness activities in her community, working in close coordination with the local frontline health workers and PRI members.

Who are the partners?

This pilot is being implemented with the support of Bahaar Foundation, Bastar Samajik Jan Vikas Samiti and Anamaya: Tribal Health Collaborative (an initiative of Piramal Swasthya).



Bahaar Foundation is established with the vision to empower families to earn a better living by promoting sustainable self-employment through awareness, skills, finance and market linkages.



Bastar Samajik Jan Vikas Samiti believes in empowering tribal communities by creating a path of self reliance for them. It wants to create a just and egalitarian society where social and gender equality prevails; and all communities work together for sustainable development.



Anamaya, the Tribal Health Collaborative is a multi-stakeholder collaborative committed to end preventable deaths among tribal and other marginalised communities across India.





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