

Community Monitoring of Health Services Under NRHM in Rajasthan

Progress Report

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S. No.	Planned Activities	Activities completed
1.	Visit by AGCA Members	In order to initiate discussion and process of community monitoring under NRHM in the state the members of AGCA Dr. Narendra Gupta, Dr. Sharad Iyengar and Ms. Indu Capoor had informal discussions with civil society representatives. They shared the concept and framework of the community monitoring under NRHM with different stakeholders.
2.	Meeting with Government	On 2 April 2007 AGCA member Dr. Narendra Gupta had a meeting with Mr. R. K. Meena, Principal Health Secretary, Government of Rajasthan and Ms. Shubhra Singh, Mission Director, NRHM and briefed them about the project. They agreed to provide full cooperation in the implementation of the project in the state. The PHS also agreed to appoint Dr. M. L. Jain, Director AIDS/HA as nodal officer for community monitoring of health services under NRHM in Rajasthan.
3.	Appointment of State Nodal Officer	Dr. M. L. Jain, Director AIDS/HA was formally appointed as Nodal Office by Principal Health Secretary through letter no. PS/PHS/2007/607 date 23/26 April 2007.
4.	Preparatory meeting to plan state workshop	A state level meeting was organised under the chairpersonship of Mrs. Neel Kamal Darbari, Mission Director NRHM & Secretary FW, GOR on 8 th May 07 at Conference Hall, RHSDP, Directorate of Health and Family Welfare, Jaipur. Government officials, civil society organisations and AGCA members attended the meeting and discussed the community-monitoring framework under NRHM. A three-member committee consisting of Dr. M. L. Jain, Dr. S. C. Mathur and Dr. Narendra Gupta was formed to select districts for implementation of the project. During the meeting Prayas was selected as state level Nodal NGO for implementation of the project. The following issues were identified for monitoring under this project in the state- Demand/need, coverage, access, quality, effectiveness, behaviour and presence of health care personnel at service points. Ongoing and possible denial of care and negligence. Outreach services, public health facilities and the referral system. (Attached minutes of the meeting as annexure-1)
5.	Govt. order for CM	Following the state level meeting on community

		monitoring on 8 th May 2007 a letter No. PA/DMHS/(AIDS/HA) 07/102 dated 10 May 2007 was issued by the State Nodal Officer, Community Monitoring, Dr. M.L. Jain, in which he confirmed the minute of the 8 th May meeting and decision to initiate the community monitoring in four districts of Rajasthan.
6.	Selection of the state Nodal NGO	During the state level meeting on community monitoring on 8 th May 2007 Prayas was selected as state level Nodal NGO for implementation of the project, Which was later confirmed by the State Nodal Officer, Community Monitoring, Dr. M.L. Jain through letter No. PA/DMHS/(AIDS/HA) 07/102 dated 10 May 2007.
7.	State level workshop	As per the AGCA framework a state level workshop was organised at the State Institute of Health and Family Welfare on 27 th and 28 th August 2007. This workshop was attended by 50 participants including CMHOs, DPMs and civil society representatives from the concerned districts.
8.	State Mentoring Group formed	In order to ensure smooth implementation of the project the State Nodal Officer, Community monitoring, Rajasthan in consultation with the Mission Director, NRHM, Rajasthan vide letter No. PA/DIR/HA/CBM/07/1293 dated 11/09/07 formally constituted a 17 member state level Mentoring Group. The mentoring is chaired by the Mission Director, NRHM Rajasthan and convened by the state Nodal officer, community Monitoring and co-convened by Mr. Tej Ram Jat, representative of Civil Society. (Order is attached as annexure- 2)
9.	Selection of Districts and District level Nodal NGOs	The three- member Committee formed for selection of districts and district level nodal NGOs met on 7 July 2007 in the Directorate of Medical, Health and F.W. Services, Rajasthan and finalised the selection of district and district level nodal organisations for the first phase of community monitoring of health services under NRHM. The selected districts and nodal voluntary organisations are as follows- Chittorgarh (Prayas), Udaipur (ARTH), Jodhpur (GRAVIS) and Alwar (IBTADA). The following criteria was adopted for selection of the districts: 1.Strong presence of a civil society organisation working on health issues with rights based approach 2. Availability of at least one person with the organisation with medical or public health background 3. Geographical representation ARAVALI (An NGO set up by government of Rajasthan) helped in short-listing of NGOs for Alwar district.

2.	Selection of Blocks and block level implementing NGOs	<p>The selection of the blocks and block level implementing organisations was done by the state secretariat set up by state nodal organisation in consultation with District level Nodal NGOs and the Chief Medical & Health Officers of the concerned districts, which was later approved by the state level mentoring group in its first meeting. The selected Blocks and block level implementing organisations are as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>District</th> <th>Blocks</th> <th>Organisation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Jodhpur</td> <td>Luni</td> <td>- Meera Snasthan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mandor</td> <td>- Bhagawan Mahaveer Sansthan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Osiyan</td> <td>- Gravis</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Chittorgarh</td> <td>Bhainsroagarh</td> <td>- Nav Nirman Sanstha</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chittorgarh</td> <td>- Prayas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kapasan</td> <td>- Navachar Sanstha</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Udaipur</td> <td>Kotda</td> <td>- Sewa Mandir</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gogunda</td> <td>- ARTH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sarada</td> <td>- MRAKVS</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	District	Blocks	Organisation	Jodhpur	Luni	- Meera Snasthan	Mandor	- Bhagawan Mahaveer Sansthan	Osiyan	- Gravis	Chittorgarh	Bhainsroagarh	- Nav Nirman Sanstha	Chittorgarh	- Prayas	Kapasan	- Navachar Sanstha	Udaipur	Kotda	- Sewa Mandir	Gogunda	- ARTH	Sarada	- MRAKVS
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3.	Meeting of State Mentoring Group	<p>First meeting of State Level Mentoring Group on Community Monitoring of Health Services under NRHM was organized under the Chairpersonship of Director RCH on October 5, 2007 at 11:30 A.M in the Directorate of Medical and Health Services to discuss and review the operationalisation of the Community Based Monitoring of Health Services under NRHM in pilot districts and to plan for further strengthening of the pilot project.</p> <p>The meeting was attended by 14 members of the mentoring group or their representatives. Following decisions were taken during the meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was decided to form District Level Mentoring Groups at district level with immediate effect. These groups will be called 'Zila Jan Swsthya Bhagidari Samiti'. The group will be chaired by CMHO and Member secretary would be the District Nodal Organisation implementing the pilot project in the district. Other suggested members of the group are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RCHO - Deputy director, ICDS - Representative of CEO of Zila Parishad - District Program Manager- NRHM - Representative of PHED Department - Representatives of all three Block level implementing NGOs - Any expert of community monitoring of 																								

		<p>health services from the district</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. A formal letter will be issued by the State Nodal officer, Community monitoring to all Concerned CMHOs to form District Level mentoring Groups and to ensure active participation of Health Care Providers in activities carried out under the pilot project at various levels in the four pilot districts. 3. District level mentoring groups will ensure inter-sectoral coordination for smooth implementation of the pilot project. 4. District level trainings to be organized with immediate effect, so that further trainings can be conducted timely. 5. Activities like data collection, FGDs, documentation, public dialogues and sharing etc will be completed by February 2008. <p>(Attached minutes of the meeting as annexure-3)</p>
4.	State level TOT	<p>In order to converse and frame a strategy regarding how the task of community monitoring can be convincingly carried out through community participation, a five day State Level Training of Trainers was held in Jaipur from 4th-8th October 2007 with various representatives of the civil society organizations who are involved in the implementation of the pilot project in the four districts. The workshop was collectively organized by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Govt. of India) and Prayas Chittorgarh. Total 35 participants from four districts participated in the TOT.</p> <p>(Report is attached as annexure- 4)</p>
5.	District level workshops	<p>As per the AGCA framework for community monitoring district level workshops have been organised in Jodhpur on 24-09-07, in Chittorgarh on 6-11-07, in Alwar on 2 November 07 and in Udaipur district on 22 –12- 2007. These workshops were attended by RCHOs, DPMs, Civil Society representatives, AGCA member Dr. Narendra Gupta, PHC medical officers, other health care providers and elected representatives of Panchayat Raj Institutions.</p> <p>(Reports are attached as annexure- 5 to 7)</p>
6.	District level mentoring group formed	<p>The District Level Mentoring Group have been constituted in Chittorgarh district by CM&HO vide his letter No-NRHM/2007/101 dated 24/10/07 and in Alwar districts by CM&HO vide his letter No- 221 dated 29/10/07. The formation of District Level Mentoring Group in Jodhpur and Udaipur districts is in process.</p> <p>(Orders are attached as annexure- 8 & 9)</p>
7.	Selection and appointment of	<p>In order to initiate the process of community monitoring at</p>

	block level facilitators	block level the selection of block level facilitators and coordinators was completed in the month on October 2007 and block level coordinators in all 12 blocks of four districts were appointed on 1 st November 07.
8.	Initiation of block level activities	The enquiry was initiated at village level from 1 November 07 regarding status of health and health care, status and composition of Village Health & Sanitation Committees.
9.	Training of block facilitators	The trainings of block facilitators is have organised in Alwar district from 6 to 8 December 07, in Chittorgarh district from 26 to 28 December 08, in Jodhpur district from 19 to 21 December 08 and Udaipur district from 25 to 27 February 08.
10.	Mobilization at village level and formation of Village Health and Sanitation Committees	Community mobilization at village level and formation of Village Level Health and Sanitation Committees have been completed in all three blocks of Chittorgarh district, all three blocks of Jodhpur district and Ramgarh block of Alwar District. Community mobilization at Village level and formation of Village Level Health and Sanitation Committees is going on in rest of the blocks and will be completed by the last week of March..
11.	Training of Village Health Committee Members	Trainings have been completed for Village Health and Sanitation Committee members from all 15 VHSCs of Chittorgarh block of Chittorgarh district and 9 VHSCs of Ramgarh block of Alwar district. The remaining trainings of VHSCs members will be completed by the first week of April.

Annexure- 1. Minutes of the state level meeting on community monitoring

Annexure- 2. Government order for formation of State Mentoring Group

Annexure- 3. Report of State level TOT Rajasthan

Annexure- 4. Minutes of the meeting of State Mentoring Group

Annexure- 5. Report of District level workshop, Jodhpur

Annexure- 6. Report of District level workshop, Alwar

Annexure- 7. Report of District level workshop, Chittorgarh

Annexure- 8. Order confirming the formation of District Mentoring Group, Chittorgarh

Annexure- 9. Order confirming the formation of District Mentoring Group, Alwar

Annexure- 10. Newspaper clippings from different districts reporting various activities of the community monitoring of health services under NRHM in Rajasthan.