

## Uttarakhand

Community monitoring was initiated in the state in 2010-11 on a pilot basis as a key strategy for ensuring the services reach those for whom they are meant. Planning and Monitoring Committees at state, district and block levels and Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Committees (VHSNC) at village level were constituted in 2011-12. These committees have representatives of community based organisations like Self Help Groups, Mahila Mangal Dals, Yuvak Mangal Dals and prominent citizens, who are not part of the Rogi Kalyan Samitis and VHSNCs, as their members. The programme was initially implemented in 475 villages. It was scaled-up to all the 13 districts in 2012-13 and covered a total of 950 villages. One PHC in every block of each district was taken up along with five sub-centres for the programme, which was implemented through NGOs with technical support from Srinagar and Haldwani Medical Colleges (Department of Community Medicine). The colleges are also the Technical Resource Agencies for Garhwal and Kumoun regions. Local NGOs were selected to facilitate programme implementation at the district level. The following activities were carried out during this period:

- Selection and orientation of district NGOs.
- Formation of Planning and Monitoring committees at district and block levels and constitution of VHSNCs at the village level.
- One-day orientation of members of planning and monitoring committees and VHSNCs.
- Data collection and preparation of village health report cards
- Jan Samwads.

|          | <b>2011-12</b> | <b>2012-13</b> |
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| PHC      | 464            | 933            |
| Block    | 78             | 134            |
| District | 4              | 1              |

However, due to a lack of the required service providers in the health facilities to establish interface between the community, and various other gaps, the community monitoring system could not be established effectively and the impact of the programme was not visible to the desired extent. As a result, the state did not allocate any funds in the State PIP for the FY 2013-14 for continuation of the CBMP component.

During the period 2014-15, the state planned to implement community monitoring in one block in each of the two districts: Narsan in Haridwar and Khatima in Udham Singh Nagar. In each block, four PHCs were to be covered. However, the process was not included in state PIP for FY 2014-15

### **Proposed Plan for 2015-16**

The state has proposed to implement the community monitoring in two blocks of districts- Almora & Tehri Garhwal. The programme would be implemented in partnership with local implementing partners/ community based organizations. The programme at the state level will be managed by a team of professionals based at the State Programme Management Unit (SPMU). The team comprises of one State Programme Officer and one Programme Assistant/Accountant. At the district and block level, local implementing partners/ community based organizations/ academic institutions would implement the programme. The district level staff comprises of one district coordinator, one community trainer and one data manager. The block-level staff will consist of one Block Coordinator.

The activities planned are:

- Constitution of State Advisory Group Community for Action (State AGCA) and State Technical Advisory Group
- Develop scope of work for selection of implementation organisations
- Orientation of health officials at the district and block levels on CAH
- Formation of Planning and Monitoring Committees at district and block levels
- The state will involve 12 trainers (6 per district) from the state ASHA Resource Centre as master trainers along with the trainers of district ASHA Resource Centre (DARC) (District Programme Manager & District BCC Facilitators). They will be responsible for providing training to VHSNC(basic and refresher training) and RKS<sup>1</sup> members and community monitoring groups
- Re-organization/ expansion of the VHSNCs, with adequate representation of PRI members, SHG leaders, especially members from excluded and minority groups (as per the revised National VHSNC Guidelines)
- Awareness generation on NHM entitlements through community meetings, wall writings, display of citizens charter etc
- Organize first round of orientation training for VHSNC members
- Handhold regular monthly meetings of the VHSNC
- Facilitate in organising Jan Samwaad (Public Hearings) at block, and district levels.

### **Progress**

A meeting was organised on May 18, 2015 with Mission Director-NHM and State Community Process team and AGCA secretariat for re-initiate implementation of community action for health.

. Following decisions were taken:

- Community action for health programme will be implemented in 13 districts (instead of 2 districts as planned in the State PIP request). The additional cost for 11 districts will be built into the supplementary PIP
- The current ASHA support structure will be aligned with community action for health programme. Currently, State ASHA Resource Centre is managed by Research Development Initiative- Himalayan Institute Hospital Trust (HIHT) and district level District Resource Centre is managed by NGOs. Hence there no need to engage with new NGOs for implementation
- A detailed implementation plan on community action will be developed during convergence meeting in month of June,2015. The draft plan for implementation of CAH has been developed and will be shared with MD, NHM.
- Notification will be issued for formation of the State AGCA committee. The note on formation of committee has been developed and shared with MD. The note will also be shared with Principal Secretary (PS), Health & Family Welfare for approval.

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<sup>1</sup> About 26 master trainers (2 from each district) were created during pilot phase of the CBMP programme. During 2012-13, 3,476 VHSNCs spread over in Kumaon region (6 districts covering 41 blocks) and 3,814 VHSNCs in Garhwal regions (7 districts covering 54 blocks) were trained.

**Annexure-1****Implementing partners during 2011-12 and 2012-13:**

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Academy of Management studies<br>(Pauri, Haridwar, Pithoragarh) | Nar-Narayan Sewa Sansthan,<br>(Dehradun)                                | Swechha-Samiti (Tehri)                         |
| Danpur Himalyan<br>Rural & Agricultural Society<br>(Bageshwar)  | Dharohar Vikas Sanstha<br>(Nainital)                                    | Shakti Jan Kalyan Samiti<br>(Almora Champawat) |
| Srajan Spastic Society<br>(Champawat, Udam Singh<br>nagar)      | Himalayan Neelkamal Gramin<br>Arogya Vikas<br>(Uttarakashi, Rudrapryag) | Hetad Management Society<br>(Chamoli)          |