

## A brief Report on the Meeting held at IPH centre on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Between Shri K Vijay Kumar, Advisor to the Governor, Government of Jharkhand and NRHM Jharkhand Staff



An interactive meeting was arranged with Shri K Vijay Kumar, Advisor to the Governor, and Government of Jharkhand with the Health Department Officials of the state at IPH centre Namkum on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at IPH Convention Centre, Namkum. This was attended by the Principal Secretary, Mission Director NRHM Jharkhand, Director in Chief Health Services, Directors and Deputy Directors, Health and the entire staff of NRHM. The objective of the meeting was to apprise the Advisor on the various initiatives that have been taken up in state in the recent times to cater to the increasing health needs of the people of Jharkhand that have tremendously helped us to come close to many of the health indicators as defined in Millennium Development Goals for the state.

After a brief introduction by the participants, the meeting started with a small presentation given by the Principal Secretary on the progress made by the state on major Health Indicators (MMR, IMR, TFR, immunisation, Institutional Delivery etc) , Infrastructure Development in the Medical Sector in the state ; current status on the Existing and Up Coming new Community Health Centers(CHCs) , Primary Health Centers (CHCs) , Sub Centers (HSCs) , Referral Hospitals (RH), Districts Hospitals, Medical Colleges, Trauma Health Centers, ANMTCs among other Infrastructure work. In Human Resources in the Health sector, it was cited that due to various issues pertaining to the States Socio- politico, economic, cultural and geographical reasons, huge gap as per the IPHS norms exist especially of Medical and Paramedical

Staff in the state. Many strategies to overcome these and retain the Medical staff are being constantly employed (better remuneration, additional perks and benefits, incentives, service rules etc).

There has been a constant increase in the total outlay in Health Care Budgeting in the state in the consecutive years through the state treasury and also through NRHM which was also portrayed during the meeting. This has enabled the Health Department to provide better health care services through improved health care infrastructure facilities, a number of quality and timely Maternal and New born care facilities (JSSK, JSY, IMNCI, Routine immunisation programmes), Improvised Family Planning measures, Better Referral Transport Facilities (Mamta Vahan) to the Pregnant women. In addition the Health of the Adolescent groups is also being constantly monitored through ARSH Clinics and provision of free Iron Folic Pills through the School Health programme.

The ASHA or the Sahiya, one of the largest networks in the state, serve as an important interface between the community and health service delivery among them. They have been playing a critical role in the increased access of the health-services to the beneficiaries in the rural sector.



After this brief presentation the State officers of the Various National Health programmes were called upon to share in brief about their programmes. Dr Pradeep Baskey State Malaria Officer presented an overview of the National Vector Borne Disease Surveillance programme (NVBDCP) programme in the state. He told the gathering that the state has almost reached the optimum level of screening for Malaria in all the districts through their surveillance programme (10% of the population) as per the national guidelines. Report on Malaria is also being collected from Medical Colleges and District Hospitals which was not done earlier. For Diagnosis, RDT kits are being procured by the state and at preventive level Treated Bed Nets are also distributed in the Communities especially to the communities in the High Malaria Endemic villages. For this a host of Field staff comprising of the Multipurpose worker, ANMs, Technical Supervisors, District Medical officers are working towards achieving reduced

Malaria Prevalence in the state. A Special Saranda Plan has also been prepared for managing the occurrence of Malaria in the region.

The details of RNTCP (Revised National Tuberculosis Control programme) was shared by Dr Rakesh Dayal, State TB Officer, that gave a brief snapshot of the programme to the audience. There are broadly two objectives of the RNTCP programme: Case Detection Rate and Case Success Rate which should be respectively 70% and 85%. Since Jharkhand is a coal belt and mineral rich region with mines spanning a huge geography of the state, the cases of TB are rampant across the state. Last Year itself 15 districts of the state were included for the Drug Assisted TB cases to address the TB menace. The Health Department has also intensified TB HIV Collaborative programmes with JSACS (Jharkhand State AIDS Control Society)



Under this programme, eight more TB supervisory units in seven districts are being established as informed by Dr Dayal. There already exist 71 such units in the state. Another 13 TB units are proposed in FY2013-14. He also informed that the ministry has initiated field trials for a nucleic acid-based test for the TB bacterium that can detect whether the strain is drug resistant or not within 48 to 72 hours. The machine, called TB GeneXpert, is currently under trial at 18 sites across 13 states. Of these two sites are in Jharkhand one each at Ranchi and Bundu.

The NLEP State officer also shared in brief the programme details at the gathering.

Thereafter the Representatives of the Development Partners particularly UNICEF, MCHIP, IPAS, Engender Health and Futures group presented their level of engagements and achievements in the States Health Service Mandate.

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During the course of this exchange of information and ideas, the Advisor, Shri K Vijay Kumar enquired many little information from the staff members and the participants. He commended the efforts made by the entire team of the State's Health Department , NRHM and the Development partners for their



contribution in extending the health services across the state. He also urged the audience to keep alive the action through constant analysis of the situation, application of newer strategies and solutions to the ongoing issues. With so many innovations ,newer and better technologies coming up every day in the health sector, he professed that our coming generation of students in the Medical Education be exposed and have access to the latest technologies, international libraries with localized communication for better assimilation of knowledge and information.

He also called upon the available doctors in the state to remain agile, alert and alive to the health situation of the people and the community. He was very appreciative of the work and the efforts of the people working in the health sector and urged us to continue with the good work.

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