**Success Story**

Ajay Kumar, a 16-year-old young boy, lives in Kali Mahal slum area under Mughalsarai, belonging to a very poor family. His family has a total of 7 members including father, three sisters, and four brothers. His mother is no longer in the family. He was suffering from fever, chest pain, loss of weight for one year and never went to the doctor instead, he was having faith on negative spiritual power. One day, Prayas welfare association organized a community meeting in the slum area of Kali Mahal. During the meeting, his family contacted Mr. Sanjay Kumar, a community volunteer of Prayas welfare association, and shared his poor health and family status. Mr. Sanjay Kumar identified some symptoms related to TB and convinced them for medical supervision and advised for sputum testing. However, they were unable to reach DMC for sputum examination because Mr. Sanjay Kumar’s father is a rickshaw puller most of the time. In this situation, the community volunteer provided them a sputum container to store the morning sputum. On the second day, the community volunteer visited his home and collected both sputum samples.

After the sputum examination, he was diagnosed with TB and started DOTS through DOTS Provider. However, after one week, when he was taking drugs, he suffered many complications. In this situation, his treatment was dropped. One day, DC Axshya project and NGO head Mr. Sandeep Rai visited his home on routine visit of TB patient. During the visit, it was found that Ajay Kumar was going to default. DC Axshya project and Sandeep Rai convinced him to start his treatment. He realized the consequences of not taking DOTS and how many complications he faced. Ajay’s father said he was very poor and had no money for better treatment. He also said that the DOTS Provider was rude with them when they went to his clinic. After that, DC and NGO volunteer and Ajay’s father visited the DOT provider clinic and mobilized them to provide good behavior and support to make Ajay Kumar well.