

## BARMER – HATHLA VILLAGE AT INDO PAKISTAN BORDER

Initiative towards serve the community..... miss doses TB patients couples



Barmer is one of the district of VHAI, implementing Project Axshya since 2014. SURE Organization has also been working since starting under Chauhtan TU as Axshya PNGO. Hathla Gram Panchyat is one intensive intervention area, had been identified as VHM & situated approx 120 Km away from Chauhtan Town, comes under Bakhasar Block. Hathla is known as last village, situated at Indo-Pak Border.

That is fully desert area & far from basic public amenities. Most of villagers are illiterate & almost of them non-conscious of their health. Hathla has 978 Population & total approx 154 Household. Approx 530 no of villagers from ST Category.

A joint meeting (community & VHSC) was conducted in the month of August 2015 by SURE. During the meeting SURE staff Mr. Sawai Singh identified Smt. Nabbu Bizla Devi(71 year),W/o Bizala Tiba (74y) as TB Symptomatic & referred her to DMC Satha. Nabbu declared as TB Patient & started DOT within 07 days. In starting Nabbu Devi fallowed rules & continued to get the medicines up to 02 month. Sawai Singh was also touch with him. She has become careless & left DOT after passing some time. Sawai Singh contacted & motivated her to continue DOT & fallow regularity. But she was not serious for having DOT. Used to take 02 to 03 days interval. Sawai Singh observed TB symptoms in her husband. He has taken Satha DMC for sputum examination. His husband was also affected through his wife & declared as TB Patient after Sputum screening at DMC Satha.

Mr.Sawai Singh & Mr.Daulat (Program Coordinator) reached at their home. Motivated to both of them & forcibly asserted to getting the medicines as per rules & don't drop.

Mr.U.N Bajpai (APM-VHAI) also visited at their home during 04 days visit (16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Mar 2016). He also sensitized both of them on importance of continuity of DOT & its positive possible impact. Both Smt. Nabbu Bizla Devi & Bizala Tiba assured to him for following regularity towards becoming cure. They have been started DOT again & getting medicines under intensive supervision of SURE Staff.

Both are happy, realized their mistake & accepted that due to un-regularity Bizala Tiba affected from TB. But happy to know that they both will be cure after following DOTs rule & regulation. Both says that that's credit goes to Project Axshya. They sensitized us many time & asserted to fallow the DOTs rules. Now both of them are on DOTs under Axshya Partner.

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