

### **Mrs. Preet Kaur defeated TB sickness**

– struggle of ACSU CV from Quila Rahmatgarh, Malerkotla Punjab

Malerkotla Region in Sangrur (Punjab) has an enormous challenge for TB prevention. The RNTCP team advised special focus in the region. Quila Rahmatgarh has been selected as Active Surveillance Unit and our Community Volunteer Mrs. Suman Sharma was deputed there. The first task was to get the sputum test for the family members of all the TB patients on DOTS with the contact tracing.

During visit to the field area, Mrs. Preet Kaur approached us that she had fever for three months which did not get cure from the private doctor. She was advised for sputum test and was found TB positive on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Preet Kaur lives with her husband, two sons, one daughter, one daughter in-law and two grandsons. The family is marginalized labour and struggle for their basic needs. Her husband and son (both labourers) took her utmost care during the treatment and provided her nutritional and emotional support. She could not get her welfare money (DBT) till the completion of the treatment.

Many more individuals may be symptomatic where the ACSU helps individuals with their regular check-up and ensure completion of the treatment. The individuals working with the project and their efforts in motivating TB patients to complete treatment would make a path to END TB. With more efforts and outreach, we aim to reach to every needy.