

Axshya Samvad at needy pocket in Munger, Bihar

Many presumptive TB patients were identified during our field visit to Bhadaura Village (Hawli Kharagpur DMC). The RNTCP team advised immediate intervention and Axshya Samvad was started. Out of 620 households where Axshya Samvad was conducted, eight TB patients were diagnosed out of 67 sputum tests. The village had 700 households with approximately 5000 population.

Axshya staff followed up the treatment of these eight TB patients and interacted with the community for immediate check-up of any PTBP looking into the vulnerability. Our CV was invited to the Panchayat Meeting to share the TB prevention process by the village community.

While going through the case history of these PTBPs it was revealed that majority of young population were involved in stone crushing work a decade back. We conducted regular meetings and sensitized ASHA and Anganwadi workers to take the responsibility of informing about PTBP to our staff and take them for the check-up. The village Sarpanch was also cooperative in our initiative and assured to follow up with all the TB patients for their complete treatment.

The outreach to such pockets has been possible through Axshya Samvad and there is utmost need to conduct much more sensitization and awareness in such needy pockets. Mr. Anandi Singh, Male 60 years, is taking his medicines regularly and is also a TB advocate in the village to motivate all other patients for completing their treatment.