

First Step towards Sustainability

When we started working on the “Women Centered Program For Preventive Health Action” with in 22 villages, we kept it in mind that it must be sustainable.

The BMSP are working in the health project since 3 years. They have enriched with the health inputs through various trainings during the project period. The project period made them established in the village; the trend of consulting them for the health problem is established. This image of BMSP leads in to more & more demand from the villages. At this stage the villagers expect them to give basic medicines, tablets to treat as a first aid.

Thus we have decided to give medicinal support to barefoot medical service providers (BMSP). Soon after finishing the first training we started working on medicinal kit. Before giving medicine kit in hands of BMSP, we have arranged one day training regarding medicine and its uses on 2nd November 2010. On the same day the training ended with the distribution of medicinal kits to BMSP by hands of Mr. Vishavnath Kundle, Village leader from Jalihal. It will give them confidence, identity and also social status as a barefoot service provider. In first phase, the kit is distributed within selected six villages where there is no basic medical facilities are available in the village or near by 5 km. from the village. It was a trail to see response from the community.

We have in regular follow up / dialog with BMSPs. For experience sharing we have arranged first meeting of BMSP on my last visit on 5th December 2010. I am Very much happy to inform you that all of the BMSPs have got good response from the community. They shared their experience very confidently, like when they introduced medicinal kit in the village all people started asking medicine free of cost. They argued for the same with BMSP, the villagers compared these medicines with government medicine which they get free of cost. All BMSPs tried to make them aware about the ayurvedic medicines. BMSP informed them that government is giving very few medicines only for 0 to 6 years children. It will be available in the Anganwadi. So we are focusing on the older than 6 years through this medicines. After this clarification the villagers now came up with good response. This sharing then ended with the inquiries of remaining BMSPs about the kit. So we decided to support all of them in this month only.

Guidelines for the uses of Medicinal Box.

- 1. Box Contains the first aid kit of some of the diseases frequently observed in the community.**
- 2. These medicines are not for children under 6 years.**
- 3. The kit is divided in to two age group, i.e. 6 to 14 and above 14 years.**
- 4. Please give medicines(as per the charts pasted inside the box) for one day and suggest to get checked in the near by private or government hospital.**
- 5. Box contains medicine, dressing material, register and pen etc.**
- 6. Always lock the box after the use and keep away from reach of children.**
- 7. Only BMSP is allowed to use the medicinal box and no one from her family member.**
- 8. Please note down the details, of each and every patient, the diseasess and treatment in the register and report the same monthly at Jalihal office.**
- 9. Please keep the box clean, neat and tidy.**

We have pasted guideline and instruction charts inside the medicine kit.