



IND-CHR-CHP-P08, Northern India
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Community Health Program

Budget: \$16,000 fully funded

Update:

This community health and development project has been operating in the region for many years. The work now centres on the training and equipping of health care volunteers to provide a first point of care for people in the villages. A team has been established to deliver highly strategic and effective health care through the engagement of local community health volunteers.

Our partners provide the training and support for the community health volunteers who then provide basic medical care, including assessment and treatment of common illnesses, maternal and child healthcare and health education for disease prevention.

They implement public health initiatives such as delivering immunisations and promoting sanitation and hygiene measures. The trained volunteers take a holistic approach to their health and development work, encompassing the direct physical, emotional and spiritual needs of people, and looking to contribute meaningfully to community life. This includes working to change prevailing understandings and ways of thinking that limit the opportunities and ability of people in a community to participate fully in society.

This program is identifying and changing the way women are perceived in the community. Traditionally, villages have been patriarchal in nature, with the role of women limited to the home. However, over time, the presence of women in the public sphere, undertaking roles beyond that of home duties, has become more commonplace and the ability of women to positively contribute in these settings has become apparent. This gradual change in attitude has facilitated the movement of women into leadership positions.

Existing community health workers have access to continuing professional development through bi-annual training days, a training newsletter and web based sharing forum. This facilitates a sharing of resources amongst network members and health workers.



Local women attend a health education session in their village



Community health volunteers receive ongoing training

Local inhabitants have access to primary health care increasing their productive capacities and their life-span. Neo-natal death rates have greatly reduced and communities are being empowered to provide for some of their own health needs.

Thank you for making it possible for our partners to train volunteers in basic healthcare so that they, in turn, can reach out to their local people in need.