



## Completion Report

IND-CHR-CHT-P05, India  
Reporting Period: July 2016 to June 2017

### Lay Leaders Health Training

**Budget:** \$7,500 fully funded

**Update:**

This project trains and equips local leaders to deliver much needed health care to poor and remote villages in Northern India. Each participant attends 3 intensive modules over the course of a year at a central location. For the rest of the year they have the chance to practice what they have been learning.

This project is empowering locals at 'ground level' to meet the immediate health needs of communities in remote villages. These villages are often deemed inaccessible by other health care providers and are a long and expensive way from Government Clinics or doctors. The training targets existing, proven leaders with strong bonds and connection to their community, decreasing local fear of accessing health care, therefore preventing diseases that can lead to unnecessary death. Once a trainer completes the one year distance education program, they will undertake annual 10-day refresher courses to maintain their skill and competence levels.

The course is presently meeting the objectives set by the implementing medical college and producing well equipped and highly motivated community health worker graduates. Following graduation, course candidates practice across the range of prescribed activities, and establish or further their relationships with their community.



Refresher courses held for graduates



Participants attend an intensive training course

The course content is comprehensive and is delivered in a uniquely practical manner; a combination of theory, curriculum and hands-on opportunities with assignments to complete "in the field".

Topics include basic healthcare and first aid, prevention and promotion, referrals and follow-up, education and advocacy, mental health and disability.

Graduates gain self-confidence from participating in the course and becoming a health worker in their area. They gain a new sense of identity in their community and relationships with other community members are strengthened as a result.

Thank you for helping to provide basic healthcare to thousands of people throughout India.