

Kerala

Background

NRHM has completed its first phase in 2012. The State decided to conduct a social audit as part of the Community Action for Health (CAH) to scan the performance of the programme through public participation. The coverage of the social audit was one PHC sub-centre each from four selected districts. Centre for Management Development, an autonomous institute of Government of Kerala, was selected for the assignment. It had twin purposes – i) create more awareness among the community on various health services and ii) bring in necessary improvements based on public scrutiny.

Activities undertaken during the FY 2014-15

In the RoP 2014-15, Rs. 23 lakhs were sanctioned for implementation of the Community Action for Health programme. Some of the important activities carried out in the last year were:

Regional workshops

State has conducted regional workshops to orient the district officials on Community Action for Health programme. Apart from district medical officers, district programme managers, consultants, nodal officer in charge of the district, mass media, medical officers in charge of CHCs, health supervisors and block public relation officers participated in the workshop. These district officials in turn conducted the block level workshops to orient block officials on the CAH programme in which people representatives, health functionaries and public were present.

Social Audit

The National Health Mission, Kerala in association with Centre for Management Development, Thiruvananthapuram has conducted social audit in four PHC sub-centres covering four districts - Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam, Palakkad and Thrichur.

Social Audit in Pantha sub-centre, Thiruvananthapuram district

Social audit in Pantha sub-centre, Kallikkad, Thiruvanthapuram district was completed with a public hearing on November 27, 2014. The tools for data collection were developed based on the Pantha sub-centre social audit for the remaining three sub-centres namely, Kaipattoor in Ernakulam district, Ambalamkavu (Adat) in Thrissur district and Ezumangad in Palakkad district.

Strengthening of Ward Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committees

A convergent meeting was organised to strengthen the WHSNCs, headed by the Chairman (Ward Member), with support from the Departments of Health Service and Community Medicine, Medical College with Suchitwa Mission, Local Self Government Departments, Social Justice, Education Department and Kerala Institute of Local Administration.

Subsequently, a meeting was convened by the Honorable Chief Minister in September 2014 to discuss on how to control pre-monsoon diseases, which was attended by the Minister for Health, LSGDs, Social

Justice and Heads of related Departments and Presidents of District/ Block/ Grama Panchayats. The Chief Minister has declared Rs 10,000/- from Suchitwa Mission and Rs 5,000/- from LSGD Plan resources to strengthen the activities of WHSNCs in addition to the NRHM fund. Besides, the Suchitwa Mission is also providing Rs 20,000/- to the wards of municipalities and corporations. Further the Government has issued permissive sanction to all PRIs to allot Rs 5,000/- to all wards of Grama Panchayat to strengthen WHSNCs. Hence a total amount of Rs. 25,000/- made available from the untied fund in all 19,255 wards of Grama Panchayat/ Municipality/ corporations to effectively implement pre-monsoon control measures and prevent epidemic diseases.

WHSNC FUND DETAILS FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES

For One ward (In Rs)			
NHM	Suchitwa Mission	LSGD	TOTAL
10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	25,000.00

PILOT STUDY

A pilot study is conducted in Kallikad Grama Panchayat in Thiruvananthapuram District with support from the Community Medicine Department of Medical College, Suchitwa Mission, Social Justice and Local Self Government Department for more effective implementation and utilization of ward health sanitation fund. The result of the study will be replicated in the next year in all Grama Panchayats for effective utilization of WHSNC fund. The Guidelines on WHSNC in Malayalam is being printed for circulations to stakeholders.
