

IMPACT Project Report- Aug to Oct 2016

Project Name: Run an 85-bed child cancer ward in India

Project ID: 19108

Story of a tender tot who fought a highly malignant form of cancer:

Name : SaiDinesh

Age : 7 years

Diagnosis : RMS (Rhabdo Myo Sarcoma)

A mother's account of her son's fight against cancer (translated into English):

My name is Padma, mother of Sai Dinesh. My son is seven years old and was diagnosed with cancer in November 2014. We are from a small village in East Godavari district and had never heard about this deadly disease until then.

Initially he was suffering with severe pain in the throat and nose. It was so bad that he had difficulty swallowing water and also unable to breathe properly.

We consulted in many hospitals and after many rounds of consultations they referred my son to a private hospital in Hyderabad. We had spent a lot of money on my son's treatment in various private hospitals in the city. We were finally referred to a MNJ Institute of Oncology and Regional Cancer Center.

When we reached MNJ Institute of Oncology and Regional Cancer Center (IMPACT ward) my child had severe pain and breathlessness. We consulted with Dr. Sudha Sinha Pediatric Oncologist of Medical Oncology Department. She examined the child and perused all the reports and gave us hope that my son will get cured and she started treatment immediately for pain relief. As soon as we admitted him in the Pediatric ward run by IMPACT, a IMPACT counselors came forward to explain the entire process of diagnosis, prognosis, investigation and treatment.

After five days my son was diagnosed with Rhabdo Myo Sarcoma (RMS) cancer. I still remember that day I cried profusely and uncontrollably as even my Husband was not there to support. IMPACT counselors gave me a lot of emotional support and I was strengthened with their kind words and explanation of the entire process of chemotherapy, chances of survival and eco-system of support from IMPACT. Counselors talked with my husband on phone and explained about my son's situation and prognosis. IMPACT supported my son's nutritional needs, blood products and assured medicine free of cost. I felt so relieved and happy when my son successfully completed Chemotherapy and Radiation.

After one year of Chemotherapy and Radiation treatment, SaiDinesh is completely cured . This would not have been possible without the holistic

support of IMPACT team, especially the emotional support and able guidance from IMPACT counselors and financial support from IMPACT.

Quarterly Status Report

During the period of August to October 2016, a total of 1623 children have been treated for cancer. Out of which, 135 children were in-patients in the IMPACT ward.

Brief summary of activities

Transport support

Children benefited from our Transport Support are 101.

- 30 children were benefited during the month of Aug, 2016
- 32 children benefited in the month of Sept, 2016.
- 39 children got benefited in the Month of Oct, 2016.

Blood Donation Camps

Three Camps were conducted in the months of Aug, Sept and Oct 2016.

- Blood Products collected in August blood camp - 172 Units.
- Blood Products collected in September blood camp - 180 Units.
- Blood Product collected in October blood camp – 150 Units.
- Total 502 units of blood were collected.

Blood Products Support

Total children got benefited with FREE BLOOD.

- 185 children got benefited during the month of August - 2016.
- 95 children got benefited during the month of September -2016.
- 105 children got benefited during the month of October -2016.

New Admissions

Newly Diagnosed CANCER cases for 3 months are .

- 38 cases in the month of August , 2016.
- 27 cases in the month of September , 2016.
- 35cases in the month of October, 2016.

Hygiene Program / Support

Hygiene training was imparted to parent/caretakers of children.

- Following Hygiene aspects were trained and practices.
- Bed side cleaning.
- Hygiene boxes, Masks and sanitizers were distributed.

Evening Classes

Conducting every day Classes to kids for refreshment and Entertainment program.

- Birthday Celebration
- Academic Classes like Mathematics, English and Telugu.
- Drawing and Painting classes
- Cultural Activity
- Building Blocks and Puzzles
- Video games, watching movies and Cartoon videos

Medication

Medicines were procured and administered to several needy children.

- 42 Children got free medicines in August, 2016.
- 21Children got free medicines in September, 2016.
- 19 Children got free medicines in October, 2016.

Medicines administered include the followings.

- Inj.Tigi 50 mg
- Inj.Ethyal predmoslve 250mg.
- Tabs. Endoxan 50mg.
- Tab. Lastet 50mg,
- Tomoxefen 20mg.
- Methofast 50 mg.
- Syp. Zocovit.
- Syp. Kids care plus
- Inj. Endoxan 500mg.
- Inj.Colistine 10 lakhs(Veils)
- Inj.Clindazine 300 mg

Volunteering Activities

- Orange Leaf organization visited the ward and entertained the kids.
- CA.Sohanlal Jain visited the ward and spent sometime with Kids.
- Godavari Institute visited the ward and donated chemo medicine for kids belonging to other states that are not covered under Aarogyasri .
- Cipla CSR team conducted drawing competition for the Kids.

Events during the Quarter

- INDEPENDENCE-DAY celebration was conducted by Rajalaxmi foundation and distributed cakes and ice cream to kids.
- Blood camp organised by ARMY Group Col. Sunil and Kiran Sunil at eagle chowk, Sanikpuri.
- CIPLA Pharma company conducted drawing competition for the kids distributed biscuits for the kids.
- Impact team members participated in awareness camp on childhood cancer - RALLY organized by Amasha foundation
- IMPACT conducted AWARENESS ON CHILDHOOD CANCER PROGRAMME for medical Pediatric oncology department.
- Oncology pharma conducted drawing competition for 30 kids.
- GOOGLE conducted blood camp for IMPACT.
- Rotary club distributed homemade food like yellow rice, curd rice for battukkamma celebration.
- Blood camp organized by Ryan Property Tax for the kids at IMPACT.
- Diwali celebration organized by IMPACT.
- IMPACT donated new dress for a child who is under treatment for Diwali.