

# Maharashtra Arogya Mandal's Sickle Cell Anaemia Project

## Activity Report

### June-July-2016

*“Everybody is looking for validation, no matter who you are, and I think that's a need of the human condition - to look for affection or recognition or validation”.* As quoted by Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, the famous Mexican film director, producer and screenwriter.

Maharashtra Arogya Mandal started work for Sickle Cell Anemia in 1990s without looking for credit, validation or support. On way towards unconditional service many mentors like Global Giving hold our hands to make us believe in our work. Their association with us not only provided consistent support but also recognition and validation on International platform.

This report is very special for us as it has first-hand information from Global Giving Intern Ms Priya Sadhu. We are thankful to Global giving to provide us an opportunity to present our work to first intern of global giving. Ms Priya visited our work site, guided us and provided us some effective communication aids for attaining comprehensive coverage on global giving.

She visited Bhimashankar Tribal Development Project area at Sawarali. Tal Ambegaon Dist Pune. She also visited Muktangan free tribal girls hostel at Narodi Tal. Ambegaon Dist Pune.

We are thankful to all donors and well-wishers as with their kind support we were able to conduct 95<sup>th</sup> Sickle cell camp. Your support has made possible to avail diagnostic facilities for our new beneficiaries and 100% **medicine supply rate** for new and old sickle cell patients.

Our treatment camp is in July 2016 its monsoon in India with exposure to cold, rainy climate sickle cell patients suffer from joint pains. In this sickle cell camp we emphasize the sense of earnestness particularly for counselling, diagnosis and treatment for this medico-social problem of sickle cell disease along with seasonal precautions with care. We have observed more patients from other states like Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat are benefitted by our services. Also tribal patients from the vicinity of Satpuda Hilly ranges i.e from areas like Chopda, Shirpur, Raver and other parts of Jalgaon district adjacent to Madhya Pradesh are in large number suffering from this problem.

There was no centre providing comprehensive care for Sickle Cell Disorder in affected area. Hence we have started a new centre at **Dr. Dada Gujar Sickle Cell Centre Chopda Dist. Jalgaon** to serve more and more tribal population. We feel honoured that this was

our second centre inaugurated by Dr. Graham Serjeant (International Sickle Cell Scientist Jamaica)

This centre also provides facilities like Diagnosis, Counselling and Possible treatment for Sickle Cell free of cost.

Kindly help us forward this appeal to family and friends to help spread the message "Your generous monsoon gift will help one patient to be treated every day for one month while attending his primary school."

Your donations will be utilized to buy blood testing machines, warm clothes and medicines to ensure every sickle cell tribal family is healthy."

Remember each contribution makes a transformation, irrespective of magnitude.

#### **Sickle cell activities at glance**

**Dhadgaon Centre** Total Patients =  $825 + 33 = 858$

**Total Beneficiaries 961 including 136 new patients.**

**Sickle cell status: A+A 36    A+S 66    S+S 33**

#### **Dr. Dada Gujar Sickle Cell Centre Chopda Dist. Jalgaon**

**Total Beneficiaries  $90 + 34 = 124$  including 34 new patients**

**Sickle cell status: A+A 13    A+S 11    S+S 10**

**19 June is observed as a world sickle cell awareness day by UNESCO** hence during this week Maharashtra Arogya Mandal' s Sickle Cell Department has conducted free screening camp from 19 June to 25 June 2016 at Sane Guruji Hospital Hadapsar Pune.

#### **Data of screening camp.**

Total Population screened 219    AA 208    AS 7    SS 4

During this week on 21<sup>st</sup> June we had a an awareness program in which Dr. Anil Awachat Social activist and famous writer in Pune was chief guest. Dr. S.L.Kate was president of the function in presence of Global Giving Intern Priya Sadhu . Sickle Cell Patients, Paediatrician from Khargon Dr. Hitesh Mujalde (Madhya Pradesh) were also present on this occasion.

On this occasion the Sickle Cell Patient shared their views and benefits of the treatment of our polyherbal formulation and Sickle Cell Kit with counselling.

Sickle Cell Department also imparts training of Sickle Cell in areas of Laboratory Diagnosis, Counselling and Treatment. During 20<sup>th</sup> June to 25<sup>th</sup> June 4 volunteers from tribal area working with a NGO Adivasi development initiative At Paulzola , Tal Deori Dist. Gondia Maharashtra took hand on training for Laboratory Diagnosis for sickle cell under able guidance of Dr. S.L.Kate.

Famous Haemato-pathologist from Pune Dr. R. Manchanda was invited as a guest lecturer for the journal club meeting . Dr.Manchanda delivered lecture on inference reading and importance complete blood count parameters and Pre-Natal Diagnosis.

**Please watch this video with activity photographs and other details.**

**Thanking you**

**Yours sincerely**

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