



TB Mukt Panchayat Initiative

“District level workshop for CHOs and NTEP key staffs for effective TB diagnosis, treatment, surveillance, and prevention in Ballari District”

Date: 31st January, 2024

Background:

On January 31st, 2024, a district-level workshop was conducted in Ballari as part of the TB Mukt Panchayat Initiative. The workshop aimed to enhance the knowledge and skills of Community Health Officers (CHOs) and key staff from the National Tuberculosis Elimination Program (NTEP) for effective TB diagnosis, treatment, surveillance, and prevention in the Ballari District.

Objectives:

- To provide an overview of the National Tuberculosis Elimination Program (NTEP) in Ballari and introduce participants to the fundamentals of TB diagnosis and management.
- To familiarize attendees with the TB-free Gram Panchayat initiative by USEA Trust and discuss its implementation strategies.
- To delineate the roles and responsibilities of CHOs in the effective implementation of NTEP and the TB Mukt Panchayat Initiative.
- To delve into specialized areas such as Differentiated TB Care, surveillance, reporting, HIV/AIDS co-infection management, and orientation on Nikshay.

Participants:

The workshop saw participation from the following stakeholders:

- Community Health Officers (CHOs) from Ballari, Kampli and Kurugodu Talukas
- NTEP key staff
- USEA Team
- District Supervisor from DAPCO

1. Inaugural Session:

The workshop commenced with an inaugural session featuring Mr. Rajesh Bharatiya, State Lead, Karnataka, Tb Mukht Panchayat Initiative, USEA, and Dr. Indrani. V, District Tuberculosis Officer, Ballari, setting the tone for the event.

2. Overview of NTEP in Ballari:

Dr. Indrani. V, DTO, Ballari provided a comprehensive overview of NTEP in Ballari, emphasizing the significance of effective TB management at the district level.

3. Introduction to TB and NTEP:

Mr. Sanna Keshava, District Project Officer, USEA Trust, Ballari, introduced attendees to tuberculosis (TB) and the essential components of NTEP.

4. TB Free Gram Panchayat Initiative:

Rajesh Bharatiya elucidated the TB-free Gram Panchayat initiative by USEA Trust, highlighting its objectives and implementation strategies.

5. Roles and Responsibilities of CHOs:

Rajesh Bharatiya elaborated on the roles and responsibilities of CHOs in the successful implementation of NTEP and the TB Mukht Panchayat Initiative.

6. Differentiated TB Care and Surveillance:

Dr. Indrani. V discussed Differentiated TB Care, surveillance methodologies, and reporting mechanisms to ensure effective TB control.

7. HIV/AIDS Co-Infection Management:

Mr. Girish B., District Supervisor from DAPCO, provided insights into HIV/AIDS co-infection management, emphasizing integrated approaches for better patient outcomes.

8. Group Activity on Best Practices:

CHOs engaged in a group activity focusing on identifying gaps, challenges, and best practices at the Health and Wellness Center level, followed by presentations.

9. Orientation on Nikshay:

NTEP District Staff provided an orientation on Nikshay, the online portal for TB case management, enhancing participants' proficiency in digital tools for TB surveillance and reporting.

Conclusion:

The workshop provided a platform for knowledge exchange and capacity building among CHOs and NTEP key staff in Ballari. Through interactive sessions and practical exercises, attendees gained insights into TB management strategies, community engagement initiatives, and the utilization of digital tools for surveillance and reporting. The event concluded with a renewed commitment to collaborative efforts towards achieving the goal of a TB-free Ballari District.

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