



TB Mukta Panchayat Initiative

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

Date: 14th and 15th March -2024

Background:

On March 14th & 15th, 2024, a district-level workshop was conducted in Vijayanagara as part of the TB Mukta 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 Vijayanagara 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 Mukta 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 Hospet, Kudligi, HB Halli, H Hadagali, Kotturu and Harapanahalli talukas
- DHO, DTO, POs, ToTs and NTEP key staff
- USEA Team
- DMO and Team
- DHE and Team

1. Inaugural Session:

The workshop commenced with an inaugural session featuring Dr. Shankar Naik-DHO, Dr. Jagadish Patna-DTO, DMO, DHE, POs, ToTs, Ms. Parimala Dst. Project Officer USEA and Mr. Sanna Keshav Resource Person, setting the tone for the event.

2. Overview of NTEP in Vijayanagara:

Dr. Shankar Naik-DHO Vijayanagara provided a comprehensive overview of NTEP in Vijayanagara, emphasizing the significance of effective TB management at the district level.

3. Introduction to TB and NTEP:

Ms. Parimala Bhovi – Dst. Project Officer USEA and Mr. Sanna Keshava – Resource person, introduced attendees by conducting quiz competitions on tuberculosis (TB) and the essential components of NTEP.

4. TB Free Gram Panchayat Initiative:

Ms. Parimala Bhovi elucidated the TB-free Gram Panchayat initiative by USEA Trust, highlighting its objectives and implementation strategies.

5. Roles and Responsibilities of CHOs:

Dr. Jagdish - DTO and Dr. Basavaraj - ToT elaborated on the roles and responsibilities of CHOs in the successful implementation of NTEP and the TB Mukta Panchayat Initiative.

6. Differentiated TB Care and Surveillance:

Dr. Pruthvi - ToT discussed Differentiated TB Care, surveillance methodologies, and reporting mechanisms to ensure effective TB control.

7. HIV/AIDS Co-Infection Management:

Dr. Basavaraj ToT 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 Vijayanagara. 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 Vijayanagara District by taking oath with all.

Photo Gallery:

