



Improving Health Access in Tribal Areas



Project Overview

The project aims at strengthening the reach in underserved tribal areas, in collaboration with government health systems, as a part of its goal of preventing leprosy transmission and disability.

Rationale

People in close contact with patients are at an elevated risk, making early screening essential. There is a need to prioritise early screening for at-risk individuals, to reduce transmission and prevent disability. There is a huge unmet need in terms of training people affected by leprosy in self-care practices and creating awareness about their rights and access to essential welfare schemes.



Key Interventions

The project will focus on partnerships with government, Primary Health Centres (PHCs), and NGOs in tribal areas to extend community outreach, screen high-risk contacts of leprosy-affected persons, promoting self-care practices to prevent disability among people affected by leprosy and linking them with social welfare schemes.

Target Beneficiaries

The project is expected to benefit 2000+ people affected by leprosy and other disabilities and thousands of marginalised community members.



Expected outcome

The project will lead to improved early detection and reduced disability incidence through sustained self-care education, providing lasting benefits beyond the project's duration.

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The project aims at providing specialised neuro-rehabilitation services for patients with neurological disabilities, including those affected by leprosy and other conditions.

Rationale

Purulia, a tribal-dominated and leprosy-endemic district, is not able to serve a significant population in need of specialised neuro-rehabilitation services as there are no such facilities in the entire district.



Key Interventions

The Neuro Rehabilitation Centre in Purulia to address neurological disabilities and provide training for physiotherapists in advanced neuro-rehabilitation techniques while expanding their scope of services to serve both leprosy and non-leprosy patients.

Target Beneficiaries

Patients with neurological disabilities (both leprosy and non-leprosy cases) in Purulia and neighbouring districts.



Expected outcome

The centre will broaden TLM Purulia's service offerings, create revenue through patient services, and provide ongoing specialised training for physiotherapists, establishing a sustainable model for neuro-rehabilitation in the region.

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