



## Rejuvenating Public Health Centre - Chinchpada

Primary Health Care centres play a very vital role in the health care system of the rural population of our state and the country. They are expected to serve as centres for promotion of positive health, make people health conscious and ensure their full participation. Primary Health Care centre is a multipurpose unit which renders curative, preventive and promotive health care services to people living in defined geographical areas. A primary health centre provides accommodation for out-door clinics, MCH/FP clinic, minor surgery room, small laboratory and a ward of 6 beds, 4 being reserved for maternity. PHC is known for offering its services as a health team. There will be one PHC for 20,000 population in tribal, hilly areas and for 30,000 population in non-tribal and non-hilly areas.

Chinchpada PHC is a Panchayat village located in Nasik division of the Khandesh region of Maharashtra state in India. Administratively, Chinchpada PHC is under Navapur block, Nandurbar district. It is about 100 kms from Dhule and 50 kms from Nandurbar district headquarters. The PHC has medical officers, health assistant, ANM, lab technician, pharmacist and other Non-technical staff.

The first assessment of Chinchpada PHC was under **Block Transformation for ODF sustainability and WASH compliant communities, schools, Ashramshalas and other key institutions** project supported by NSE Foundation in Navapur block with implementation by CYDA and FINISH Society in February 2019.



The assessment subject was on Kayakalp started by the Govt. of India. The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan launched by the Prime Minister on 2nd October 2014, focuses on promoting cleanliness in public spaces. Cleanliness and hygiene in hospitals are critical to preventing infections and also provide patients with a positive experience and encourage moulding behaviour related to clean environment.

The assessment result was very low at first time which was 26.4% only. The marks obtained by PHC on multiple parameters like- PHC upkeep, Sanitation & hygiene, Waste Management, Infection control, Hygiene Promotion and Support Services. This shows that the PHC is lagging behind on all parameters as per the Kayakalp guidelines. PHC staff were also unaware about details of safe hygiene and sanitation in the PHC. The non-technical staff were also given non-appearance information about cleanliness in the PHC. There were no posters or sign boards in the rooms. There was one IEC poster up on the wall but it was outdated and

not as per the new Govt. rules. There was also a dysfunctional rain water harvesting system in the PHC and toilets were not cleaned frequently.

CYDA and Finish Society is working on ODF Sustainability and supporting the Government for making WASH complaint institutions in Navapur block as mentioned earlier. We have a consultant on PHC WASH and we have completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> PHC assessment in June 2019 with the head of Kayakalp and Quality & Assurance department of Nandurbar Mr Pradip Patil. The result was not so impressive on scale but it is improving bit by bit. The score was 48.3% in Kayakalp assessment.

#### [The PHC assessment was on Kayakalp](#)

Before the assessment, the plan was to improve scores on multiple levels with the support of PHC staff. The training was arranged on Kayakalp guidelines for PHC staff in Navapur block in May 2019. The main motive behind the training was to promote cleanliness, hygiene and Infection Control Practices in public Health Care Facilities along with other related objectives.

After the training and follow up, the plan was to improve PHC score by firstly constituting a Cleanliness and Infection Control Committee in the PHC. This would be followed by maintenance of all registers on a regular basis. Non-technical staff checklists were also prepared. The updated IEC was provided by CYDA and Finish Society. The drinking water system is now functional and fixed. And toilet is cleaned and ready for frequent use.

Now, the PHC has been nominated to Kayakalp from Nandurbar district in the PHC category. The result is yet to be announced and was delayed due to the lockdown situation but progress is clearly seen. There is a lot of work that still needs to be done and one can say it is a work in progress. One now needs to focus efforts on a rain water harvesting system, sharp pit and other operation & maintenance work.

***Dr. Survanshi, Medical Officer***

***“Chinchpada PHC is highly efficient and ready to move forward but there is much needed work on infrastructure level. We are demanding more funds on the Government side and need support from non-government organizations”***

***Dr Pradip Patil Head, Kayakalp Quality & Assurance Department***

***“There was no drastic change immediately but we must admit that there is an initial positive change started Kayakalp in Nandurbar district. Hope it will continue”***