



Vaccine is highly effective in preventing illness

Village Valchil is eleven kilometers away from Shahada block and is situated next to Kahatul primary health centre. Village is well developed and dwellers of all the castes are residing in the said village. Majority of the people are working in farms, earning at very low income.

During the visit to the village, project team came across Mrs. Usha Nimbha Takare, who has leg deformity and finds difficulty while walking. She belongs to underserved tribal community. She got influenced from other persons about the myths and misconceptions of vaccine.

Usha was vaccinated for first dose and had suffered with fever and other health issues for many days. Based on the previous experiences, Usha strongly felt that after taking second dose she might have deformity on the other leg too and was hesitating to take second dose, thinking that she might lose her life and considered vaccine to be life threatening. It was very challenging and difficult task for the project team to take Usha into confidence with affection. To change the mindset of Usha, project team held discussions with her – they had given live examples of one the persons of another village, who was diagnosed for Covid – 19. After few days, he had taken vaccines and now he is in pink of health. To reduce the risk factors of life, government had organized vaccination campaign. This motivation helped Usha's mind change and she got vaccinated for second dose on 30th November, 2021. Now she is ready to take booster after completing nine months.



During the door to door visits, medical team (nurse and doctors) and ASHA workers actively participated and convinced the people to take vaccines. Visits of the project team encouraged the medical team and they appreciated the work of CYDA.