

An ideal primary health center of Katgaon

After Ramchandra Potdar donated his land to the Primary Health Centre, villagers became involved in improving health services. Doctors also became available around the clock, and the villagers donated the center beds, small cupboards, mosquito nets, mats, TV sets, and water filters. Solar panels were also installed for hot water, and there was a decrease in contagious diseases.

Village Katgaon, District Tuljapur

The villagers of Katgaon came together to create basic infrastructure of a Primary Health Center (PHC), showing that community health were not merely the responsibility of the government but also the responsibility of those who use the services.

The PHC in the village had a dispensary and health workers in place but the government-run establishment had many problems. Villagers would often complain that the doctors were not available or on time, medicines were in short supply and there was no infrastructure. Because of such problems villagers were rather reluctant to use the PHC. The situation changed however when the doctors and villagers came together to solve the problems and made the PHC the top health facility in the area.

When Ramchandra Potdar donated his land for the PHC it was a starting point for increased participation of villagers in the creation and development of the health center. Villagers together purchased things such as beds, cupboards, mosquito nets, mats, TV sets, water filters and wooden benches for the patients. Flowers and herbs were planted in the surrounding gardens of the PHC and a simple structured toilet was built. Solar panels were also installed, which allowed hot water to be available to admitted patients at the centre.

Doctors available round the clock

A husband and wife team of Dr Vilapatte was also appointed to the centre to provide good medical care to the community. As they lived in the village they had constant contact with the people, and a relationship between the doctors and community was formed and strengthened through constant dialogue and interaction.

Care to provide Hygienic drinking Water

As bleaching power is used in the public water supply sample of drinking water from storage tanks were taken time to time and Anganwadi takes special care in cases of expectant mothers and children.

Highlights of Centre

The centre has a well equipped operation theater and a full availability of medicines, and has gone onto abolish malnutrition, conduct deliveries of pregnant women from the surrounding area, provide daily outpatients care and establish a successful family planning program. There was a tendency however for villagers to consult private doctors instead of the PHC, as there are a few private clinics in the village. But now the PHC is regularly used, with the PHC in Katgaon the leading centre in the Osmanabad District.

Active health committee

There are 9 villagers on the health committee of the PHC. The committee holds regular meetings to discuss the various issues related to PHC and works towards solving problem in either the PHC or in the health system in the area.

Health funds program

A health funds program is carried out in the village, in which 80 families have joined hands and 25 families have joined in the 'Janashri' scheme. Two villagers have already benefited from the scheme. The PHC also holds developmental programs for adolescent girls who are counseled about health, hygiene, nutrition etc.