



MAHATMA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, SEVAGRAM

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS RECEIVED FOR EXTENSION AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

During COVID pandemic, MGIMS Sevagram carried out many outreach activities for that which we received recognition and awards. The details are as follows:

1. MGIMS develops a self-assessment and action tool and checklist to help Gram Panchayats fight COVID-19; 700,000 Indian villages to implement the tool

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt of India accepted a tool developed by the Department of Community Medicine, Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (MGIMS), Sevagram to assess community preparedness at village level to battle the coronavirus pandemic. The self- assessment cum action tool is in the form of a checklist to be used by Gram Panchayat or another village level committee given the mandate of organizing village level response to the pandemic. The Department of Community Medicine has also developed a guide for filling up the checklist to make it user-friendly as well as a video for informing villagers regarding the need for community action.

The tool identifies eight areas for action at village level and accordingly the checklist is divided into sections; viz. creating awareness regarding preventive measures, solidarity to address the associated stigma, support for home as well as community quarantine, help in surveillance activities identification, support to needy families, ensuring availability of routine health services, prompt response in case of positive cases and maintaining hygiene and sanitation at village level. The filled-in information in this check-list will help the Gram Panchayats to self- assess their preparedness and identify what more they may do. This will also help the health department to take appropriate and timely corrective measures.

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt of India further instructed the Chief Secretaries of all Indian states to use the tool for assessing the community response to COVID- 19 at village/Gram Panchayat level for timely action of COVID-19 and vector borne diseases.

Further, in an online training coordinated by Anandvan and Village Social Transformation Foundation (VSTF) on 24 May 2020, the Department of Community Medicine oriented more than 300 VSTF fellows regarding use of the tool. These volunteers will work in more than 1000 villages of Maharashtra to catalyze community response to COVID-19. VSTF also plans to use the information gathered through the network of fellows to help the Government of Maharashtra fight the pandemic in a better way.

2. **Community Preparedness Checklist developed by Department of Community Medicine for rural and urban areas**

The Department of Community medicine also developed a community preparedness checklist after extensive consultations with the local stakeholders (PRIs, ASHA, AWW, villagers, community leaders, and health officials) for rural as well as urban areas. **The community preparedness checklist for rural areas was acknowledged at the highest level and the Hon. Chief Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India advocated the use of the checklist throughout India on 15 May 2020. In February 2021, the district collector decided to implement this checklist in all villages as well as wards in urban areas.**

The department of community medicine worked with other departments to conduct COVID related training for health care providers across the district. It trained four batches (40-50 health care providers, each) from the district health system. It also conducted sensitization training of Zilla Parishad and PRI representatives across the district for Community preparedness in 3 batches for approximately 600 Zilla Parishad (Dy CEOs, Chairman, Nagar Sewak) and PRI representatives from the district for community preparedness. Also, the department joined hands with Anandwan Warora and Maharashtra Village Social Transformation Foundation to conduct online training for approximately 800 NGOs representatives across Maharashtra for community preparedness.

The department assessed the RMNCH services in the district during COVID pandemic and lockdown, a study supported by WHO SEARO office. It is collaborating with the department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology to plan a **SCOPE - Surveillance of COVID in Pregnancy, a WHO India Country Office funded study.**

3. The department of Community Medicine **developed a COVID-19 deterministic modified SEIRM model**, to predict the second wave of the pandemic in Vidarbha. The study findings were presented to the Divisional Commissioner, Nagpur Division on 15 Jan 2021 and to the District Collector, Wardha on 15 Feb 2021.

4. **The Directorate of Medical Education (DMER) Mumbai invited MGIMS team to offer their services during the pandemic**

A team of 45 residents volunteered to offer their services in COVID ravaged Mumbai during the pandemic. They were applauded for their selfless work at Seven Hills Hospital

5. **Community work applauded on NDTV's Banega Swasth India Telethon**

Dr Subodh S Gupta, Professor and Head, Community medicine participated in a panel discussion about rural health at NDTV's Banega Swasth India telethon this morning where he talked about the Sevagram model of community based medical education. The telethon was helmed by Amitabh Bachchan with Pranay Roy, Rahul Bose and others besides him.

You-tube link:- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tRHZYWW2pC0>

6. Mrs Bharti Kamble, Staff Nurse at Kasturba Hospital and Ward In-charge for Corona Block Sevagram was bestowed with **MS Signature award for her phenomenal leadership in establishing an excellent nursing care in the Corona Block of MGIMS, Sevagram** by Ask and Get Business sol organization, Nagpur on 31 Oct, 2020.

7. **Blood Bank, KHS received Corona Warrior Award** for providing excellent services in during COVID-19 pandemic on 17th December 2021 at Taroda Village, Dist-Wardha.