Visit to Accredited Hospitals - Report

Under the QIPHS Project the overall idea is to transform the selected hospitals under the project to centres of excellence with greater community participation. In order to achieve this goal the administrative system including the responsible local government, hospital staff and community at large should be introduced to successful models. Visit to accredited hospitals is proposed as an important activity under the project to achieve this goal. During the reporting quarter we have organized two visits to accredited institutions with Local Government representatives, hospital staff and health watch members of PHC Vaniyampara.

Visit-1: Mundur Family Health Centre on 22-10-2019

First visit under this category was organized on 22nd October 2019 to Mundur Family Health Centre. Mundur Family Health Centre is one of the model hospitals in the District of Thrissur which has got NAQS accreditation for the year 2019 for maintaining the prescribed standards. This hospital is coming under the jurisdiction of Kaiparambu Grama Panchayath. The team visited the hospital was lead by Vice President of Pananchery Grama Panchayath Mr. K.A. Aboobaker. Representatives from the hospital, HMC members and members of Health Watch joined the team. The visit was made in the backdrop of elevating the PHC Vaniyampara into Family Health Centre by the Kerala Government under ARDRAM Project. The team was welcomed and briefed by the Medical Officer Dr. Greeshma. The team examined and collected details of the developments and novel initiatives implemented in the Mundur hospital. After seeing the hospital facilities, a discussion was arranged during which the President of Kaiparambu Grama Panchayath Mr. C.J. Anto gave a detailed narration on the recent developments that took place in the hospital under the initiative of Grama Panchayath. At the end of the discussion Vice President Mr. K.A. Aboobaker appreciated the Kaiparambu Grama Panchayath President Mr. C.J. Anto and Medical Officer Dr. Greeshma and her team for their committed efforts and thanked them for giving such a wonderful opportunity to visit the hospital.
Visit-2: Tribal Speciality Hospital- Kottathara, Attappady on 26-11-2019

Second visit under this initiative was organized on 26th November 2019 to Tribal Speciality Hospital, situated in Attapady block of Palakkad District. This hospital has achieved National –State level award (Kayakalpa) for best hospital. It also has KASH and NAQS Accreditation for quality assurance and best practices. Attappady Block in Palakkad District is one of the most remote and underdeveloped areas in the state of Kerala. This place is mostly inhabited by tribal communities and people migrated to Attapady from various parts of Kerala for agriculture purposes. In spite of all the odds, this hospital has flown with colours in terms of development. Tribal Speciality Hospital at Attapady, is now considered as a replicable model for any hospital in the government sector like Punalur Taluk Hospital. This was made possible due to the unparalleled commitment of Dr. Prebhudas, the superintendent of the hospital with active support from the hospital staff, local government and local tribal community.

The team visited the hospital was lead by President of Pananchery Grama Panchayath Ms. Anitha K.V. Vice President Mr. K.A. Aboobaker, Development Standing Committee Chair Person Ms. Sheela Baskaran, Welfare Standing Committee Chairman Mr. Sumesh also joined the President. Jananeethi representatives and Health Watch members were also in the team. The hospital was selected for visit not only because it has achieved highest standards of quality and care but also it caters the most marginalised native community tribes. Highest beneficiaries of the hospital patient pool belong to this category. Pananchery Grama Panchayath where the Vaniyampara PHC is located also caters patients from six tribal settlements. The core idea behind the visit was to know from the experiences of Tribal Speciality Hospital, Attapady, how the presence of tribal communities could tap for the development of the PHC Vaniyampara. The team was welcomed by Dr. Prebhudas. After a preliminary introduction and discussion in his cabin, he took the team to the conference hall of the hospital. Then he gave a detailed presentation on the developmental history of the hospital with the aid of Power Point. After the presentation he took to the team to each facility at the hospital and explained the way in which it caters the needs of different communities especially the tribal
community. Along with knowing the development strategies adopted in the hospital the team also learned how a health centre could be change agent in uplifting the most disadvantaged class of citizens through participation and inclusion. Ms. Anitha K.V., President of Pananchery Grama Panchayath, thanked Dr. Prebhudas for his achievements and thanked for the hospitality. She invited him to the Vaniyamapara PHC for furthering the discussion and he wholeheartedly accepted the invitation.

To conclude, the two visits we organized during the reporting quarter have become successful in terms of participation, learning’s and collective action. We earnestly believe that the take away lessons from these visits will definitely induce the authorities responsible for the development of the Vaniyamapara PHC to form a higher vision and to act with commitment.

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