One Day for Hospital - Report

One day for hospital is one of the major activities proposed under the QIPHS Project. Under this initiative members of health watch formed for the hospital will devote one day in each month to extend their services voluntarily for the hospital on need basis. This idea was selected from the Punalur Hospital where the staff and volunteers of the hospital will join together to extend their services to the hospital beyond their official duties on voluntary basis. This was turned out as a successful initiative in Punalur hospital, whereby cleaning the hospital and its premises, vegetable cultivation, gardening, wastes management etc. carried out under this initiative became a replicable model for other hospitals. Learning from this experience we proposed the same idea under the QIPHS project. During the reporting quarter we were able to organize two programs under this initiative. First one was conducted at Primary Health Centre Vaniyampara on 26th December 2019 and the second one was at Community Health Centre Vaniyampara on 15th January 2020.

On 26th December, 2019 under the leadership of Mr. Joy Poovathingal of Health Watch Vaniyampara removed the big natural rock situated in hospital premise. For many years this rock remained as a stumbling block affecting the development plan for the hospital. This again became an issue when the new plan for the hospital was approved transforming the hospital into family health centre. The proposed plan could not be implemented if the rock is not removed from the hospital premise. For removing the rock from the hospital lot of official procedures were to be complied with and if official path is chosen then it will bring undue delay. Realizing this Health Watch decided to remove it without going through the official channel. With the oral permission from the Local Panchayath and hospital authorities on 26th December 2019 the rock was smashed with the help of explosives and the same was removed from the hospital. By doing this it became easy for the authorities to execute the new plan for the hospital without any hindrances.

The second event under this head was organized on 15th January 2020 in association with the palliative care unit of CHC Vellanikkara. This day was celebrated as palliative day and the patients under the palliative care unit of the hospital and their families were invited and entertained with cultural programs and food. Compliments in the form utensils, bed sheets etc were gifted to the patients collected through sponsorship. Ollukkara Block Panchayth Officials, Hospital Staff, HMC Memebrs, Health Watch members and representatives from Jananeethi actively took part in the event.

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