



Arogya Sampada

Intelhealth

Delivering comprehensive healthcare services to the last mile population

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Intelhealth is a Tech for-impact organisation, delivering quality healthcare services where there is no doctor or healthcare professional. Intelhealth supports the front-line workers to connect with the doctor at a remote location and provide service to the patient.

What are the problems that we are addressing?

Peth and Surgana are 2 blocks of Nashik situated on the border of Gujarat and Maharashtra. These blocks are 100% tribal talukas. The people belong to the Kokana tribe community and are forest-dwelling people. And the village people of both the blocks have to travel 25-55 Kms to get treatment as the villages lack or do not have adequate health service resources nearby.

The challenges are immense. Unemployment is high as the villages are situated inside the forest areas, and the people work as daily labor as they do not own any agricultural land. It was also noticed that the community people did not prioritize their health and would not get help unless the disease has taken a severe form. The village people have to depend upon an open well or pond for drinking water and for doing other household chores. Generally, these water bodies are contaminated and are not fit for drinking without treatment at the point of use. It was found that this was the root cause of most of the diseases. Intergenerational anemia, micronutrient deficiency etc persisted in the community. And there are no adequate health service facilities available, and people mostly go to local “faith-based” or “traditional healers”.

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In Marathi, Arogya Sampada means “Health is wealth”. And this project aims to support and protect the health of those who have continued to be the custodians of nature and have shown us how to live with nature sustainably!

Out of 145 Gram panchayats, 30 villages have been selected for the Arogya Sampada project. Villages lacking in health access due to extensive forest cover and other demographic factors like poor socioeconomic status, unemployment, out-migration and lack of ownership of agricultural land were some of the factors taken into consideration.

The proposal to develop a local cadre of community health workers trained to identify common morbidities and offer advice or connect with a doctor via telemedicine services was discussed with local stakeholders (gram panchayat members, sarpanch and government frontline workers). Their interest and approval have been encouraging based on their ongoing cooperation to contribute to identifying the current gaps in health care and local health workers to be a part of this project.

Geographic coverage: 30 villages in Nashik

Implementing org - Intelehealth

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Key Impact

- **Population reached - 11,406**
- **Health workers supported – 5**
- **District - 1**
- **Villages covered – 30**
- **Blocks - 2**
- **Households registered – 2,278**

*data as of June 2022



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