

HEALTH ON WHEELS

Background:

Voluntary Health Association of Sikkim in collaboration with Inclusive India Foundation is implementing Health on Wheels (HoW) project. The project is financially supported by Glenmark Foundation, Mumbai. The objective is to provide Quality Primary Health facilities and awareness among the communities through mobile health clinic covering 8 villages in East Sikkim, as follows:-

1. Rumtek-Samluk
2. Tumlabong
3. Radong
4. Namin
5. Namli
6. Chuba
7. Chuja
8. Tshalamthang

Presently, 18772 populations and 30 ICDS area are being covered under 8 villages. The main target population is 0-6 year children, Pregnant and lactating mothers and Community.

STRATEGY OF HoW: Provide quality primary health facilities and awareness among the community through mobile health clinic.

OBJECTIVES OF HoW:

- To reduce and control diseases through mobile clinics covering the target population/proposed beneficiaries.
- To provide health care to the poor and needy at their door step.
- To undertake awareness and IEC activities informing the target audience regarding the programme and its operation.
- To provide health education to the target population, especially women and adolescent girls.
- To provide reproductive health care including immunization to the expectant and lactating women.
- To provide complete immunization service for the children below 6 years of age.
- To educate the target population on health and sanitation and the use of safe drinking water and protection of the environment.
- To transport serious pediatric patients and emergency cases to nearby PHCs, District Hospital, Singtam or STNM Hospital, Gangtok or private clinics by Ambulance.
- To strengthen the Village Health & Nutrition Day scheme of the Government through its activities in each ICDS Centre (AWC).
- To strengthen the hands of the Government as a collaborative partner in healthcare service delivery in order to progress towards its objectives of a complete healthy state.

WHAT DO WE DO?

1. Running Mobile Medical Clinics on all project area through Health Camps.
2. Monthly 26 Health Camps and 5 Awareness Programs on various health issues.
3. Free OPD services and free medicines for children (0-6 yrs), mothers and expecting mothers.
4. Free OPD services and free medicines to the community people from 2017.
5. Free consultation and services for needy patients at their home, who cannot come to Health Camps venues.
6. Random Blood Sugar (RBS) Testing at Health Camps through one touch Glucometer.
7. Provision of Free Ambulance Services (transportation facility) especially for children up to 6 years and mothers but the services had been provided to all the needy people from project area.
8. Demand based Health Camps at Schools.

WHO CAN AVAIL BENEFIT?

Initially, free medicines and ambulance services are provided only to children less than 6 years, expecting mothers and lactating mothers but from 2017 onwards, all the community people are getting these services along with the facility for blood sugar testing.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES UNDER H₀W PROJECT FROM 1ST APRIL 2017 UPTO 31ST MARCH 2018

1. Number of health camp conducted:	331
2. Number of patients seen:	6146
3. Number of target group examined:	3153
4. Number of health awareness conducted:	48
5. Number of people attended awareness program:	1516
6. Number of medicine distributed:	8299
7. Number of people who did RBS Testing:	194
8. Number of patients transported by ambulance:	02
9. Number of People met during home visit:	1296