

13TH Episode of "Voices of Empathy" is Now Out!

Join us in this insightful episode as we explore safeguarding in humanitarian work. Featuring the Advisor of Humanitarian Assistance and Safeguarding at DAHW Germany (He/Him), this episode highlights the importance of safeguarding protecting vulnerable populations and upholding humanitarian values.

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Community Centric Leprosy Care and Awareness Initiatives

In a concerted push for leprosy awareness and healthcare outreach, GLRA India launched multiple initiatives in October, targeting underserved communities. Through comprehensive training for ASHA workers in Dondi Block, Chhattisgarh and a sensitization session for 67 frontline health workers and 50 nursing students across Sendhwa and Barwani, Madhya Pradesh the organisation reinforced the importance of early leprosy detection and patient support.



Strategic skin and disability camps held in Vadoli and Konur identified new cases, referred for treatment after the initial disability assessment. Additionally, GLRA India engaged traditional healers in Pati Block, Madhya Pradesh equipping them with knowledge on early symptoms to encourage prompt community referrals.

Health Camp for improving health-seeking behavior, Gurugram, Haryana

GLRA India, with valued support from the District TB Office and Artemis Hospitals, organized a transformative health camp in Bansgaon, Gurugram. With 176 participants from the local community, the camp provided essential healthcare services, including optometry consultations, haemoglobin, blood pressure, and diabetes screenings, along with BMI assessments. The initiative aimed at delivering accessible healthcare and promoting well-being in underserved areas, equipping participants with medications and essential health insights.



Facilitating health care services for Women and girls with disabilities, Pansemal. Madhya Pradesh

The St. Augustine Social Service Society organized a one-day Mega Health Camp at Rakhi Khurd PHC Center, Pansemal. As part of Project Inclusive Communities for Gender Equalities funded by BMZ and DAHW Germany, a partner of GLRA India the camp focused on the health of women with disabilities, addressing both physical and mental health concerns. Out of 190 participants, 32 women were diagnosed with disabilities that required further investigation, and they were referred to the district hospital for additional care.



Advancing WASH Efforts in Agra, Uttar Pradesh Communities



- **Street Plays:** GLRA India conducted street plays across 25 locations in slums, promoting sanitation and hygiene.
- **Household Surveys:** Community volunteers visited over 6,000 households to assess the current practices and raise hygiene awareness.
- **Public Announcements:** Ongoing messaging emphasized clean water, sanitation, and hygiene.
- **School Sessions:** Assembly talk with students on essential WASH and personal hygiene practices.
- **Safeguarding Training:** 40 community volunteers and staff were trained on safeguarding, PSEA, nonviolent communication, and reporting, fostering a safer community environment.

Task Force Training in Gurugram, Haryana, Boosts "It's FIGHTbACK - TB Elimination Programme

On October 23, 2024, Artemis Hospital's CSR initiative hosted a dynamic Task Force Training in Naharpur, Gurugram, under the "It's FIGHTbACK" TB Elimination Programme. Led by Dr. Keshav Sharma (District TB Officer), Dr Ranjana (ASMO), Ms Poonam (District PPM), and Ms Manisha (Program Coordinator), the training empowered 24 participants with crucial knowledge on TB, mental health, HIV, and Community Key Informants. The session emphasised the task force's role in driving TB elimination and highlighted WASH practices to curb diseases. The event concluded with the inspiring TB Mukht Bharat pledge, strengthening community resolve for a healthier future.



Spreading TB Awareness Among Truck Drivers at Chennai



On 21st October 2024, a Public Announcement was held at Andarkuppam/ Manali Chinnamathur Tollgate, Chennai, targeting truck drivers to spread awareness about tuberculosis (TB). The session covered critical topics such as:

- Common TB symptoms
- Need for early identification
- Available treatment options

Attendees were also informed about government support schemes such as Nikshay Poshan Yojana (NPY) and Nikshay - TB notification incentive for the Private Sector that assist TB patients during their treatment. Informational pamphlets were distributed to provide more in-depth knowledge on TB prevention, treatment, and overall healthcare.



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Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan – Launched by the Honorable President of India

On 9th September 2022, the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, virtually launched the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan, setting a bold target of eliminating TB in India by 2025 – five years ahead of the global target.

India bears 25% of the global TB burden, and this initiative aims to bring together stakeholders to support TB patients. The honourable President emphasized the need to raise awareness, eradicate stigma, and ensure access to free treatment for all.

Let's make TB a thing of the past!