

CHETNA NGO Support Organisation (NSO)

As an NGO Support Organisation (NSO) for Gujarat State, since 2014, CHETNA extended technical and capacity building support to GO-NGO partnership for implementation of National Health Mission.

During 2015-16, a total of 63 NGOs were partners. The population covered is 20,52,971 of 1032 villages. This population is served by 54 Community Health Centers and 102 Primary Health Centres.

Semi Annual review and planning meetings were organised to facilitate evidence based planning.

Based on the learning needs expressed total 12 trainings were organised on Maternal and Child Health, Participatory Training Methodology, Health Management Information System. A total of 133 coordinators participated in these trainings. Onsite handholding support was provided to 218 Link Workers, 15 MPHWs, 135 ASHA and ASHA Facilitators and NGO coordinators.

Field level activities such as training of frontline workers, community mobilisation for accessing health services, support organisation of Village Health and Nutrition Days, organise health camps in partnership with the local health facilities are implemented by partners. Individual tracking was done which indicates an increase in access to services such as AnteNatal Checkups, Institutional Deliveries, Immunisation.

Mahila Aarogya Samiti

At the behest of the Urban Health Department, Government of Gujarat, a Pilot for building capacities of trainers of Mahila Aarogya Samiti (MAS, Women Health Committees) was anchored by NSO. Support was provided to 14 NGOs of eight Municipal Corporations for capacity building of 3998 members of 376 MAS. The activities included facilitation of a planning meeting with NGO leaders, development of baseline methodology, data collection tools and capacity building of data collectors.

Based on the national level module, a three phase training module to be imparted for two –three hours over a period of two days was developed in Gujarati language. A kit for trainers and a kit for MAS members has also been developed.

NSO organised a total of three training of trainers and 43 trainers from 14 organisations were trained. At the end of the three phase training the trainers expressed enhanced clarity on the roles and responsibilities of MAS, confidence in public speaking and participatory training skills.

“I have participated in several training programmes but the training imparted by CHETNA is participatory and we have realised the importance of participatory training techniques . Sitting in a circle, trainers and trainers sitting on a same level, use of songs and activities to ensure participation are some key principles that we will adopt in all our trainings”-a participant at the closure.

“The kit developed by CHETNA has boosted our morale and we are confident that through this visual material we will be able to engage MAS members for a longer duration.” - a trainer at the closure

More than 3500 Members of 350 Mahila Arogya Samiti of 29 wards of eight municipal corporation and 37 Urban Primary Health Centres have been trained through this initiative.