

Challenge Facility for Civil Society Round 8

Grantee Profile

GRAVIS India



Reducing TB prevalence in the sandstone mining community in the Thar Desert, India



Organisation

Gramin Vikas Vigyan Samiti

Location

Thar Desert, India

Population Reach

30,000 to 40,000 people from the mining community and their families

Timeline

May 2018 - May 2019

Contact Person

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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Raise awareness about TB among mineworkers
- Raise awareness about TB specifically among women in the mining community via existing self help groups
- Enhance the understanding of mine-owners on TB prevention and control in mining communities
- Orient school children and teachers in mining communities on TB and on its prevention
- Facilitate increased outreach of RNTCP services in mining areas

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Conduct sensitization workshops for mine workers
- Conduct sensitization workshops for women self help groups
- Build partnerships with Government health services
- Conduct TB orientation days for children in school settings
- Organize events on World TB day



Contribution to the Global Plan to End TB target(s)

- Reach at least 90% of all people with TB and place them on appropriate therapy.
- Reach (as part of target a.) 90% of the key populations, the most vulnerable, underserved, at risk populations
- Achieve at least 90% treatment success for all people diagnosed with TB through affordable treatment services, adherence to complete and correct treatment and social support.



Links to National Priorities and the TB Strategic Plan

By working with and reaching the sandstone mining community the project aims to support improvements in TB case notification rates among this key population.



Links to Finding the Missing People with TB

The overall goal of the project is to reach and reduce the prevalence of TB in the sandstone mining (a population often missed by public health services) communities of the Thar Desert.



GRAVIS, India

About GRAVIS

GRAVIS is an NGO that is based in the Thar Desert of India. We strive for rural development through community empowerment and social reconstruction, with a focus on healthcare, economic empowerment and primary education.

TB in India

India has the highest TB burden country in the world. Every year, an estimated 220,000 people die due to TB and the incidence rate is 2.2 million (approximately), accounting for 25% of the global incidence. In the context of drug resistance TB, India is also a high burden country with an estimated 99,000 cases reported each year.

About CFCS

Stop TB Partnership's Challenge Facility for Civil Society (CFCS) is a unique small grants mechanism that, since 2007, supports innovative community responses to fight tuberculosis (TB). CFCS over the course of 7 rounds has invested in, tested and demonstrated the effectiveness of community responses to strengthen and expand access to quality TB prevention and care services beyond health facilities to settings that cannot be easily reached by public TB programs - US\$ 3 million (approx.) in investments to 130 grantees in over 40 countries. The Stop TB Partnership looks forward to collaborating with, supporting and learning from CFCS Round 8 grantees.