

Project Axshya Success Stories

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Mohan Kol the son of Molai Kol is staying at Padkhuri village. Mohan Kol was the bread earner of the family. He was a truck driver but since 1.5 month he was taking rest at home. Through checkup he came to know that he was affected by the TB. He started taking medicines from the private doctors but there was no relief instead he was getting worse and worse day by day. With the concerned of the villagers a Ditched house was prepared in the field which was 3 kilometers away from the

home. People were frightened of the disease and no one was going to him. Now his wife started to go for daily wage labor. Now Mohan was completely discouraged and disappointed of his ill health and decided to end his life.

On 7 of July GKS meeting was held in Padukhari village which is 10 kilometers far from Sidhi DMC. During the meeting we came to know that the Mohan was suffering from TB. All the details were brought, and after checkup immediately we started medicines. It is glad to share that the Mohan has improved a lot. Now he is able to manage all his personal and house affairs, not only manage and are able to do his work but he has regained his identity in the family and society. Mohan feels that all the credits go to Axshya project and its team who helped him to get proper medicine and regain his health.



Mahipal Singh is 45 year old resident of Samnapur Village in Seoni District of MP. He was suffering from cough for a long time but never bothered about it. During one of the TB sensitization meeting he was counselled by the volunteer of the NGO and convinced to go for sputum test. He tested positive and soon after started on DOTS. He is much better now and is an ambassador for TB in his village and nearby villages. He shares his experiences to villagers and convinces them to go for sputum test and never overlook cough. Sharing his experiences he is saving many other

lives.

Mr Shivdas Tiwari and his two daughters, Mausmi on the left and Neha on his right, make up a TB-infected family in the village Khamaria in Jabalpur, MP – his wife and son died of TB years back. Mr Shivdas (55 years) and Mausmi (22 years) too are TB patients and they are currently on treatment. One of CBCI-CARD's NGO partners, Norbetine Social Society, met them during Project Axshya activities. Mausmi was the



first victim of TB and the family was searching for treatment here and there but, they say, they could not get good treatment and guidance even at the government hospitals. Finally, we diagnosed her as a TB patient with the help of a RNTCP DOTS centre in a medical college and treatment started. Before treatment, she lacked appetite, had loss of eyesight, and was so feeble that she could not move from one place to another. Now she can do all her activities on her own. She has been taking paediatric anti TB drugs as per her bodyweight. Her weight has now increased and she is responding to the treatment. Meanwhile, Mr Shivdas too developed a cough and was also diagnosed as a TB patient after sputum examination. He was advised to take treatment and was also started on DOTS. They are now very hopeful that their lives will be saved – and we are very happy that we could save a family.



Ambiga, a resident of Kanjipuram village, began her treatment in April 2011, after being identified during a TB community meeting conducted by Agape Foundation in her village. She was a CAT II patient, and a defaulter from 2008. She migrated to Coimbatore 1 year ago to work daily wages as a coolie in a plastics factory. Upon migrating to Dharmapuri, she started to default in her TB medication. She is married with 3 children and her husband is an alcoholic and is abusive to her, not going to any job. The main cause of her defaulting has been her husband

– when financial issues arise, he abuses her and keeps her from receiving her medication. Since treating Ambiga, the staff at Agape have taken extra measures to ensure she receives her medication on the appointed day. If she was unable to attend the clinic, one of the DOTS providers from Agape would go to her home and administer the medication there, or they would pay the auto to pick her up and bring her. They would also provide food for her if she was unable to eat before coming to the clinic or did not have food in her home. One of the Agape staff also provided counseling

to her husband to stop drinking and abusing her and helped him to get a job as a painter. In October 2011, Ambiga was cleared as being completely TB free. Since then, Agape Foundation staff has continued to be in contact with her as she contacts our staff whenever difficulty arises between her and her husband. This has included much counseling from the staff as well as injury treatment when required.



Ambiga and her daughter
with Agape Staff Nurse/DOTS
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