

Minutes of meeting for identifying upcoming areas of cooperation after publication of Standard Treatment Guidelines 3rd edition with Social Initiatives for Growth and Networking [SIGN], Catholic Health Association operating in States of Bihar, Jharkhand and Andaman Nicobar Islands (CHABIJAN) and Community Development Medicinal Unit [CDMU]

Date : 06/02/2023

Venue: Social Development Centre, Ranchi

Members present:

- Fr. Bipin Pani, Director, SIGN
- Ms. Sulagna Datta, Administrative Manager, CDMU
- Sr. Nirmala Mary, Executive Director, Catholic Health Association operating in States of Bihar, Jharkhand and Andaman Nicobar Islands (CHABIJAN)
- Mr. Walter Z. Kerketta, Staff, SIGN
- Mr. Satyendra Tudu, Staff, SIGN
- Ms. Chanchal J Bara, Staff, SIGN

Social Initiatives for Growth and Networking [SIGN] and Community Development Medicinal Unit (CDMU), organized a meeting on upcoming cooperation for Jharkhand partners in collaboration with SIGN and CHABIJAN, Ranchi, Jharkhand. This meeting was facilitated by Ms. Sulagna Dutta. The following topics were discussed.

- Issue regarding obtaining Clinical Establishment Certificate
- Drug License for Medicine procurement at Health Centres
- Refresher training on Standard Treatment Guidelines for Primary Healthcare In-charges
- To convert a non-functional health centre into an operational one: Training for the same can also be done at a later stage
- Adolescent girl's healthcare
- Any Other Matter arising from the discussion

There were many church-based rural Healthcare Centres used to run by sisters in Jharkhand who provided best health care services to the patients. As the years passed by, the norms to run the Primary Health Centers [PHC] has been changed. Jharkhand Government has issued new guidelines for the PHCs. As per the guidelines from the Government, every PHCs need to be registered with the District under Clinical Establishment Act. The norm further says that in order to run the any PHCs, it is required that they should have at least one doctor with them. With this second requirement, many of the health centers run by the religious sisters, had to be closed down due to absence of doctors. Secondly, they do not have any pharmacy due to absence of pharmacist.

Ms. Sulagna Dutta mentioned that during her visit with two of the dioceses Viz. Jamshedpur and Daltonganj, she got the opportunity to interact with few Health Centers' representatives. During her conversation with these sisters, she realized that many sisters are not using STG. Sr. Nirmala said that there are few things need to keep in mind. First of all, as a religious sister, these Centres after offering their services for the certain period of time, get transfer and the new sisters come in. So it is obvious that new sisters may not know that there is STG. Secondly, though in the STGs, things are explained very clearly, yet these nurse sisters during their nursing training have learnt many things, so unless they doubt for something, they do not need to consult STG. Of course, the new Center-In-Charges may require one round of training. So it was suggested that CDMU could organize refresher course for new and old healthcare centres in every year.

The Administrative Manager requested representatives of SIGN and CHABIJAN about the process of conversion of non-functional centre to functional. Fr Bipin & Sr Nirmala shared that it depends upon the congregation for such conversion. However, some concerted efforts required in this area.

Finally, it was felt that it will be better that CDMU can plan for identifying the need and gap of the health centres. Based on the need analysis CDMU alongwith participating institution can formulate a plan of action. The tentative area for need analysis are as follows:

- a) Taking a survey of the centers and listing out functional and non-functional Health Centers,
- c) Listing out training needs,
- c) Need of the health centres.

It was also suggested that a person can be hired by CDMU from Jharkhand who can take care for such data collection and Sr. Nirmala assured to share her office space within her tenure. The tentative time for hiring such person will be for six months.

All the representatives present in the meeting agreed to addressed the adolescent girls' issue through ongoing project supported and implemented by SIGN and CHABIJAN. The meeting was concluded with thanking each one for their valuable time, active participation and valuable suggestion.



Picture of the participants in the meeting

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