

NRHM: Progress

A Case Study of Rural Health Centre (Simhachalam) of Visakhapatnam District in A.P.

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Abstract

Recognizing the importance of health in the process of economic and social development and improving the quality of life of our citizens, the government of India has resolved to launch the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) to carry out necessary architectural correction in the basic health care delivery system. The mission adopts a synergetic health care in sector wise approach - nutrition, sanitation hygiene and safe drinking water as basic determinants of good health in order to have greater convergence among the related social sector Department i.e. AYUSH, Women & Child Development, Sanitation, elementary education, Panchyati Raj and Rural Development.

The prestigious mission of Government of India in the health care has great challenges. The mission of NRHM is a revolutionary reform and a boon for the rural health sector.

The NRHM has been conceptualized and the same is being operationalized from April 2005 throughout the country. The main aim of NRHM is to provide accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and reliable primary health care, especially to poor and vulnerable sections of the population. It also aims at bridging the gap in Rural Health care through creation of a cadre of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) and improves hospital care, decentralization of programme to district level to improve intra and inter-sectoral convergence and effective utilization of resources.

Present paper throws light on the progress of NRHM in a Rural Health Centre (Simhachalam) in the district of Visakhapatnam of Andhra Pradesh.

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