

The Second contact programme for PGDDHM course was successfully organized from 24th May to 30 May 2010 at the Programme study centre 32007 p (PHRN, F108, Ashok Vihar Ranchi).

The Seven days spell was conducted as per the schedule planned. The sessions focused majorly on two course modules namely – **1. Community Participation and Community Health Workers (MHMI-012)**

2. Management of District Health Services (MHMI-013)

The sessions were a combination of lectures, presentation and discussions followed by group work. On the first day the focus was community participation and community institutions in health. The session elaborately dealt on VHC, RKS and Role of Asha as well.

The field exposure was carried out in Khunti district in a village -Birhu. Large numbers of women were gathered and participated in the proceedings. Apart from the SHG members, the AWW, Sahiya, village health committee members' general public were also part of the meeting. Prior information was given in the village for the meeting and the villagers were well informed through the Sahiya BTT Members. However due to marriage and other social functions male members were absent from the village, hence the idea of interacting with the VHC in totality was missing. Nonetheless the discussions and exercises revolved around the issue of formation, selection, their roles and responsibilities and frequency of meetings, use of untied funds etc. The villagers were very cooperative and provided us with live discussion on various health issues pertaining to their village. Our course participants took active part in interaction and sharing information relevant to the community.

The rest of the sessions were conducted and participants eventually attended the sessions though with some regularity. The resource persons gave in lot of insights into the thematic areas and were well prepared for the session. The sessions were participatory and scope for greater discussion whereby linkages with the theory as well as the practical aspects were dealt in comprehensively.

The sessions on community participation and community health worker were covered comprehensively along with participatory tools used for Village health planning during the field visit and interaction with the community. Information for planning, Health Management information systems, as well as district health planning –structure and components, log frames, management of district health issues were elaborately explained. Among other thematic areas –convergence, training plans and 30 cluster sampling.

Two sessions were exclusively allotted for counseling on assessment and logbook however Due to unavailability of LOGBOOKS the photocopies were used to explain the content. The course participants also discussed on the methodology of writing assignments and were requesting for extension for the submission dates for their assignments, But finally they convinced for June 15th as the date of submission for Assignment. The sessions concluded without finalizing the third spell dates as the course materials are not yet made available at the regional centre. However the sessions are tentatively planned to be covered by end of august 2010.