

Newsletter of Yuvak Pratishthan for the Month of August 2005

Dear Friends,

As stated in our previous newsletter, we committed to circulate the monthly report, this is our second monthly newsletter of Yuvak Pratishthan for the month of August, 2005.

As you are aware, that the 26/27 of July were the worst days in the history of Mumbai. During these 48 hours there was unexpected, unnatural rainfall totally disrupted the life of people in every sense. Even after more than a week different parts of the city were struggling to survive. Kalina, Kurla, Sakinaka, Andheri East, Wadala, Chembur, Ghatkopar and many other suburban areas were still finding a way out of the disorder. The relief work was obviously given priority.

We would like to mention here that Yuvak Pratishthan, from the third day, started, got involved in flood relief work. Our first Medical Centre was opened at Saki Naka on the third day itself. 100 people died over there.

Till now Yuvak Pratishthan has completed 100 medical camps in the last 25 days. About one lakh flood affected were medically checked up and free medicines were distributed.

We have distributed 50,000 Chatais / Chaddars among the affected families.

Langars started from July 29, at Ghatkopar, Kurla, Powai, Bhandup East & West and about 13300 persons taken meal for two times for almost a week.

Total 1,72,000 nos. of Note Books have been distributed during the month for the students of BMC & Private Schools, who have lost their study material in flood.

25300 kgs. of Rice, 5000 kgs. of Soyabin, 5600 kgs. Sugar and 2100 kgs. have been distributed in 29 Bastis among more than 10,000 families of worst affected areas.

Jeevan Aasha -

In this activity, we continuously receive gratitude from the patients and their families for supporting and saving their lives. We are continuously receiving supports, co-operations, from political leaders, hospitals, doctors, social workers with our personal touch.

In the month of August, a total of 78 cases have been registered and the patients of different ailment, their relatives visited our office for getting assistance related to the medical treatment, surgeries in various hospitals in Mumbai.

It is observed that 19 cases out of 78 have been suffering from Heart Disease, 8 cases are of Kidney, 6 of Cancer, 3 of Brain, 18 for enquiries and 24 cases are of other types of treatments.

1 MRI and 2 Angiography cases are given immediate assistance for performing their tests at very concessional rates i.e. upto 75% discount in their charges. Out of which 1 patient belongs to middle class family and other 2 were Below Poverty Line, who cannot afford the charges of the hospitals.

We express our heartiest gratitude to the trusts, who have given financial aid to these patients. We glad to inform that 15 patients have got benefited in this month and others are under process.

Apart from this, we have received more than 300 phone calls for enquiry / assistance during the month.

Jeevan Aasara -

In the month of August, 16 new children have been enrolled which includes 6 female and 10 male children.

ART (Anti Retroviral Therapy) have been started and medicines have been given from ARCON under our project AAYU.

We receive continuous support / cooperation from the centre staffs, counsellors, gynaec doctors, pediatric doctors.

Jeevan AAYU :

In the month of August, the cases referred, under the programme life saving ART, were twenty five, out of which eighteen were registered at ARCON for the treatment. All eighteen patients were duly followed up and treatment part was monitored properly at ARCON.

In this context, we have established contacts, linkages of various private medical practitioners and voluntary organisations. In the month of August, contacts developed were as follows: Dr. Shetty (Kurla-E), Dr. Minal Vaidya (Kurla-E), Dr. Pahurkar (Vikroli-Park site) and voluntary organisation known as "Bahujan Hitay".

The regular visits were made to organisations, voluntarily agreed to send HIV patients, at ARCON through Y.P., were ASHA Mahila Sanshtha, R. K. HIV/AIDS Research and Care Center, Humsafar Trust. It is seen that 9 cases were registered at ARCON, from these organisations.

We take grate pleasure to inform you that shortly ARCON is going to take up a set of activities wherein patients through proper channel were been monitored through care and support and treatment part of ART will be adhered, under the leadership of Yuvak Pratishthan.

Tobacco Control Activity -

We would like to mention that we have started Tobacco Control Activity in Mumbai with the support from 'HRIDAY-SHAN' a well known Delhi based voluntary organisation, which is actively involved in health education among school children of Delhi. The main thrust of this programme is to provide useful health information related to lifestyle factors (diet, physical activity, environment, habit related and tobacco avoidance that are essential for promoting health and preventing habit related disease. For more details about this activity one can visit our website.

For conducting this activity in the schools of Mumbai, we, in association with HRIDAY-SHAN, will provide with Health Education Material, Resource Persons and also Training Workshops for Teacher Co-ordinators and for Student Peer Leaders.

In the month of August, we have identified and enrolled 20 School in Mumbai, in which 10 BMC Schools and 10 Private Schools.

Jeevan Aadhar -

We are visiting them regularly for counseling. Workshops / vocational training programmes are organized from time to time. Yoga classes are also arranged for them in Nair and Sion Hospitals.

Jeevan Akshay (Seva Mobile Camp)

In the month of August, at Mankhurd 4 Camps have been organised. 265 beneficiaries have been performed complete check-up, in which 2 patients are found suffering from Tuberculosis, 2 are found suffering from Cataract. T.B. patients have been referred to Municipal Hospital, Cataract patients have been sent for K.J. Somaiya Hospital and 1 pregnant lady sent to Rajawadi Hospital for further treatment.

At Bhandup and Ghatkopar Centres 5 Camps have been organised respectively. 358 and 410 beneficiaries have been performed complete check-up, but no cases have registered in these centres.

Slum Intervention Project -

In the month of August, this activity disrupted in the first week due to the heavy rainfall in Bhandup suburb, but we have tried to continue the activities and as our record total 1502 persons of the area get benefited through One to One Session, One to Group, BCC Events, Umbrella Events, Film & Video Shows and Condom Demonstration.

363 persons get benefited through 1 to 1 Session, in which 101 Married men, 163 married women, 91 Youth and 8 Adolescents.

714 persons get benefited through 1 to group session, in which 198 married men, 192 married women, 255 Youth and 69 Adolescents.

Film and Video Shows have been conducted a 4 places, in which 125 person that includes 41 men and 84 women, get benefited.

Studies and survey shows that continuous awareness is needed to the people. We receive public support as well in this project.

Once again we would like to appeal to the public of Mumbai, government and the social organisations to help, support, cooperate us in our activities for making our Mumbai Healthy & Wealthy.

We sincerely thanks, appreciate our co-workers for fulfilling their duties, extending support in these activities.

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