

Village Health Committees (VHCs)

Village Health Committees are the first step towards community orientation of health care services and for making health as a people's movement.

The Village Health Committees are to be constituted in all the 39753 (Department of E&S, 2008) inhabited villages with elected member of Panchayati Raj Institution of the village as Chairperson. The other members of the committee are ASHA Sahyogini, Anganwadi Worker, ANM, Representative from SHG, NGO, MSS etc. ASHA Sahyogini is the convener of VHC.

Village Health Committee will facilitate in addressing the health needs of the entire village with the help of health providers and health institutions. VHCs will play an important role in planning and monitoring of the health care services through community monitoring mechanism.

For strengthening of VHSCs provision of untied fund has been made under NRHM. Each VHSC will receive a grant of 10000 as an untied fund which will be used for the community actions for improvement of health status of the community including demand generation for health care services, sanitation drives, emergency health care needs, rewards for exceptional work in health sector etc.

Training- As per the NRHM framework for implementation, all the members of VHCs are to be trained. The content of the training will be developed with focus on the following issues-

1. Concept of Health and determinants of health.
2. Health institutions and health programs
3. Social aspects impacting health status like child marriages, son preference etc.
4. Demand generation for health care services
5. Planning and monitoring of health care services
6. Operational issues - Constitution, monthly meetings, funds management, reporting
7. Roles and responsibility of VHC in improvement of health status of the community

The process of Development of detailed Village Health Plans will also be initiated in the training. The expected training load is of about 250,000 members. The training will be imparted at PHC/Block level and all the committee members of the cluster of villages will be trained in one batch. State Health Resource Center (SHRC) which is established at State Institute of Health and Family Welfare will be the Apex body for the task of trainings. The support will be taken from the NGOs which have an experience in implementing the community level interventions in the health sector. The benchmark up to March 2010 will be of completion of at least 50 % of the trainings.

- The pool of trainers will be developed at State, District, Block and PHC level.
- The cascade model will be used for these trainings.
- The trainers team will include identified and experienced trainers from DMHS, DWCD, PR and RD, NGOs and some free lancing trainers.
- SHRC will carry out the state and district level trainings and will provide supportive supervision for block/ PHC level trainings.
- NGOs will be involved in the trainings of members of the committee and provision of the logistics support for the trainings.

IEC- The component of VHC is to be widely publicized, so that it could be robustly rooted in the institutional framework. The IEC will be done through different media.

Monthly Meetings- The monthly meetings of Village Health Committees are planned on each MCHN days to be facilitated by ASHA Sahyogini and ANM. As Convener, ASHA Sahyogini will be responsible for conducting the monthly meetings, documenting the minutes, and approval of the resolutions. An incentive of Rs. 100/- for ASHA Sahyogini will be provided from the untied fund of VHC.

MIS- The physical and financial reports are incorporated in the monthly progress report of the State. The MIS is developed on the basis of three measurable indicators. They are Constitution

of Committees, Monthly Meetings held and utilization of funds. The information on the trainings will also be included after initiation of the trainings.

Monitoring - The monitoring tools will be developed and the monitoring on quantitative and qualitative indicators will be evolved, field tested and used for qualitative inputs in the programme.

Support System-

State level - State Health Resource Center will provide technical backstopping to the programme at state level. The training modules, development of resource pool, state level trainings, supportive supervision for district and block level trainings will be provided by State Health Resource Center. The support will also be provided in monitoring of the programme from State level.

District level- One specific person may be identified for the facilitation of the VHCs. The person may be District ASHA Coordinator or any other person who could handle the responsibility related to VHC. The nodal person in the district will facilitate the following components of Village Health Committees -

1. Constitution of VHCs in all the revenue villages
2. Making data base and profile of VHCs.
3. Facilitation of monthly meetings of VHC on each MCHN day at village level
4. Facilitation in Development of village health plans and incorporation in to Block Health plans and Block Health Plans in to District Health Plans.
6. Addressing the issues identified by Village Health Committees and work for the amicable solutions.

The District ASHA Coordinator will facilitate the process of constitution and functioning of Village Health Committees. Support of MNGOs and service NGOs will also be taken for functioning of Village Health Committees in the areas allotted to them.

Block Level- Block Chief Medical and Health Officer and Block Programme Manager will be responsible for the intervention related to Village Health Committees.

PHC Level -PHC Level – LHV and ASHA Supervisor will be involved in the support to the Village Health Committees. Support of NGOs will also be taken for following activities-

1. Organizing Monthly Meetings Regularly
2. Providing support in trainings
3. Facilitation in development of Village Health Plans
4. Facilitation in conflict redressal
5. Other issues related to VHCs

Involvement of NGOs

The community Monitoring programme is operational in the State with the support of NGOs. ASHA –Sahyogini Trainings are also being conducted with support of NGOs Looking in to the success of partnership with NGO in different programs, SHSRC, NRHM is intended to obtain the support of NGOs in the training of VHSC Members. Following task is expected from NGOs-

- Identify the district wise training load in consultation with District/ Block administration and work out the training plan and training calendar of the particular district assigned by SHSRC /NRHM
- Identify potential Master Trainers for District and Block level in consultation with DHS/DPM/BPM/ for training to be organized by SHSRC or under supervision of SHSRC by NGO and develop the data profile of these trainers
- Over all management of training of VHSC at all level in the districts (Training of Master Trainers at District level / Block level and Training of Members of VHSCs)

- Supervision and Monitoring of Trainings
- Logistic arrangements of all level trainings
- Support in development of training material
- Identification of Block level NGO to manage the training if require
- Ensure the presence of participants and identified trainer/ resource persons in the training on scheduled time and date.
- Maintain the quality of supplies involved in training including food, stationary bags etc.
- Ensure the proper follow up of training guidelines provided by SHSRC
- Obtain the Training material, Guidelines budget and financial guidelines from the SHSRC with timely prerequisite demand.
- Prepare Physical and financial report of training in prescribed format and submit to SHSRC along with documentary proof.
- Provide support to the external supervisors in the training
- Provide timely feedback to SHSRC regarding training.

Budget to be submitted for Training of Village Health Committees

Number of Participants per Batch- 50			
Duration of the training- 2 Days			
No.	Particulars	Rate	Amount
1	Travel to the participants and resource persons		
2	Stationary for participants pen, writing pad and teaching material		
3	Honorarium to resource person		
4	Lodging and boarding		
5	Training Venue		
6	Mis. Expenditures		
7	Cost to the NGOs		

Format for NGO Profile

Particulars	Descriptions
Name of The Organization	
Head Address	
Address- Branch /Field Office (If any)	
Phone	
Email address	
Website	
Name and designation of Project In charge	
Legal Status (Registration details)	
Registration No	
Registration Date	
PAN No	
FCRA No	
Infrastructure	
Land & Building	
Basic office Equipment	
Fixed Assets / Moveable Assets	
Organization Structure	
Staff	
Detail of Technical staff	
Liabilities	
Experience with CBOs	
Presence of NGO in The District	
Has a Govt. department /Ministry ever Black listed or imposed funding restrictions on NGO	
Grant Received From any International/ National Donor/ agency/state Govt	
Bank Branch Account No	
Brief description about activities accomplished by organization in last 10 years (Annual report of last three years may be attached)	
Financial status (Audit report last three years	

Documentary evidence may be attached to verify the information

