

Advancing Development: Community Swaraj

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Workshop on

Vaccination For All: Advancing
Health Governance At Grassroots

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Vaccination – a panacea to COVID-19

The COVID – 19 pandemic disrupted the lives of many and our community members are not exceptional. The livelihood and health were devastated and they were struggling to meet both ends. The first wave took many lives, but we were not known the persons. The second wave has taken our close-knit family members and neighbours caused a huge economic and social interruption in our life. The Pandemic shook very heavily and we lost 54 members or their family members in the first wave and 335 in the second wave. Free vaccination against COVID-19 commenced in our country on January 16, 2021, and the government has urged all of its citizens to be immunized, in what is expected to be the largest vaccination program in the world.

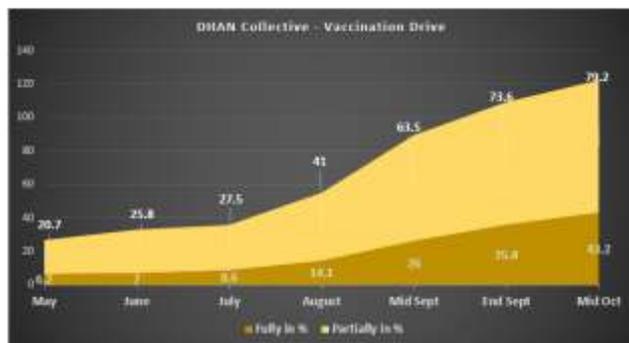
Benefits of Vaccination

The vaccine reduces the risk of infection

Contributing to mass wellness by getting vaccinated

Vaccination Achievement at DHAN Collective

At Dhan, a special focus was given to our health workers and frontline workers because they have been with the



community and role models of the vaccination drive. This was one of the prime agendas of our regular weekly Health Meeting held on all Monday since the break out of the first wave at the beginning of 2020.

Community Governance – a beacon among the hesitant

First to get the vaccination and played as Role Models - Trust in the vaccines is vital, and is critically dependant on the ability of community governance to communicate the benefits of vaccination, and to deliver the vaccines safely and effectively. Sensitizing the Community Governance on taking vaccination played a critical role and in turn, they took vaccination, played as role models. Their effective communication promoted confidence in getting vaccinated in more group members and their family members. They understood the effectiveness and safety of vaccination and came forward to getting vaccinated.



Stood as a Saviour of her/his group - Community Governance, the Secretary of each group takes up the health aspects of the concerned group. She has been entrusted with the responsibility of getting vaccinated not only by all members of her group and but their family members also. After getting to know the place and the quantity of vaccination availability from the Health Associates, she informs the group members and their family members to avail the facility. She ensures 100 percent vaccination of eligible family members of her group members.

Addressing vaccine hesitancy: Vaccination is one of the most successful public health interventions. But still, there are in rural, urban, coastal and tribal contexts the hesitancy is seen. Reasons behind vaccine hesitancy are complex and encompass more than just a knowledge deficit. As a trusted source of information on vaccines and a role model, Community Governance plays a key role in driving vaccine acceptance.

The Workshop

The workshop on Vaccination for all: advancing health governance at grassroots will focus on the following aspects

- The Role of Community Governance in achieving 100 percent vaccination of members and their family members of her limit
- Experience sharing by Regional Co-ordinators, Federation Coordinators and Health Associates on their significant approach towards vaccination in their respective regions/locations
- Consolidating the learning and best practices from other regions/locations and taking them as action

points for the progress of vaccination drive where it needs improvement

Objectives of the workshop

- To showcase the best practices learned across the country in ensuring vaccination for all
- To document the role and effectiveness of community governance in ensuring last mile reach of the vaccination drive



- To evolve the ways and mechanisms to strengthen the public-private partnership towards leveraging the services from various stakeholders for 100 percent vaccination

Participants

Officials and field workers from health departments, Regional Coordinators, Federation Coordinators, Health Associates and the Community Governance .

Programme Content and Structure

- Lead paper presentation on Vaccination for all: advancing health governance at grassroots
- Presentation and address by the delegates
- Experience sharing by Regional Coordinators, Federation Coordinators, Health Associates, Community Governance
- Sharing perspectives of various stakeholders

Date and Venue

The workshop (hybrid mode) will be held on October 28, 2021 Thursday at DHAN Foundation, Madurai, Tamil Nadu from 10am. to 5pm. The link will be shared to the participants.

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