

National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) Initiatives in SMC Area



National Urban Health Mission was launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha on 23rd February 2014. Sambalpur is one of the 36 cities which are covered under NUHM in Odisha. At the city level the City Health Society has been formed. Six number of Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) are operational in Khetraipur, Maneswar, Dhanupali, Janardan Pujari Maternity Hospital Golbazar, Chaurpur and Aithapalli UFWC. 21 ANMs and 92 ASHAs are in place to strengthen the community process. 76 Mahila Arogya Samiti (MAS) have been formed and around 300 MAS members are oriented on NUHM, group strengthening, record maintenance etc. 5000 Rupees as untied fund has been provided to each 76 MAS formed in the city. Six days training program has been conducted for 21 urban ANMs on NUHM, UHND, immunisation, maternal health, child health, new born care etc. Rogi Kalyana Samiti has been formed in five UPHCs. Slum meeting on health schemes organised in 25 slums in which member of Mahila Arogya Samities, youth clubs, ASHA, AWW, ANM, representatives of NGO, CBOs, and other slum dwellers participated in the meeting. Besides in 210 sites Urban Health and Nutrition Day has been started on Tuesday and Friday.

Animal Birth Control Programme launched by SMC

An estimated 12000 dogs are roaming on the streets in the municipal Corporation area of sambalpur city which poses a serious threat to the life of its citizens. To counter the threat, Sambalpur Municipal Corporation in collaboration with the Animal Resources Development Department and the District administration has launched the Animal Birth Control programme within the city limits with its Headquarters at Veterinary Dispensary Burla on 26/02/2015 where both male and female dogs are being surgically sterilized, thereby avoiding congregation in matting seasons, preventing mating and proliferation the more will result in a significant reduction in stray dog population within three years .

The process involves catching of stray dogs from identified localities by trained dog catchers equipped with special equipments, housing them in comfortable kennels, surgical sterilization of the animals by trained Vet. Surgeons, deworming and vaccination with Anti Rabies Vaccine & subsequent release of the animals in their respective localities.

For this purpose a 20 dog kennel has already been constructed and being used in the campus of Veterinary Dispensary Burla. A specially modified van has been purchased for catching and transporting the dogs. A room in the Vet. Dispensary has been converted into a well equipped Operation Theatre which handles the surgical procedures. So far only 20 dogs are being handled at a time with the present setup.

In order to handle the large stray dog population a target of 60 operations per week has been envisaged which will take care of about 75% of the present population within the coming three years. Steps are being taken to construct a second kennel and a specially equipped Operation Theatre in the same campus to meet the requirement.

