20th September 2020

**SIA (Supplementary Immunization Activity)**

In both districts of Haryana, the SIA was organized in 92 High Risk Areas. CGPP team together with community health workers, ANMs, and ASHAs reached the children at home or at commercial centers. The SIA was successfully conducted in seven districts of Haryana, with 85% coverage among the targeted under-five children.

**ADRA CGPP team continued to support IEC materials, engaging the community in terms of training of front line workers and community leaders, virtual meetings, and video conferences.**

**AFP Surveillance during the Pandemic**

- **Districts**: Baghpat, Bareilly, and Rampur
- **Period**: March 24 to May 31, 2020

Travel was restricted for notification. Until March 2020, more than 100,000 cases were reported from CGPP catchment areas during the period from October 2019 to March 2020.

- **Notification**: More than 1,500 ASHAs, 126 Sanginis, 255 ANMs, and 411 Anganwadi workers were oriented by the CGPP team through physical group and virtual meetings.
- **Training**: Block Medical Officers, Block Community Process Managers (BCPMs), and DMCs were oriented by the CGPP team through physical group and virtual meetings.
- **Funds**: Conducted awareness through mother meeting, Village Health and Nutrition Days.
- **SIA**: CGPP response to COVID-19
- **Felicitation & Appreciation**: Process of felicitation and appreciation was started.

**CGPP response to COVID-19**

By the end of September 2020, the ex-CMCs, influencers, and field staff contacted more than 21,000 community members over the phone and spread awareness on COVID-19.

**ASHAs and other frontline workers were extremely busy with COVID-19 training and CMCs were also withdrawn in March. Immunization services were also suspended for around 40 days.**

- **Cases**: Three AFP cases from CGPP catchment areas during the period from October 2019 to March 2020.
- **Notification**: Three AFP notification cases reported from district Rampur during the lockdown period from March 24, to May 31, 2020.

**Mobilisation Coordinators (CMCs)**

- **Coverage**: 700 CMCs were invited and felicitated by the local leaders, district and block heads.
- **Programs**: CGPP India continues to work with partners on prevention of COVID-19 and community mobilization for immunization.

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The government of India planned polio SIA campaign for Sept 20, 2020, but few states including Uttar Pradesh postponed the same because of the rising number of COVID-19 cases. Only ten states, including Haryana, conducted SIA but in only selected high-risk areas of 13 out of 22 selected districts.

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