

## Spreading happiness beyond medical service...



### **Background:**

Health is one of basic need of every human need. But in 21<sup>st</sup> century it emerges as a right rather than need. Despite this we would agree that a sizeable part of the population don't have basic health care. And the condition is very much precarious in tribal and backward districts. In Koraput district the same situation prevails, which is alarming. Looking into the scenario Nalco Foundation has taken an initiative to provide free medical health services at the door step of every household and launched Mobile Health Unit in the 163 periphery villages including hamlets of NALCO M&R Complex.

### **Village Profile:**

Sundhialichi is a hamlet village of Goudalichi a revenue village, under Podagada Gram Panchayat, Koraput block situated in the periphery of NALCO M&R complex. The village is at 3 kms distance from Kakeriguma market, on which the villagers depend on for their daily needs. The village have around 15 households and most of them depend upon agriculture as their primary occupation. The children of this village have to go to Gouda alchi 2kms away, for attending school as the village

doesn't have any school or Anganwadi centre. And for medical facilities the village depend on Kakeriguma CHC & Podagada PHC which is 3 kms & 13 kms respective from the village.

**Context:**

Pusaba Bisoi, an old widow aged 55 yrs. is a resident of the small village. She lost her husband due to T.B more than 6 years back and since then taken up the family responsibility all upon herself. She has 2 daughters both of them got married now. After the death of her husband she has been living lonely in her home. Now she doesn't possess any land as she sold the land during the marriage of her daughters to meet the expense. But fortunately she has a BPL card by which she receives 25 kg rice & kerosene and widow pension where she receives 300 rupees per month. After the death of her husband she got irritated of her lonely life and that affected her so much that she started abusing



people. This slowly led to negative perception against her among the community members. One day she had an internal bleeding and for which she went to Kakeriguma hospital and later the doctor referred her to Koraput hospital. At the district hospital Koraput she is being diagnosed ovary cancer and referred to Vizag for further treatment. However due to her extremely poor economic condition she could afford higher treatment.

**”I am poor enough to feed myself, how would I meet the huge expenses, predicting this I decided not go further to doctors and the left this on God”.** These incidents depressed her further. Though her daughters tried to keep her with them but they couldn't do so as their family members were against it.

At this critical juncture the MHU project operated by Nalco Foundation with the partnership of Wockhardt Foundation in the periphery villages of NALCO M&R complex identify the lady & counsel her. Since last 4 years she is depending on MHU medicine every month when the MHU van reaches the village the staff members counsel & motivate her through interaction & providing medicines. Knowingly or unknowingly she has accepted MHU staff as her well wishers. Though our medicines don't help to cure of her dealy disease but somehow keeps her hopes recovery, alive.

Apparently medicines provided by MHU have helped her to some extent in fighting the spread of the diseases in her body. In addition to that multivitamins help to remove her weakness. She is the one who has been directly benefited by the Mobile Health services provided by Nalco Foundation in the periphery of NALCO M&R complex.



**She happily said “ Nalco Foundation’s medical health van has really changed my life further better and extend their helping hand when I am in need of this “** during the interaction with the patient. When asked about the quality of MHU service. **She replied “they not only distribute medicine but also taking care of the patients “**. In addition to this she said **“ I have taking medicine every month from the medical van since last 4 years and my condition is stable”**.