

**Background:**

In the present era of development health is not a basic need rather it is right to every human being. But in a country like India where more than 120 crore people living, it is really challenging task for the govt. to reach every household irrespective of geographical barriers. Though both central govt. and state govt. has given considerable emphasis on health service in rural and backward areas, but the result isn't monumental. Similarly in a tribal dominated district like Koraput the situation is so miserable. After six decades of independence the people depend on indigenous medicine. Therefore looking into the reality Nalco Foundation has initiated Mobile Health service in 163 villages including hamlets in situated in the periphery of NALCO M&R Complex that provides free medicine to everybody.

**Village Profile:**

Chhougaon is a revenue village situated in the outskirts of Damanjodi in Padmapur Gram Panchyat Korput Block. The village is 7 kms distance from the Damanjodi. The village have 207 household and around 1500 population. Most of the villagers are daily wage labourers and few of them depend on agriculture as they have patches of land. The village is having an Anganwadi and Residential

school from 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class. For medical facility the villagers depend on Sundabedha PHC which is 5 kms away along with the Sunabedha is the nearest market.

**Context:**

Padma Muduli is an old widow aged 62 yrs living with her widow daughter in Chougaon village. She has 3 sons and 3 daughters all of them got married. All sons are living in separately. They don't take care of their old mother even if when she is ill citing they can't afford. All the daughters have been married but the elder daughter turned widow before 7 years. And after that she is staying with her old mother. Both of them receives widow pension Rs. 300 each along with 25 kg rice, 5 ltrs. of kerosin from the BPL card every month. Apart from that Phulmati Gania, works as a agricultural labour during harvesting season with a daily wage of Rs. 50. Again which isn't regular? With this the family is somehow managed. But in case of illness they really can't afford any vehicle to reach the hospital as it is 5 kms away from the village. However her mother is old and often attacked by multiple diseases such as cataract, weakness, anaemia, muscular pain etc. While their economic condition doesn't permit them to afford medicine and health care, Nalco Foundation has emerged as a big hope for me like old men & women who can't reach hospital and afford medicine. In the selfish society when our own children don't take care of us Nalco Foundation has come forward to take care of us by providing free medical check up followed by medicine. And by rendering this service Nalco Foundation has won several hearts in the periphery villages." Hence thousands of similar untold stories can be heard in the periphery 'The villagers said.



**She happily said "I am continuously taking medicine from the van since last 2 years and it is giving a great relief. If the medicine van will stop rendering service I not only will be disappointed but also several others who are depending on this will be. This is a great assistance for the oppressed by Nalco Foundation".**