



Fighting the odds

Chote Lal's life came to a halt at the age of 28 due to a neglected tropical disease. Kala-azar, combined with Tuberculosis had wreaked havoc on his health to such an extent that he couldn't even sit straight; one could count his ribs!

Chhote Lal developed prolonged fever and was suspected as Kala-azar patient during active case detection (ACD) by CARE, in the last quarter of 2018. He was taken for diagnosis, but the test came out negative. He went to Punjab to work as daily labourer. Fever hit him again in Punjab and this time it was severe, and he was too weak, he was retested and was found positive for Kala-azar and Tuberculosis. The CARE team, with the assistance of District Health officials, coordinated and arranged for an ambulance to transport him to the district hospital for treatment. It took him six months to recover and resume his normal life. Today with the timely support and medication, Chhote Lal is back on his feet with a smile on his face.

Chhote Lal Mistry – Bihar

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Parivartan – Gujarat Enhanced income of smallholder farmers

The project reached out to 9128 people directly and 28859 indirectly through Local Economic Activation (LEA) while promoting 1185 youth working with 2190 SHG members and rural enterprises. Out of the total beneficiaries, 47% women benefitted from the programme.

- 1644 farmers reported more than 15 % increase in income due to support through enterprise-led interventions under the project. Total 21 different types of the enterprise supports were provided like milling, animal-feed production, livestock rearing etc.
- 4212 farmers increased income through enhanced productivity/production which were supported through the practise improvement, better input material, technology adoption, etc.
- 939 farmers reported increased income through improved irrigation facilities which were supported through drip system, ponds, etc.

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Learning on wheels – Jharkhand

Mobile Innovators Laboratories are inventive Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) learning spaces on wheels where children learn science and mathematics through hands-on activities. The mobile labs, which are outfitted with a variety of learning kits, science lab resources, puzzles, and books, allow students to learn curricular topics experientially and apply their knowledge to real-life contexts. This STEM education model is specifically designed for children enrolled in government schools in remote areas of Jharkhand where STEM laboratory resources are often unavailable. The mobile labs have reached 34 middle schools in Jharkhand's Ranchi district since its inception.

The project aims to impact children's performance in school especially in terms of their learning outcomes in science and mathematics and ensure that children develop STEM skills and become future workforce members, responsible leaders and decision makers. School teachers are envisioned as key change agents in this model, so the project collaborates closely with school science and mathematics teachers to improve their understanding of STEM learning pedagogies, particularly reflective learning and heuristic pedagogies.

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Mission 60 – Bihar

A 60-day mission was launched in all District Hospitals to work on basic amenities such as safe drinking water, approach roads, cleanliness, the hospital's drainage system, building upkeep etc. To carry out this mission, a group of mentors (two to three mentors) were assigned to each district hospital, who visited these hospitals regularly to mentor them and track their progress toward the mission's objectives.

As a technical and implementation partner, CARE India was actively involved in supporting this initiative across all chosen facilities. To compliment the accomplishment of the Mission and to set new goals for these facilities Mission Quality was launched on 20th December 2022. It will concentrate on certifying the selected facilities for National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS).

A day-long event was also organised to orient the officials on NQAS Certification. CARE India facilitated a dedicated session on Emergency services strengthening as well as learnings from a pilot jointly implemented by CARE India and Harvard Humanitarian Initiative across five districts.

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Foundational Learning and Numeracy (FLN) Stakeholder's Meet – Mumbai



A stakeholder's meet was organised on 14th December 2022 with an intent on socio-economic development to support FLN with financial and in-kind assistance, particularly in the areas with gaps. It witnessed the presence of Education department officials from the states of UP and Bihar, as well as representatives of CSR foundations and development partners.

The Conclave provided an opportunity for the government, funding agencies and development partners to engage in constructive dialogue and express their needs and expectations. The India Partnership for Early Learning project seeks to foster such collaborations to advance the shared FLN goals of a better educated society.

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Vruddhi – Gujarat

CARE has associated with Action Against Hunger to improve essential health and nutrition practises in the communities in Bhavnagar and Sabarkantha districts of Gujarat. The programme aims to reach 120186 children under the age of three, 22294 pregnant women, and 60093 mothers by the end of 2024. For this, we aim to strengthen 3357 Anganwadi centres, 2746 ASHAs, 3449 Anganwadi workers. A non-financial MOU has been signed to provide technical assistance to strengthen service delivery to combat the issue of malnutrition and anaemia amongst women and children.

Key Interventions:

- Timely initiation of breastfeeding
- Exclusive breastfeeding
- Prevention of childhood illness and infection
- Encouraging hand-washing practises amongst caregivers and mothers
- Complimentary feeding- initiation, adequate frequency and quantity, dietary diversity
- Iron Folic Acid – supply chain, distribution, consumption compliances.

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