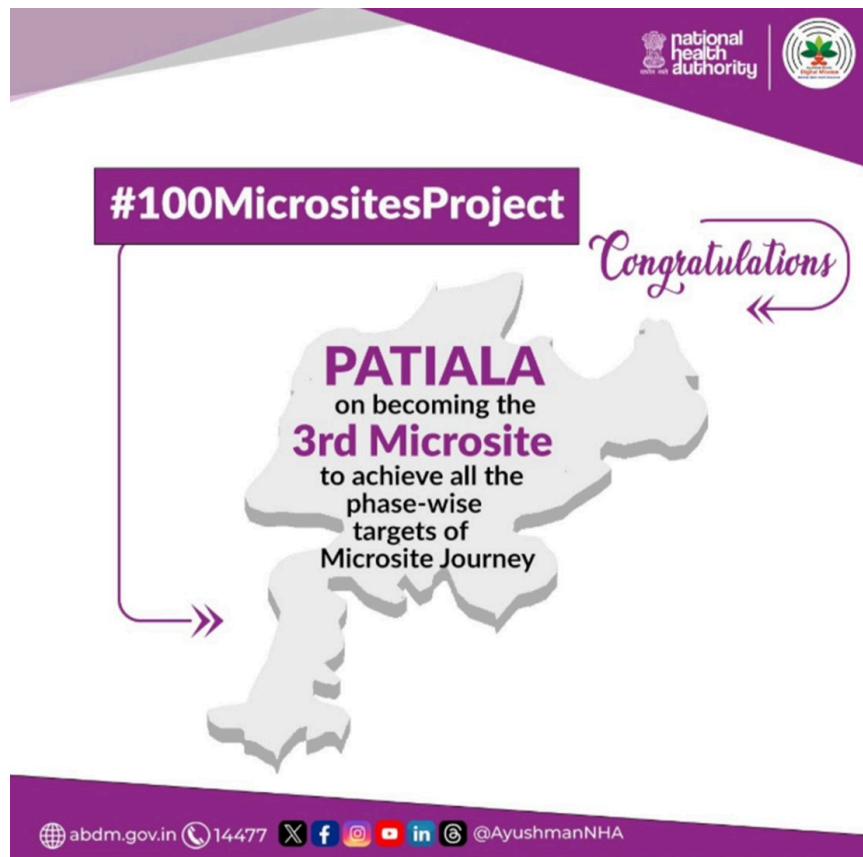


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Microsite Creation a Milestone in Health Systems Strengthening



Source: National Health Authority site

The 100 Microsite intervention in Patiala, Punjab, implemented by WHP, has successfully met its goal, becoming the third site overall and the first among Category B sites to achieve this milestone.

World Health Partners (WHP) is supporting the National Health Authority (NHA) in developing an integrated digital healthcare ecosystem under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) by implementing four microsites, two in Punjab (Amritsar and Patiala), and two sites in Patna in Bihar.

Notably, Patiala Microsite from Punjab has to achieve all six phase-wise targets and complete its Microsite journey. Also, Patiala is the first category-B Microsite (having at least 500 but less than 1,000 healthcare facilities) to achieve this feat among 100 microsites in India. A microsite is a cluster of healthcare facilities—clinics, hospitals, labs, pharmacies, polyclinics and nursing homes that are mapped and connected to the ABDM ecosystem enabling easy access to Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA)-linked electronic health records (EHR) of citizens with unique ID and streamlining healthcare processes in India.

During October 2023 to November, 2024, WHP with its efforts registered 649 healthcare facilities, 703 healthcare providers, and 83,801 ABHA-linked records on the ABDM platform in Punjab, and 474 healthcare facilities, 825 healthcare providers, and 31,299 ABHA-linked records in Bihar.

TB Champions Spearhead Community Awareness on TB



TB Champion Neha speaking to TB patients during a patient support meeting organized at Delhi Government Dispensary in Old Seemapuri

In November, 509 TB survivors were trained as TB Champions and placed in 317 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAM) / Public Health Institutions (PHIs) across 20 intervention districts in Delhi, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh under the 'Integrated Measures for Prevention and Care in TB' IMPACT-TB Project implemented by WHP. Cumulatively, 509 TB survivors have been trained since Project's initiation in October 2024. The Project entails mapping and identifying functional AAMs and PHIs and training TB survivors as TB Champions for spreading community awareness on TB disease, its treatment, importance of adherence, and providing counselling support to patients and families.

The trained TB Champions in the communities are serving as role models and educating TB patients and their families on its symptoms, treatment and where to seek care from. They counsel the patients' families on care giving and addressing issues of social stigma and provide crucial support in retrieving patients lost to treatment and resuming their treatment and spreading TB awareness among people through engagement with Jan Aarogya Samiti, Mahila Aarogya Samiti, school meetings, village health and sanitation days and self-help groups. Altogether, 54% facilities are actively conducting community engagement activities in their assigned AAM and PHIs.

Support in 100-Day Active Case Finding for Strengthening TB Elimination Efforts



WHP field team working on TB case notification and persistent treatment marked their active participation in 100 day campaign on Active Case Finding (ACF)

WHP played a pivotal role in supporting government's 100-Day Intensified TB Elimination Campaign across the TB project intervention districts in Haryana, Punjab, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Delhi. WHP provided guidance to Senior Medical Officers and District TB Officers on the campaign's objectives, emphasizing the importance of enhancing TB detection and treatment. They actively participated in Nikshay Shivar events, conducting awareness meeting at Jan Aarogya Samiti, awareness meeting in schools observing activities such as handheld X-ray technology for TB screening, particularly benefiting rural areas by reducing patient travel and accelerating diagnosis.

WHP facilitated critical stakeholder meetings with departments like National Urban Health Mission, Women and Child development, and Labour, ensuring collaborative efforts for comprehensive Key Vulnerable Population (KVP) mapping. They supported the development of micro plans, route maps for Mobile Medical Units, and capacity-building workshops for TB Champions. WHP also focused on improving pediatric TB diagnosis through specialized training and strengthened community mobilization efforts, raising awareness and fostering active participation. Their efforts contributed significantly to achieving the campaign's goals of improved TB care and elimination.

Breaking Barriers: Promoting Male Sterilization through Awareness and Counselling

Wakil Kumar from Village Kalyanpur Khas Kotwa in East Champaran recently underwent a No-Scalpel Vasectomy (NSV). When he and his wife decided for a permanent family solution after completion of their family size, the ASHA at first mobilized this couple for female sterilization at the camp. However, WHP's field coordinator counselled Wakil Kumar about the NSV services for male sterilization and successfully convinced him to undergo it after counselling. At first it was not so easy but he agreed ultimately to undergo the procedure. There is a significant lack of awareness regarding NSV at the



Wakil Kumar showing ID for NSV along with WHP

community level and WHP has been supporting the Government in promoting male sterilization services through awareness.

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