

Medical Camps

Introduction

Owing to the fact about high ratio of arsenic in District Rahim Yar Khan UNICEF, HRDS & Local Government in collaboration organized free medical camps for the screening of Arsenicosis patients in the affected areas.

Objectives

- To raise awareness regarding the negative impacts of drinking arsenic contaminated water.
- Identification of suspected arsenic patients.
- To provide medical facilities at the door steps of the suspected Arsenicosis (skin) patients.
- To prepare the list of arsenicosis suspected patients and share with Institute of Public Health (IPH) for further investigation of the disease.





Success Indicators

- 950 Skin patients were screened out.
- 48 Arsenic suspected patients become registered for regular follow-up and keen observation.
- Free medicine was provided to 87 skin patients.
- People become aware about the hazards of arsenic contaminated water and the methods to remove arsenic from their water sources.
- People became conscious about the symptoms of Arsenicosis and regular use of arsenic contaminated water for drinking as well as its long lasting impact.
- List of the patients had been sent to IPH

Union Council wise number of suspected arsenicosis patients

Sr.#	Target area	Union Council	Tehsil	# of skin patients
1	Basti Thalwari	Amin Gargh	RYK	87
2	51/Chak Basti Bheel	51/P	RYK	47
3	Basti Murad Pur	Kot Mehdi Shah	RYK	72
4	Basti Saway Ahna	Jajja Abbasian	Khanpur	111

5	Govt. Girls Middle School	Akram Abad	RYK	89
6	Basti Yar Muhammad	Bahudi Pur Qurashian	RYK	128
7	Basti Yar Muhammad	Bahudi Pur Qurashian	RYK	128
8	Basti Amman Gargh	Amman Gargh	RYK	127
9	56/P Tibba Sadiq	105/P	RYK	60
10	Basti Mohib Abad	Rajan Pur Kalan	RYK	49
11	Basti Pathanistan	Rajan Pur Kalan	RYK	52
Total				950



Lessons learnt

- Community does not know health implication of contaminated water and their resources are insufficient so they need practical solutions to address the health challenges.
- Qualitative research is necessary to support and interpret quantitative findings and there is a need to measure actual behavioral change regarding the use of arsenic free water.