

ASHA Supervisor training completes in Nagaon



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ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) a trained female community health activist selected for every village with a population of 1000 is one of the key strategies under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). ASHA selected from the village itself remains accountable to the local community. ASHA's are required to undergo a total period of 23 days training in five episodes to work as an interface between the community and the public health system. However, it is clarified that ASHA training is a continuous one and that she will be developed the necessary skills & expertise through continuous on the job training. There are 1901 nos of ASHA serving Nagaon district since 2006 selected in phase manner. To facilitate and do handholding activities recently one ASHA Supervisor against 10 no of ASHA's appointed by health department under NRHM. As mentor in Nagaon district total 196 nos of ASHA Supervisors are engaged.

Nagaon is among one of the promising district who completed first round seven days residential ASHA Supervisor modules 6 & 7 training in the April month of 2012. The training were conducted in batch wise consisting 30 participants' of each batch at Youth Hostel and Sheuz Bhawan, Nagaon. "The whole 6th & 7th module training will be covered in four rounds over 22 days (7+5+5+5) spread over one and half year. Topics like Working in the Community, Delivery, maternal emergencies and referral, Home-based Newborn Health and Care, Women's reproductive health etc are to be covered under four rounds of training" informed District Nodal officer of ASHA Dr. Jayanta Borooa. He further said emphasise was on participatory approach, role model and case presentation to make the training more lively and amusing. Resource persons nominated from Assam Mahila Samata Society - MNGO (mother NGO of NRHM) and Nursing School were trained earlier in a zonal level programme held in the month of January 2012 added Maruf Alom district media expert NRHM Nagaon. Detailed instruction and fund are released to all 11 BPHC's (Block Primary Health Centre) of Nagaon for executing the ASHA 6th & 7th Module training. It is mentioned that after imparting the training 1901 ASHA will be provided some medical equipments like Baby Weighing machine, scale, digital thermometer etc. As NRHM emerged in to the 2nd phase (first phase concluded on 31st March 2012) hence the trained female community health activist of the district must be plied vital and crucial rule in reducing maternal- child deaths.

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