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We at PRASAD hope that you and your loved ones are well in these challenging times. We deeply appreciate your ongoing support for our programs, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic when it is needed more than ever.

At PRASAD Chikitsa in the Tansa Valley in India, the impact of COVID-19 has been overwhelming. We have had to shutter or reduce many of our essential programs, while focusing on health care, food security, and economic recovery.

We have been working hard to contain the coronavirus in the Tansa Valley and to serve the many tribal Adivasi villagers with chronic health conditions that need to be addressed regularly in spite of the pandemic. Even during the lockdown, our healthcare workers staffed our clinic and engaged in community outreach.



The lockdown forced the exodus of millions of migrant laborers from unaffordable urban areas and helped spread the virus to nearly every corner of India. In many villages, including some in the Tansa Valley, many people do not wear masks, and there is little social distancing. People often refuse to get tested and hide their sickness. Rural areas are not well positioned to cope with this. Nearly two-thirds of all hospital beds in India are in urban areas, which are home to only one-third of the population.

Pratibha's Story – How Community Outreach Saved Her



Pratibha lives with twelve family members—including her husband, her one-year-old son, and her in-laws—in Ghateghar, a remote tribal village in the Tansa Valley. They live in extreme poverty in a small mud-walled home; daily wages are their primary income source. Her husband worked in a local resort, but it closed because of the pandemic.

Arriving on their bikes and following the infection control guidelines, PRASAD outreach workers approached the house for a routine check-in. When Pratibha opened the door, our team immediately recognized that she was not well and, after a few questions, learned she had been diagnosed with tuberculosis.

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Pratibha had recently been comatose for three days and hospitalized at a private hospital. The cost was overwhelming for her family. Because of this, Pratibha was sent home before her treatment was completed.

Realizing that she urgently needed care, the PRASAD Chikitsa team brought Pratibha to our medical center where she received free treatment through our globally

recognized TB program. Pratibha has a rare type of brain TB, requiring a six-to nine-month course of medication...PRASAD is providing comprehensive treatment, including free home visits, medication, and counseling sponsored by the Government TB program.

“We were struggling to buy medicine, and we had to spend a large amount for my treatment. It was very difficult for a family like ours. Now, I am feeling much better. My family is happy and grateful to PRASAD.”
- Pratibha Pholora

For 22 years, PRASAD Children’s Dental Health Program

has been committed to improving the dental health of children in Sullivan County, New York by providing affordable, comprehensive dental services. In July, we reopened our children’s mobile dental clinic, and—though it has escalated our costs—we are following



the CDC mandated extra precautions to ensure the safety of our patients and staff.

Since 1996, PRASAD de México’s volunteer team has performed free eye surgery on tens of thousands of adults and children with cataracts and crossed



eyes. Temporarily suspended due to Covid-19, these eye camps will recommence as soon as it is safe to do so. Meanwhile, PRASAD de México has

remained active, distributing essential food supplies to struggling low-income families.

Every year has new defining moments, but 2020 has presented unprecedented challenges due to Covid-19. But, even when the world feels out of control, we can renew our commitment to help those in need.

Your support helps us to bring food security, health care, and income opportunity to families; provide clean water; replant native forests; benefit children in need of dental care; and support Women’s Self-Help Groups, for starters. There is so much to do. We need your help. Please donate today, and we will apply your gift where it’s needed most.

Thank you and stay well!

Sincerely,
The PRASAD Project Board and Executive Director

