

A REPORT ON THE HEALTH CAMPS IN RASGOBINDPUR:

The following is a brief note on Unnayan's response to the flood situation in northern Orissa in the field of health, hygiene and sanitation. On the 8<sup>th</sup> of July, Mr. Aditya Pattanaik and a tem from Antodya Chetena Manch in Rasgobindpur visited the Unnayan office in Tambakhuri expressing an interest in assisting Unnayan in the relief and rehabilitation operations in Rasgobindpur. Since ACM runs an eye hospital in Rasgobindpur, they were keen on extending a hand in organising health camps. Three health camps were held in the villages of Tikayatpur, Gadighati and Bandhamundi on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of july. Four people from ACM were present at the camps. Bisakha Mohapatra, the staff nurse of Unnayan was also present at the camps. They were assisted by Indira Mohanty and Bharati Kabi from Unnayan.



*Rashmi Mohanty, Secretary Unnayan and Sudarsan Das, Founder Member and Advisor in conversation with Aditya Pattanaik*

A total of 261 people were checked up and treated at the health camps of which 130 were men and 131 women 28 children, 45 people between the ages of 6 and 15, 127 people from 15- 45 and 61 people above the age of 60 received treatment at this camp.



*A health camp in village Gadighati organised by Unnayan in collaboration with ACM, Rasgobindpur*

The findings from the health camp:

S.No	Particulars	Frequency
1	Cough and cold	21

2	Fever	89
3	Diarrhoea	124
4	Body Ache	5
6	Eye infection	31
7	Fungal infections in the feet	33

The water, being polluted has affected people in all three villages. Although these are early stages in water borne diseases, ORS needs to be readily available in the Panchayat in order to prevent an outbreak of diarrhoea. Since this camp was held three days after the area was flooded, people were still recovering from the after effects of it. Since then, we have introduced a Safe Water kit and are conducting awareness campaigns about purifying water with the assistance of Oxfam. We have done a rapid survey with the help of 5 volunteers in each Panchayat and they have assessed existing health and hygiene practices. Each family will receive two buckets with lids, a mug, 100 grams of alum to settle particular matter, a fine cloth to strain the water and halozone to treat it. This distribution will also be accompanied with an awareness campaign. 400 families are being covered under this in Gadighati Panchayat. A total of 7000 families will be involved in this campaign from 14 Gram Panchayats from Basta and Jaleswar blocks.