MYLAN CSR PROGRAM LONGLENG DISTRICT

The objective of the program is to increase awareness and diagnosis of HBV and HCV in rural area.. This program was implemented on May 2016 in Longleng District with support from NNP+ Kohima, Nagaland. Key activities include; awareness programmes, counseling, 1st level HCV screening (Card Test), mobile HCV screening in remote areas, referral & linkages, IEC and advocacy.



Awareness Program for Women on Hepatitis B&C at Kangching Baptist Church

Hepatitis is an inflammatory disease of the liver. In sever cases, it may lead to permanent liver damage including liver cirrhosis or hepato-cellular carcinoma and may ultimately lead to death.

'Viral Time Bomb' is a term coined by WHO for viral hepatitis, which not only affects the Injecting Drug Users (IDUs) as people commonly believe, but the virus showed its presence among the general populace too in the recent years.



"The Hepatitis issue in Nagaland has emerged to be of urgent concern but even in recent years, not much has been done by the state government, civil organizations or the NGOs working in the field of HIV/AIDS and other health sectors, whereas the epidemic continues to spread rapidly and at an alarmingly rate,"

of HCV in Nagaland emerged after the documentati research data of Phek and Wokha districts by Indian the Council

The burden

Medical Research (ICMR/RMRC) through Integrated Bio-Behavioral Assessment (IBBA) study among IDUs in 2006 and 2009.

According to the Data (Ref 2), the prevalence rate in Phek stood at 5.4% (2006) to 8.7% (2009) and 16.7% (2006) to 20.8 % (2009) in Wokha,



signifying not only an alarming rate of HCV infection among this community but also an ever increasing trend.

It is learned that Hepatitis C has always been an area of concern for the people of Nagaland but in absence of any documentation or research data, not much could by be done the State government, NGOs and agencies working in the health sector. Though Hepatitis C is curable with treatment lasting from 6 months to 1 year, cases of HCV related deaths have been reported, and that people continue to die of a preventable and curable disease because of 'lack of awareness and high treatment cost'.



Awareness Program with Students on Hepatitis B&C at Longleng Town Baptist Church

During the period from May 2016 to Sept 2016, a total of 17 awareness and prevention program on Hepatitis B&C were conducted targeting Students, Women Group, Church Leaders and Youth in Longleng District.

Table below shows the summary of testing details for the period from May 2016 till Sept 2016 in Longleng District:

HCV

Received – 200 kit Tested – 133 Result – All –ve

HBV

Received – 200 Tested – 110 Result – All –ve



Overall in the State of Nagaland more than three hundred awareness programme have already been conducted and reaching out to 23, 260 individuals from January 2016 to June 2016. Out of 1,316 HCV screening done (May 2016 – June 2016), 32 positive cases found. The HCV prevalence rate stands at 2.43 %.