



## Comprehensive NCD Screening for Oral Cancer, Hypertension & Diabetes







# Project Niramay Phase 1

Kalol Taluka, Dist. Gandhinagar

August 2019 to March 2020

: Supported by : **Arvind Foundation** 

: Organized by : Niramay Charitable Trust

#### **Background**

Non communicable Diseases are on rise in India. As per the National Family Health Survey – V for Gujarat state, nearly 18% population suffers with high blood sugar (>140 mg/dl) and more than 20% population suffers from the High Blood Pressure (Systemic BP > 140 and/or Diastolic > 90 mm of Hg).

Similarly, Oral Cancers are one of the major public health problem in India and in Gujarat. As per the National Cancer Registry Report 2020, Incidence of oral cancer per lakh population is as high as 19.3. This is one of the highest oral cancer rates in India.

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#### **Project Niramay**

Project Niramay is a joint initiative between Arvind Foundation and Niramay Charitable Trust. It envisaged to organize community level health screening camps for people of Kalol Taluka, Gandhinagar.

#### **Project Timeline**

Project was implemented between August 2019 to March 2020.



#### Rationale

Despite very high rates of Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) like HT, DM and Oral cancer, screening for these diseases is abysmally poor with only 0.7% males and 0.2% females screened for the oral cancer.

Hence, it is important to screen adults age above 30 for these illnesses using simple screening tools. These screening helps in **Early Diagnosis and Prompt Treatment of these illnesses**.





community level screening camps

identification of precancerous lesion

further check-up by Oral Cancer Surgeon

Treatment or regular follow-up





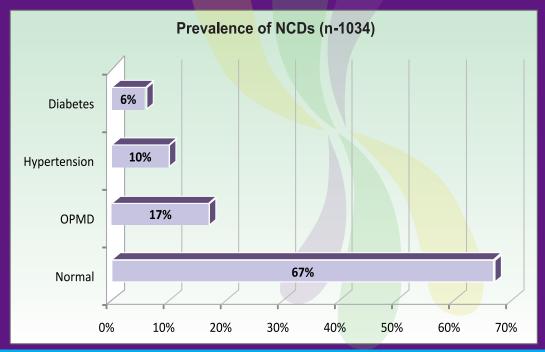
#### Niramay camps in Kalol Taluka

Total 8 Villages of Kalol Taluka were covered under Project Niramay during 7 month period of Project Niramay. Village wise breakup of the camps and number of participants is as follows.

Sr.	Name of the village	Total Camps	Adults screened
1	Khatraj	3	136
2	Jethlaj	2	142
3	Hajipur	4	321
4	Moti Bhoyan	3	211
5	Nasmedh	2	77
6	Rajnagar	1	44
7	Sanavad	2	49
8	Dantali	1	54
	Total	18	1034

#### **Prevalence of Non Communicable Diseases**

Total 179 people with OPMDs were identified along with 103 (10%) people suffering with Hypertension and 61 (5.9%) people with High Blood Sugar (RBS >  $200 \, \text{mg/dl}$ ).





OPMD





#### **Closing the loop: Consultation with Oral Cancer Surgeon**

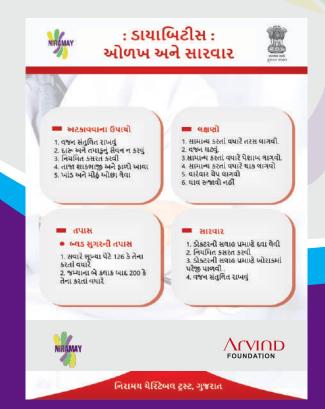
Total 179 people were identified with OPMDs. OPMDs are not oral cancer but precursor to the oral cancer. These patients require a consultation by oral cancer surgeon to select patients requiring biopsy and further management.

Niramay trust organized one camp in collaboration with Gujarat Cancer Research Institute. All OPMD patients identified were called for the camp in Hajipur.

Patients requiring referral were advised to visit GCRI Ahmedabad or private hospital of their choice. Other OPMD patients requiring further follow-up were asked to consult nearby dental surgeon regularly.







#### Health Awareness at community level

Health education is an important component of any public health intervention. Hence, IEC banners were developed for Diabetes, Hypertension, Oral Cancer and physical activity. These banners were displayed at places of prominence near to the camp site. These banners in vernacular languages helped people understand about these diseases and important of health screening.

### Way forward

Regular NCD screening is the way forward at community level. Further efforts are required to strengthen screening of more people and repeat follow-up of identified patients. At the same time, it is important to innovate in service delivery, diagnostics to make screening easy and less cumbersome at grass root level. Non-Governmental Organizations have crucial role to play in ensuring health and well-being of local community members and hence models like Project Niramay can be replicated in other places also under CSR.

