

Where There Are No Doctors

Sep 25, 2016

*Sundarban Sramajibee Haspatal, Sarberia, North 24 Parganas
with its humble capacity is trying to address the gap by developing
sustainable primary health units with trained local volunteers in different remote villages...*

Friends, some of you are doing robotic surgery or practicing tele-medicine – these are splendid. But do you know that many places of our country and state do not have any rural practitioner (quak in your language and RMP in their language)? People are living in remotest places with utter poverty and extreme weather and they have to plan and deposit money from their daily wages to visit rural practitioners. Not too far from Kolkata. If they have moderate illness they have to sail boats for few hours to reach Sandeshkhali BPHC or Basirhat DH where boat is not available after noon and extreme weather on and often disrupts the friable boat service. This is the practical situation of our health facilities not only in Sundarban, but also in vulnerable ‘Chitmahals’ in Coochbehar; closed tea gardens in Doors; remote mountain villages in Darjeeling; isolated islands inside Ganga in Maldah and inside Padma in Murshidabad; Khadans of Birbhum and Asansol; Jangal Mahals of Paschim Medinipur and Purulia; railway shanties in Sealdah – Bangaon route; closed factory areas of North 24 parganas, Hooghly and Howrah in different nature.

The question is how to address this disparity and how to cater basic health care delivery to this challenged people and areas. The Government has a system up to Sub-centre level, but it does not cover all areas and the common trend of doctors and health personnel is to crowd for urban posting emptying the remote rural health establishments utilizing our corrupted political and administrative system.

Like few other organizations **Sundarban Sramajibee Haspatal, Sarberia, North 24 Parganas** with its humble capacity is trying to address the gap by developing sustainable primary health units with trained local volunteers in different remote villages with the initiatives of the local community. In July they inaugurated an unit in Bali II island, Gosaba, South 24 Parganas and on 25 August at Khagberia Adivasipara in Monipur village under Sandeshkhali II Block, North 24 Parganas about two hours journey by boat through rivers Kalagachia and Raimangal from the nearest surface transport point at Dhamakhali.

Please support this initiative and doctor and health personnel friends are requested to attend the next health camp at Bali, Gosaba on 25.09.2016.





