

PRASTUTEE making an effort to increase access in inaccessible area

A small tribal village named Sanpalmunda is situated at 7km distance from Almunda sub-centre, Koraput District. The village has one hundred and nine tribal households with five hundred and fifty two villagers living in this village. The unavailability of road connectivity led the villagers to cross a high water velocity river and hill road to come Almunda for basic services including health. Unfortunately, the sub-centre at Almunda witnessed with absence of health staff including ANM.



Mrs.Tading Senta, a tribal woman of 28 years lives with his family in the same village. **Senta** is expecting a baby and lives in a poor economic condition with six family members. Senta was contacted through the routine home visit made by field coordinator and community facilitator of PRASTUTEE, a NGO working closely with tribal community in increasing Health access of tribal community under V4 Health Sub Centre Schme with support of National Rural Health Mission(NRHM). The Field coordinator facilitated the process of issuing card and supply of IFA supplementation to Senta with regular advice and proper follow up. The coordinator also informed ASHA who observed the intake of IFA supplement and other food supplement. This helps Senta to gradually improve her physical condition.

Before the date of delivery, team member of PRASTUTEE organized an education session with villagers and Self Help Group members with support of health worker and prepare a plan for safe delivery of Senta. They also prepared a plan to provide transport facility for her to reach Janani Express point from their village. It was decided that six self-help group members and AHSA will accompany Senta to the delivery point. The plan of action was worked-out on the day of delivery and Senta was transported by a wooden bed to Janani express point. PRASTUTEE provided all the support in organizing this transport of Senta to the Janani express point.

Senta gave birth on 25 October 2012 at Bandhugan Community Health Centre, Dist-Koraput. The Medical officer provided all the facilities to Senta and ASHA for safe delivery.

This all became possible due to the timely intervention of PRASTUTEE team, the organization work with tribal population in remote tribal villages of Koraput District. The villagers felt very happy and acknowledged the close support of PRASTUTEE team in saving lives of new born. They now demand for availability of an ANM to provide services for the mother and children.

