

Establishing Demonstration Center for Cold Chain Management

Experience from Uttar Pradesh, India

Background:

- The Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program (MCHIP) is providing technical assistance to India's Universal Immunization Program to improve immunization coverage through quality service delivery.
- The technical assistance focuses on accelerating the scale up of evidence based interventions and best practices in the focus districts of Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand.
- Demonstration centers (at existing health facilities) were established to serve as cross-learning sites, with technical support from MCHIP to strengthen the immunization system within these health facilities.
- The Colonelganj Community Health Center (district Gonda, Uttar Pradesh) has been developed as a demonstration center for cold chain management, with a cross-learning visit of cold chain handlers from other health facilities of district Gonda held on 17th and 18th October 2011.

Process:

Scoring of all health facilities of the district using standardized facility assessment checklist

Selection of CHC Colonelganj to be a demonstration site for cold chain management.

Advocacy with program managers and health staff for adoption of best practices and guidelines.

On site orientation, sensitization and demonstrations to staff members over 10 months.

Assessment of readiness of demonstration site, using standardized checklist and composite scoring.

Organization of cross-learning visit by staff of other health facilities in the district as an opportunity for on-site training.

Demonstration Center, CHC Colonelganj, Gonda, UP



Cold chain room



Correct arrangement of equipment



Use of job aides



Orientation and on site demonstration to staff



Cross Learning Visit to CHC Colonelganj, 17 & 18/10/2011



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