

INTRODUCTION OF MOBILE VETERINARY UNIT -AN INNOVATIVE HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY MECHANISM TO RURAL LIVESTOCK OWNERS.

Realising the need for providing Veterinary Services in the interior pockets, one such Mobile Veterinary Unit (MVU) is functioning in Kosagumuda Block of Nabarangpur district.

Village Amdiguda under M Karagam GP is 21 km far away from the Veterinary Dispensary, Kosagumuda and 9 km from LAC, Motigaon. There is a river "Kurundi" in between Amdiguda village and LAC Motigaon. As there is no road communication to the LAC Motigam, the farmers are facing a lot of difficulties to get veterinary services.



Amdiguda village is located bordering the state of Chatishgarh. It has 79 house holds with livestock population viz. Cattle- 157, Buffalo-101, Goat-81, Sheep- 42, Dog-10, Poultry-118 etc.

As it is a border village, there is every possibility of disease outbreak due to trespassing of animals. With introduction of MVU, the Animal Husbandry service delivery like preventive vaccination, castration, deworming, treatment, fecal sample examination etc. have become possible, "A DREAM COMES TRUE" for the rural poor, as stated by Sri Udhav Majhi, the local Sarapanch.

"We are very much grateful to the Block Veterinary staff for their extension of co-operation regarding Animal Husbandry activities at our door steps" – stated by Sri Ghana Halba, a villager.



"We are Very much obliged to the Animal Resources Development Department, Govt. of Odisha for lanching of MVU, at Amdiguda for getting veterinary services at door steps and sharing valuable information of various schemes operating in the Department like SGSY, DEDS, CRP, ATMA etc. as stated by Sri Deva Harijan, a villager.

Such innovative initiative by the Department has revived the confidence of the livestock owners in general and marginalized small animal owners in particular.
