

# COMMUNITY SPEAKS

## HCL-F Supported SOCHARA's CWASH Project



## Foreword

The COVID-19 pandemic has been around for more than a year now. India is currently fighting the deadly Second wave which has left us with an overwhelmed healthcare system. Even during these tough times, we have shown unprecedented and truly national mobilization of resources and scientific talents to sail through this. The health of all of us depends on everyone else's and it has been clearly taught by this pandemic.

Team SOCHARA has always been committed towards building healthier communities through health awareness and action. This month, CWASH team has developed the COVID19 vaccination FAQ booklet based on the communities concern for the same. The team has also conducted a door to door awareness campaign in Anandapuram Maya Bazaar communities while maintaining COVID19 appropriate behavior. The waste collection in the Mayabazaar community has been monitored by the team. Furthering the act, the team had also distributed 15 litre Sanitizer, 15 litre hand wash and 200 sanitizer bottles to the BBMP Sanitation Workers of Vannarpet and Gouthampura. The Chennai CWASH team has been monitoring the construction of Chintadripet Police club's new toilet.

**Let's shift our focus on accessible, affordable and equitable healthcare for all by educating and agitating individuals to view their health as their right!**

- Nandini  
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## ACTIVITIES

- Monitored waste collection in Maya bazaar community
- COVID19 Vaccination awareness program in Anandapuram and Maya bazar through door to door visit
- 42 black spots cleaned in Anandapuram and Maya bazaar community
- Provided 15 litter Sanitizer, 15 litre hand wash and 200 sanitizer bottles to the BBMP Sanitation Workers of 114 and 115 Ward Vannarpet and Gouthampura
- Infrastructure related follow-up visit to Chintadripet Police Boys and Girls club
- Wall painting at Chintadripet Police Boys and Girls club
- Developed COVID19 Vaccination FAQ booklet based on the concerns of the community members and translated in hindi, Kannada and tamil

# Awareness for Community Immunity

- Nandini

As India is battling with the Second Wave of COVID 19, the only way to protect ourselves is getting vaccinated and following COVID19 appropriate behaviour. Getting vaccinated not only helps protect yourself but also protects the people around you. The community volunteers and field coordinators have been actively campaigning for COVID19 vaccination. They have been visiting door to door in Anandapuram and Mayabazar and are addressing the concerns of the community.



They are educating on how to get oneself registered for vaccination to locate the COVID19 vaccination centres (CVCs). They have been actively helping people clear their doubts and burst the myths around the vaccination. They have also been reinforcing the need for testing and following the COVID19 appropriate behavior.

# Covid-19 vaccine awareness campaign

- Judyangel

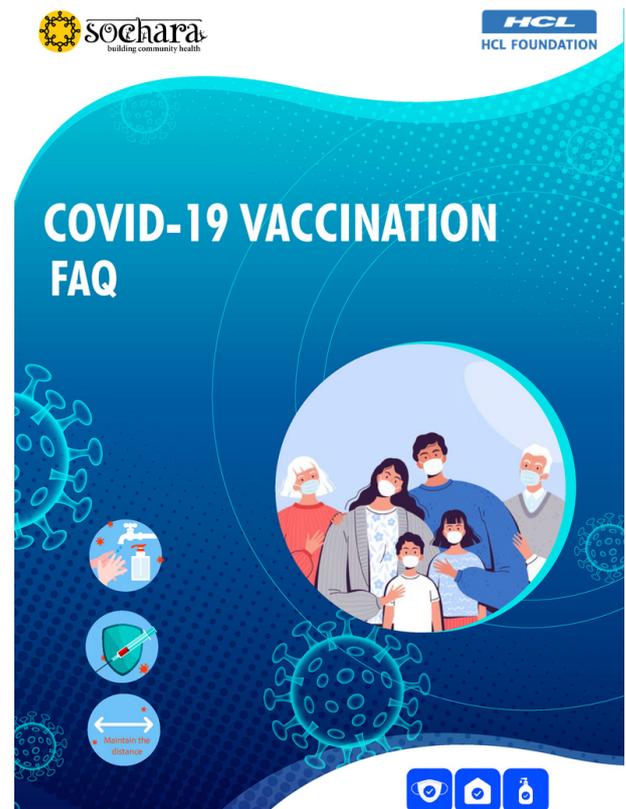
It's time to roll up our sleeves and get vaccinated!! As Covid-19 continues to surge, getting the vaccine is a necessary step in managing this pandemic. But, there has been a lot of misinformation surrounding the vaccines and its effects leading to an array of questions. And, it has become important to separate myths from facts, when deciding whether to get the vaccine.

As a part of this month's awareness, the team CWASH (Bangalore and Chennai) created an awareness module on Covid-19 vaccination to build an enabling environment for vaccine roll out in the community and at the same time to support them in making their decision towards vaccination by addressing their concerns.

Therefore, the team reached out to the community and collected a few of the queries and myths in regard to Covid-19 vaccines. Based on the obtained vaccine related queries, the module has been designed into two sessions.

The first session addressed the general concerns surrounding covid vaccines raised by the community people and the other session contained information right from the registration to the vaccination process.

The sessions are translated in languages like Tamil, Kannada and Hindi and circulated to the community members in online platforms. In the coming weeks, the team has planned to circulate further modules pertaining to other covid appropriate behaviours in the community.



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