

Tour report of Azamgarh Division

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Districts visited : Mau, Ballia Azamgarh

Dates of visit - 13th to 18th May 2018

Institutions visited:

- District Hospitals (Male & Female)
- Divisional Hospital (Azamgarh)
- 100-bedded MCH wing (under construction), District Mau
- Urban PHC - Hanuman Nagar, District Mau
- District TB Centre, Ballia, Mau & Azamgarh
- Proposed District DR-TB Centre, Mau & Ballia
- DPMU Mau & Azamgarh and Divisional PMU Azamgarh
- Proposed PICU (Mau & Azamgarh)

Officials met:

- Additional Director, Azamgarh Division
- Chief Medical Officer Mau, Ballia and Azamgarh
- Suptd in charge, Combined Divisional Hospital, Azamgarh
- ACMO-incharges of various programmes in all three Districts
- District TB Officers of all 3 Districts
- Divisional PM - in charge of Azamgarh (telephonic interaction)
- DPM, DAM (Mau & Azamgarh)

Key observations:

MAU:

- Overall expenditure better than the rest of 2 Districts in the Division
- CMO taking keen interest in monitoring programme activities
- DPM/DAM in dual charge of Mau & Ballia, leading to delays in processing of financial transactions and other programmatic activities
- More numbers of Urban ASHA will be required for upcoming rounds as contract of CMC staff will end in July.
- Several Drugs and supplies at Urban PHC not available
- Delay in disbursement of Salary of Lab Technician in CBNAAT Lab
- RNTCP treatment supporter payment delayed at Block level
- 100-bedded MCH wing will be ready for hand-over in 2 months time
- PICU - civil work incomplete, dedicated electricity connection unavailable

BALLIA:

- DPM/DAM attached to SPMU Lucknow, hence work at DPMU is suffering, although temporary arrangement by part-time attachment of DPM/DAM
- Mass transfer of secretarial staff in the district has happened recently
- RBSK Vehicles: contract of vendor is still pending at the DHS level
- District TB Centre building in dilapidated condition
- Both CBNAAT labs in the District (DTC and CHC Sikandarpur) were found non-functional.
- Follow-up of recommendations of SPMU Supportive Supervision Team (Dates of visit: 10th to 12th May 2018) was also done with CMO and ACMO's.

AZAMGARH:

- PICU - already existing ward in divisional hospital being refurbished as PICU, needs to be completed as per specified layout so that PICU may be made operational as soon as possible, funds for equipment purchase being transferred to SIC
- Nodal DR-TB Centre in Medical College needs to be strengthened (HR, facilities as per RNTCP guidelines)
- Issue of fund transfer for procurement of equipments of Sentinel Lab in Divisional Hospital needs to be resolved
- Long-standing HR Vacancy in RNTCP due to court case needs to be addressed at appropriate level
- RBSK - Vehicles are still being hired on manual contracting and not through e-tender
- AD Azamgarh needs to review all ongoing activities on a regular basis, with information to NHM for participation of GM-NP in the review meeting