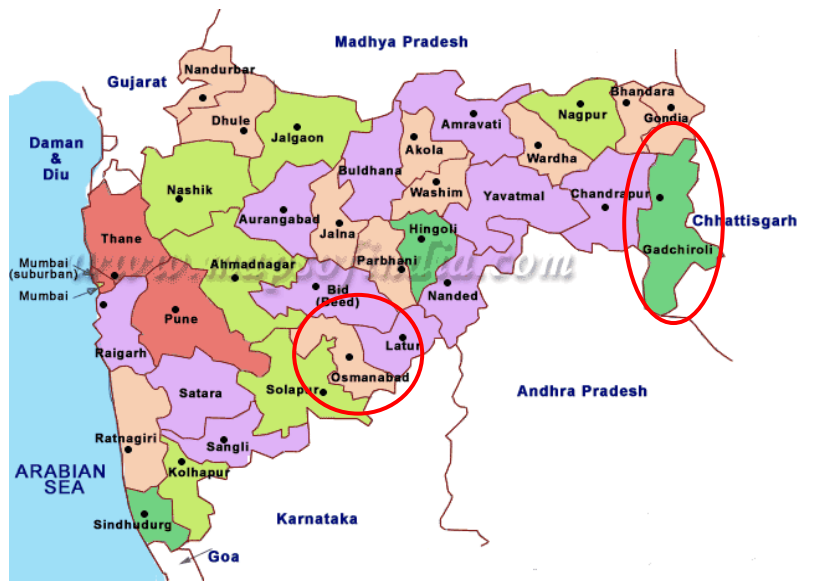


Country: India

Project short title: Covid-19 Relief in Osmanabad and Gadchiroli Districts



Main project partners:

Halo Medical Foundation (Osmanabad) and Amhi Amachya Arogyasathi (Gadchiroli), Swiss Solidarity

Brief project description:

The second wave of the pandemic, started in March 2021, has spread extensively to the interior rural and tribal areas where the public health system has not been adequately prepared to face the emergency. The purpose of the project is to contain the pandemic in Osmanabad and Gadchiroli districts of Maharashtra and to assist the affected populations. The intervention logic is to equip the public health system, develop the morale of the people and strengthen the community level institutions. The project will strive to promote COVID appropriate knowledge, attitudes and behaviours on the one hand and support setting up of community isolation facilities, mobile testing facilities and vaccination centres on the other. This will help in early detection, isolation, treatment of COVID patients and vaccination, which will contain the spread of the pandemic. To mitigate the adverse health and financial consequences, the project will support post-COVID recovery of poor patients and consumption needs of COVID affected vulnerable families. Simultaneously, the project will endeavour to support the public health administration by developing the capacities of the frontline village health workers. The capacities of Village COVID committees would be built to manage the pandemic. The project will be implemented on the ground by two longstanding partners of SWISSAID who do not only have long experience in public health, but also the proven competence of delivering the services. It will be carried out in 140 villages of the two districts covering around 20,000 families.

Beneficiaries:

As the emergency is of a progressing pandemic, it is difficult to give precise number of beneficiaries (In fact the project attempts to actually curtail the number of victims!).

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