

Visit to Assess the Status of Proposed Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre

Pt. Madam Mohan Malviya Hospital, Malviya Nagar, South Delhi

On 4th October 2016 a visit was made to Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya Hospital. The purpose of visit was to assess the status of proposed Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre which had to be established by Directorate of Health and Family Welfare. During the visit a meeting was held with Deputy Medical Superintendent of the Hospital. She informed that there is no Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre in the hospital. She also requested us to meet Dr. Vikas Tripathi (Pediatrician) who looks into the matter and may provide detailed information.

During the discussion with Mr. Tripathi the following points were noted out which are as:

1. There is no functional Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre in this hospital
2. They have only two beds for the malnourished children in the hospital
3. Only 2 or 3 cases of malnourished children come for treatment in the hospital in the gap of 1 or 2 months.
4. They refer to severely malnourished children in other hospital i.e. Safdarjang, Kalawati Saran Hospital and other Nutrition Rehabilitation Centers.
5. The grant was sanctioned for set up of NRC in their hospital but they do not have the space for 10 beds for malnourished children in the hospital therefore the hospital decided to send back the sanctioned grant which was given for the NRC set up.
6. Also the cannot provide full infrastructure for malnourished children which is required as per operational guidelines of NRC
7. They do not see the referral cases of malnourished children



Remarks

There was no clarity over the availability of the space as the team visited¹ the entire hospital and various sections were found vacant. The hospital could set-up less than ten beds NRC to initiate the process and the same could be increased substantially. During the visit many severely underweight children were found in the hospital who was admitted in the pediatric ward.

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