

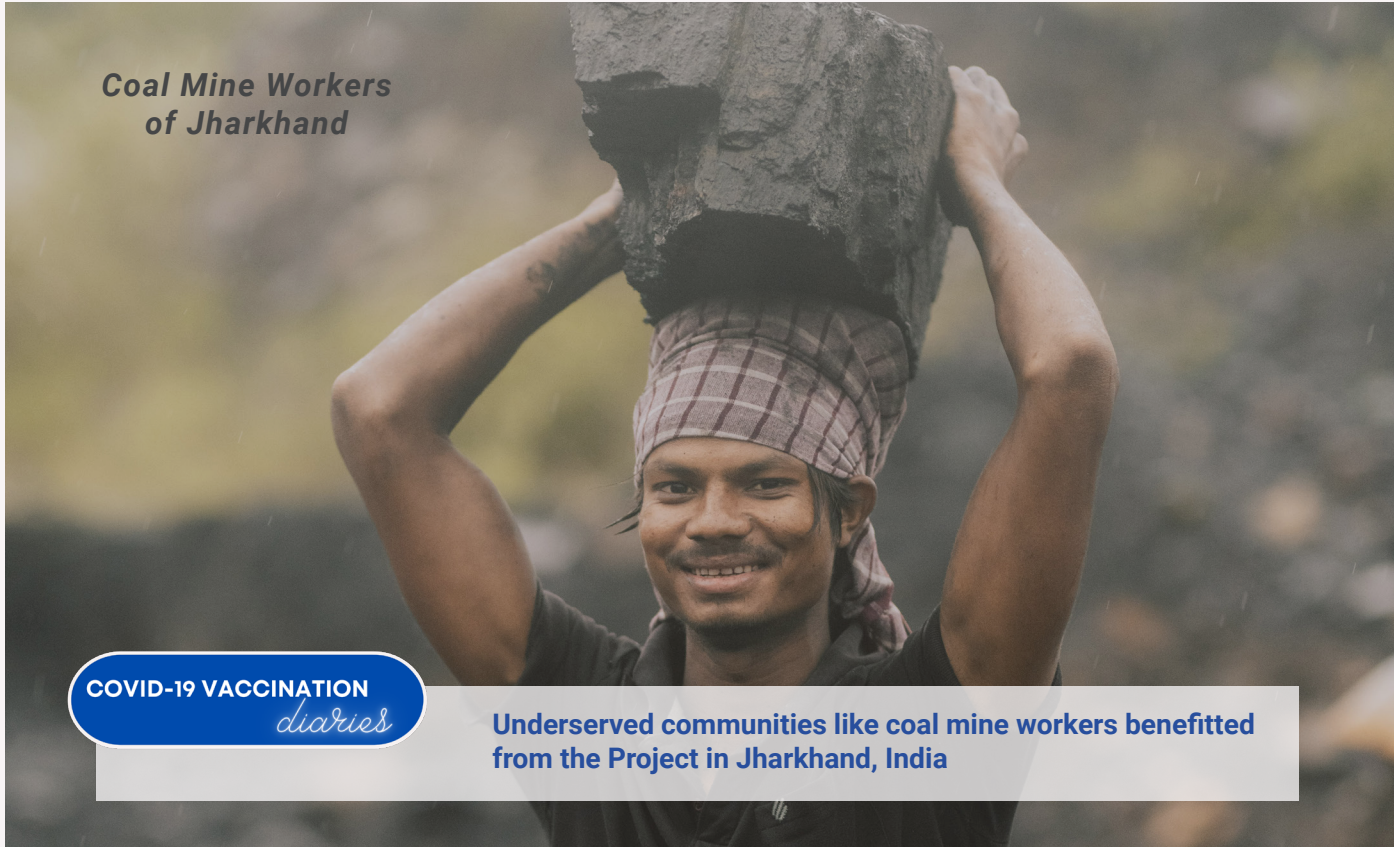


## MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity

*Coal Mine Workers  
of Jharkhand*

COVID-19 VACCINATION  
*diaries*

Underserved communities like coal mine workers benefitted from the Project in Jharkhand, India





Among marginalized communities in Jharkhand, the labour-intensive coal mining industry and the workers found themselves at their most vulnerable selves when the pandemic hit. Locked inside their homes, many were anxious and suffered financial constraints due to unemployment.

The MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity Project, supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), ensures equitable COVID-19 vaccination to vulnerable, hard-to-reach, and marginalized communities.

The State Government extended its social welfare resources and collaborated with the Project, to raise awareness and conduct outreach activities for COVID-19 vaccination. The Project partnered with local change agents such as community leaders, local NGOs, ANM workers, and others to mobilize communities. In Jharkhand, the Project complemented the efforts of the State Government and engaged local non-governmental organizations like ISAP, Plan India, TCI Foundation, SMRC and HelpAge India to maximize reach, build vaccine confidence, and increase COVID-19 vaccine uptake among vulnerable and marginalized population groups.



Vaccination camps were organized at work sites for the coal mine workers to ensure their vaccination without missing their daily wage.



The Project team conducted door to door visits to create awareness and allay the fears and apprehensions of vaccine hesitant community, emphasizing that completing their vaccination was the only way they could get back to work safely.



Persistent efforts by Government bodies, Project representatives, and local players have ensured that the coal miners of Jharkhand are completely vaccinated and have returned to work without fear and renewed zeal.



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