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The Elderly



CHHATTISGARH

When COVID-19 vaccinations began in the country, elderly were the first to receive vaccination given they were considered most vulnerable. As they were the first to get vaccination, resistance and hesitation was also maximum in this group.



As travelling far distances to take the vaccine was not convenient for the elderly, local camps were set up to ensure their vaccination.



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An elderly couple got their booster dose at a camp set up in their locality. Taking vaccine was very easy for them as they did not have to travel far off to take the vaccine. They shared that they were scared while taking the first dose but they did not have any major side effects and so took their second and booster dose without any hesitation or fear.



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

The team set up COVID-19 vaccination camps in urban and rural areas of the state to ensure wide vaccination coverage amongst the elderly in the community. In Chhattisgarh, the Project has engaged local non-governmental organizations like SAMARTHAN, TCI Foundation, HelpAge India and SMRC to build vaccine confidence amongst priority groups.



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