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Fishermen Community



Arso, from the fishermen community in Tamil Nadu shares that they were hit hard by the lockdown as they were unable to go to the sea and fish. Knowing the condition of the fishermen community, the Fisheries Department of the Government of India reached out to fishermen in the region and oriented them on surviving their financial crisis.

By completing their vaccination they could go out and work without the risk of getting affected by COVID-19.

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.

TAMIL NADU



The State Government collaborated with the Project, and delegated the awareness programs and vaccine dispensation activities to local change agents to increase vaccine uptake among under-represented groups.

In Tamil Nadu, the Project has engaged with local non-governmental organizations like ISAP, SAATHI, HelpAge, TCIF and Leprosy Mission to maximize reach amongst the priority groups.

The Project joined hands with the Government of India to set up vaccination camps in fishing villages. Even though the fishing community was initially hesitant they slowly came forward and took their vaccination.



Fishermen such as Arsu and his peers have been instrumental to the overall success and vaccine penetration in hard-to-reach communities of Tamil Nadu. We are grateful for their contribution!