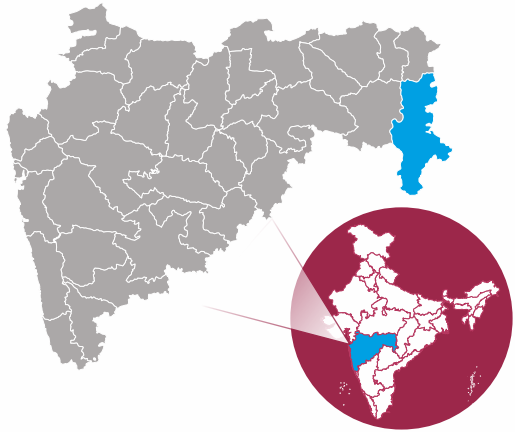


COVID-19 containment and acceleration in delivery of RMNCH + A services in tribal villages of Gadchiroli District MAHARASHTRA



UNICEF supported the Department of Public Health, Government of Maharashtra for COVID-19 containment and accelerating continuity in delivery of RMNCH + A services in the remotest of villages in the Gadchiroli District of Maharashtra, where 89 per cent of the population lives in rural areas.

UNICEF supported several activities for strengthening routine immunization (RI) like micro planning, effective vaccine management assessment, supportive supervision, capacity building, community engagement in the district.



During VHSNDs, immunization of young children was carried out.



Special handwashing sessions were carried out during VHSNDs to sensitize people on COVID appropriate behaviours.



VHSNDs were also used as an effective platform to promote Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) amongst mothers of newborn infants, whose birth weight is less than 2.5 Kg.



Trainings on home-based KMC were conducted in Etapally Block.



Similarly, home-based KMC trainings were done in Chamorshi Block.



Home-based KMC was practiced by the mother of low birth weight baby in Chamorshi Block, after proper training and guidance.



Mothers who initiated on KMC, continued to practice KMC at home.



Gatpravartaks (ASHA facilitators) demonstrated KMC at VHSNDs.



Beautiful rangolis were drawn by ASHA for promoting KMC.



KMC helped save the life of a low birth weight baby Riya, who was born too early with a birth weight of only 1.7 Kg.



With the constant support from the team of ASHAs, AWWs, ANMs, Medical Officers, there are many such stories of saving low birth weight babies in Gadchiroli District through home-based KMC.