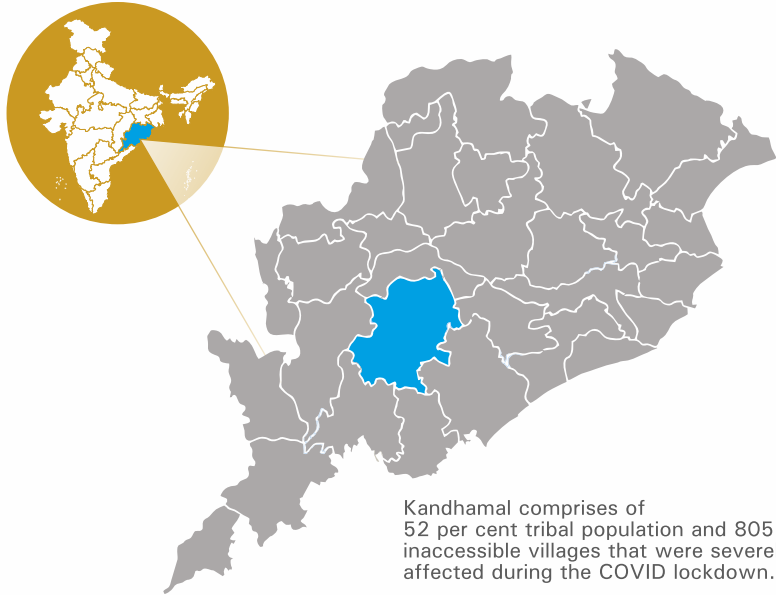


Strengthening of basic health services during COVID in Odisha's Kandhamal

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Kandhamal comprises of 52 per cent tribal population and 805 inaccessible villages that were severely affected during the COVID lockdown.



The communities in the hard to reach areas are reached through ASHAs on COVID protection measures.



The health workers travel long distances crossing lands and waterfronts to provide outreach services in Kandhamal.



ASHA and Panchayat members carry a pregnant woman for delivery to the Delivery Van.



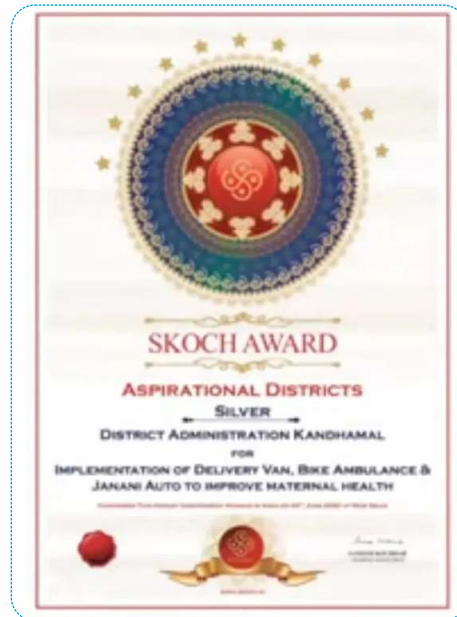
The Bike Ambulance is used for carrying the pregnant woman and ASHA for delivery to the Delivery Van or the nearest health centre.



The pregnant woman then gets transferred first, from the Bike Ambulance to the Delivery Van.



In the Delivery Van, the staff nurse examines the pregnant woman and arranges for the safe delivery of the child.



Kandhamal District received SKOCH AWARD among the Aspirational Districts for these initiatives for increasing the access to improved maternal health services.



Along with this, the front-line workers provide ANC services and vaccination to kids under the integrated Village Health and Nutrition Days Routine Immunization of the SAMMPurNA strategy of the Government of Odisha.