

## Eli Lilly Project

Vasandham Society, Varusanadu. Theni District. Tamilnadu

Theni district Pre Plan meeting on Traditional Healer's Training and follow up held at Arogya Agam Aundipatty on 17<sup>th</sup> Aug 2011 with District Tuberculosis Unit, Dac Trust, NGOs representatives from Theni District.

### **Participants**

Dr Balaji DD of Theni District (Tuberculosis Control Unit)

Staff from District TB Team are 12 (STLS, Lab technicians, Health Visitors)

Ms Vanajaa and her team from Dac Trust.

Twenty three staff from seven NGOS.

Total Participants 39.

Meeting started at 10.30 am. Mr. Kunasekaran welcomed everybody and requested Dr Balaji DTO chair the event.

**Dr Balaji District TB Control Officer** started the meeting. He explained about the Eli Lilly project and he wished his greetings to Vasandham to have success. He expressed that Theni district has more co- infected TB cases and he worried about the migrated TB patients. He assure that he will help in all manner to Vasandham and NGOs those are doing TB work in the District in controlling Tuberculosis. He also point out MDRTB. To avoid MDRTB we have to work hard and we have to find more suspects in initial stage. It is a challenging work.

**Ms Vanaja Director DAC Trust Theni.** She told in

the meeting that Theni district is having more tourist spot. If we control TB we are also control TB in other district. At present community has more awareness on TB but people are not going to the hospitals in initial stage because of long distance. So we have to work with traditional Healers where the early suspect identification, referral and proper treatment is poor. She told that she believe the Traditional healers can take a good part in controlling Tuberculosis in Theni district. She believe that if NGO and Government joined together we

will show a good achievement in controlling TB in Theni District.

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