

COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES

IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF SANITATION WORKERS



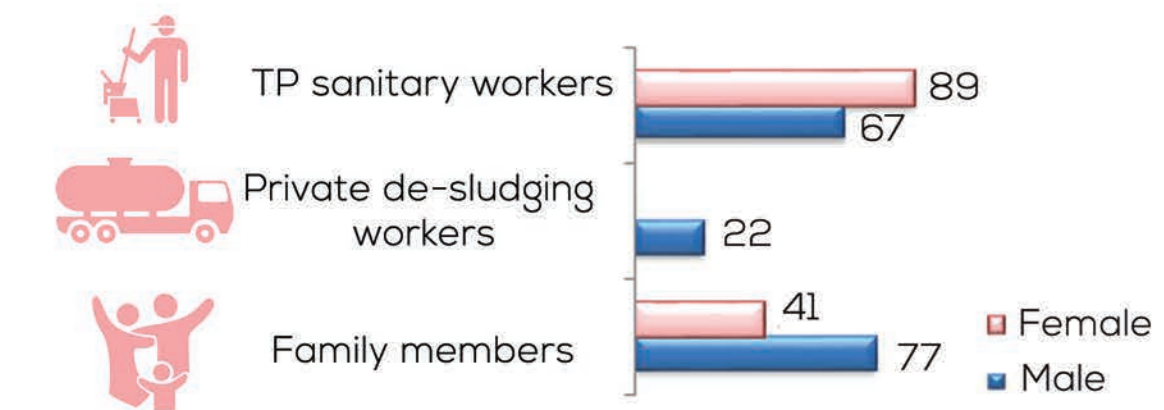
Despite periodic healthcare and vaccination entitlements, as prescribed in the Manual Scavenging Prohibition and Rehabilitation Act of 2013, (in which every sewage worker/ septic tank cleaner is entitled to regular medical check-ups), there is a huge gap in implementing the same, especially among informal private de-sludging operators.

The reality on the ground is far from ideal with neither regular health check-ups being provided for the de-sludging operators, nor enough awareness being generated among them leading to a demand for better healthcare facilities. While some rudimentary arrangements for health surveillance exist for the sanitation workers attached to government organisations, there are no similar arrangements for private workers.

In an attempt to address this, and offer a long term solution, the Tamil Nadu Urban Sanitation Support Programme (TNUSSP) in collaboration with Karpagam Medical Trust Hospital, has been conducting regular health camps for sanitation workers. These free health camps include basic medical check-ups - monitoring blood sugar levels, blood pressure levels, general physical check-ups for sanitation workers and their families. Medical counselling and further references for affordable treatment with a focus on specific communicable diseases and lifestyle diseases, that are common among the workers due to their nature of work, are a part of

Key Highlights

Beneficiaries of the Health Camps:



Services provided:



Emerging Health Issues:



Mani finds a way! Sanitation worker's path to good health!

