

4.2 Tribal Health Research Unit

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OBJECTIVE

1. To establish a databank and knowledge Centre on tribal of Rajasthan
2. Assess the nutrition status and magnitude of commonly prevalent health problems
3. To carry out Health System Research
4. To conduct studies on tribal ethno medicine
5. To liaison with state government for better health of the tribal

PROGRESS

Information has been collected and being compiled by collating available published and unpublished information for preparation of a Compendium.

Sahariya is the only 'Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group' of Rajasthan and they reside in the Kishanganj & Shahabad tehsils of Baran district. It was therefore decided to start a study of nutritional status of Sahariya tribe of Baran district. Accordingly, base line information was collected from 10 villages predominantly inhabited by Sahariya tribe. Under the study, women of reproductive age group, adolescent girls and children below 5 years age) were covered.

Intervention has been initiated. Intervention Module has been prepared and Liasoning has made with Tribal Area Development Department, Udaipur ,SWACH, Baran NYC Baran, Ministry of Sports & Youth Affairs & CMHO Baran, Department of Health, Government of Rajasthan.

Information collected is being analysed.