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Here, we have a case study of a person whom we have just taken out from the mouth of death. Any credit should go to our network out-reach team and specially the treatment support coordinator Anjali Yadav who have taken follow up of this person when the person was not enrolled or registered in our network.



Our outreach team visited to taluka Indapur to follow up on defaulters. Rekha Bhosale was living in taluka Indapur with her three children, a son and two daughters (HIV status, all are negative). She was living away from her family, after her husband's death due to AIDS and nobody was taking care of her. She was taking ART from Sassoon Hospital ART centre for the last year. But for the last few months she did not go to the ART centre. When Sassoon ART centre provided a defaulter list to our organisation, she was on it. For almost a year she had maintained the regularity of taking ART, but a few months ago she developed leprosy and skin problems. Because of the leprosy she was unable to visit the ART centre. She was bed ridden and became an ART defaulter. She was very poor.

We visited her home, a small hut. We told her that she needed to re-start ART and we helped her by taking her back to the centre where she re-started ART. They told her about a doctor who was willing to provide free leprosy treatment and tablets to her. That's why her leprosy disease is getting better day by day and now she can sit properly. Within a few months she will be cured fully.

We are also providing her nutrition support under the PLC project. At the time of nutrition support she went emotional and cried a few drops of tears and told us she was "very thankful to you and the Pune network, because of your support I'm still alive otherwise my three children will become orphans. The god himself sends you to make a support and save my life". These were her words.



But when we did our next month follow up she was again a defaulter because she was not able to travel, she has no money to come to Pune ART centre, so we realised that the family needs economic support. Only when she is fully cured of leprosy can we transfer her to the taluka level Link ART centre.

If any one wants to help support her either by giving a donation or to help her build a new home then please contact Pune District Network for more information.

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