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BAPS Care tackles potential disease outbreak

With disease now a real danger in the aftermath of the tsunami disaster, fears have grown that hundreds of children may suffer from potential dehydration, undernourishment and infection. To confront this potential threat, BAPS Care international planned and launched a pediatric medical camp in the tsunami devastated village of Nemmeli, Tamilnadu.

BAPS Care volunteers, including 25 doctors, nurses and medical specialists in the field of tropical diseases examined over 500 children from 22 villages. "The timing of the medical camp was crucial said local BAPS volunteer, Rajni Patel, "it was planned to detect early symptoms of cholera, malaria and typhoid. This would enable us to administer those children at risk with immediate and effective treatment."

The children screened at the medical camp were all from areas vulnerable to a disease outbreak. With their villages decimated by the tsunami, they have no ready access to clean drinking water, and live under harsh conditions in tents and other makeshift shelter.

There was immense relief for all parents when the BAPS Care medical team gave a clean bill of health to their children. "This was a well planned camp and we had all types of medicines here ready for free distribution. By God's grace, we found that more or less all the children are in good health. There were no major problems to report." commented Dr. Sadayavel Kailasam, who headed up the BAPS Care medical team.

"We needed a camp like this and BAPS Care has done a wonderful job. They also distributed notebooks, pens, pencils and packets of biscuits free to all the children, explained Mr. V. V. Subramanian - the principal of the school where the medical camp was held. "On behalf of all the children and teachers here, we are deeply thankful to the organization", concluded the principal.

"In the aftermath of the tsunami disaster it has now become critical to ensure that medical related relief efforts continue", explained USA based BAPS Care International president Nilkanth Patel. "In addition to this camp, we have now shipped over 190000 tablets and over 9000 injections to combat various ailments." In addition to its current efforts, BAPS Care International will be providing emergency medicines and medical supplies totaling 12 million dollars in conjunction with CitiHope International to the tsunami victims in Sri Lanka.

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