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Empowering Change: UBA's Cloth Donation and Cervical Cancer Awareness Initiative in Podapada Village

On the Saturday morning of 9 March 2024, Team UBA, accompanied by Dr. Seema Bahinipati, the Coordinator of UBA IIT BBS, embarked on a noble mission to conduct a cloth donation drive and raise awareness about cervical cancer in Podapada village. Nearly twenty dedicated volunteers participated in this initiative, driven by a profound desire to make a meaningful difference in the lives of the less fortunate with a sense of enthusiasm, unwavering commitment and compassion.



The day commenced with the collection of donated clothes from the designated boxes within the IIT Campus around 9:30 am. Subsequently, the collected garments were meticulously sorted and categorized based on the specific needs and requirements.



Upon reaching Podapada village, approximately sixty villagers congregated around the temple area in eager anticipation of the clothing distribution. Each individual, from the youth to the elderly, was graciously provided with a set of clothes, ensuring that everyone benefited from this act of generosity.

Following the distribution, at 10:45 am, the team transitioned to conducting the cervical cancer awareness program in another part of the village. Nearly thirty women and girls from the rural community assembled to participate in this crucial initiative. Team UBA members Swati, Akanksha, Debjani, along with other female volunteers, delivered an insightful presentation about cervical cancer. A documentary, meticulously crafted by our volunteers, was showcased, weaving a compelling narrative that dispelled myths and imparted essential knowledge about cervical cancer prevention, screening, and treatment. The significance of vaccination against the disease was also emphasized.



After an enlightening session lasting approximately one hour, the program concluded with the distribution of refreshments as a gesture of gratitude to the rural women and girls. At 12:00 pm, the volunteers packed their belongings and prepared to return to the campus.

A profound sense of pride and fulfillment enveloped the volunteers as they reflected on the day's accomplishments. While the battle against cervical cancer remains ongoing, they derive comfort from the knowledge that they have sown seeds of awareness that will continue to germinate and flourish within the hearts and minds of those they have touched. With renewed determination, they packed up their materials, poised to continue the fight on another day, fortified by the collective spirit of hope and resolve.