

Webinar | Being at the frontline of COVID 19: Conversations with grassroots health care workers

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Kiran Beheriya is a Mitanin [a female friend in local dialect] - a community health volunteer in the state of Chhattisgarh. She has more than 8 years of experience of working with the community responsible for 170 households in one hamlet in the urban areas in the capital city. She is involved in work that is aimed at improving social determinants of health like safe drinking water, nutrition and right based activities, opposing violence against women.

Kavikumar is a Program Manager for health wing in Aarohi, a development organization in Uttarakhand. With a background in social work and public health, he has been working as a frontline health worker focusing in the rural parts of the country including Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Manipur and Uttarakhand. He has been working with state governments and communities in these states offering technical support.

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