



Name

V Ravamma

Age

76

Village

Gundlapalem

V Ravamma, a widow, who is living with her daughter after her son abandoned her, is suffering from hypertension for the last 25 years along with lower respiratory tract infection (LRTI). The old age has also come with severe joint pains for her.

Ravamma is getting Rs 1000 as old age pension, but that is not enough to take care of her health needs. She used to visit the nearby hospital for treatment which is almost 15 km away. For the last five years her health conditions and the financial crisis prevented her from getting treatment regularly. Going to hospital meant spending Rs 4000-5,000 every month on medicines and travel. Not only this, nobody was willing to take her to the hospital. Her daughter who works as daily wage labourer could not afford to lose a day's earning accompanying her to the hospital.

But with the MHU visiting the village every week, she is getting the regular medicines which often were not available in the hospital. Now she is getting medicines for BP including inhaler (bronchodilator) to control her asthma and gel for her joint pain without bothering to go to the hospital.

"Sometimes when I am not able to come to the van, the doctor and the other staff visits her personally. With the regular medicines and the blood and other tests I am getting better and giving more time to my daily activities. Not only this, I am saving the entire money I was spending on my treatment till two years ago", she said.