

SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAMME

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS IN RURAL AREA-67

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS IN URBAN AREA-25

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE, SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAMME

The Department of Community Medicine, in collaboration with Sai Mandali, Malleshwaram, initiated the School Health Program in 2007. School health service is an economical and powerful means of raising community health, for future generations.

School offers an excellent opportunity for carrying out certain screening tests which are important to health and developmental progress of a child. Hence if diseases are detected at an early stage in school children, it will go a long way in raising their health status.

In India, the objectives of school medical examination are early detection of 1. Malnutrition 2. Infectious Disease 3. Helminthiasis 4. Diseases of Skin, Eye and Ear 5. Dental Caries.

The persons in close proximity to the children are their teachers. Hence, training of teachers utilizing a good method of educated manpower constructively, a teachers training workshop is conducted every year before the annual school health check up.

School Health Program was initially started in 27 schools. These services are expanding every year to the present 67 rural and 25 urban schools. Free medicines (including deworming tablets) sponsored by Sai Mandali are given to all students. Appropriate health education is also given. Students identified with health problems are referred to M.S. Ramaiah Hospital for further management and treatment.