

MGM Dental College & Hospital, Kamothe, Navi Mumbai has partnered with Indian Dental Association Head Office (IDA H.O.) for MOCC (Maharashtra Oral Cancer Control) Program. Under the MOCC program various oral cancer screening camps have been conducted by the Department of Public Health Dentistry in various parts of Mumbai & Navi Mumbai. As a part of this program, IDAHO has organized a residential stay camp at **Mokhada-Palghar** from **27 June to 7 July, 2022**. The whole project was actively volunteered and looked upon by the Gabriel Project Charitable Trust. The aim of this program was to screen the population of 40 selected padas (hamlets) of different villages for oral lesions and collect their data and saliva samples for further treatment procedures. The estimated population size to be covered was of 2000 people.

On 26th June 2022, eight interns from MGMDCH along with the IDA faculties left for Mokhada. On arrival at the venue all of them were briefed about the workflow of 10 days by the Project coordinator of the Gabriel Project Charitable Trust, Thaiza Dias ma'am. 4 teams were made with 2 interns in each team and 2 volunteers from the team of Gabriel Project Charitable Trust. The teams were instructed that in the span of 10 days 40 hamlets of North and South zones have to be screened. From 27th June to 6th July 2022, 4 hamlets were screened each day for oral lesions as well as for general oral findings. A referral slip was given to each individual mentioning the findings for future reference. Those who were found requiring immediate treatment, irrespective of medical or dental were immediately referred to their nearest Primary Health Care Centres for relief. The 10 days stay at the camp site enabled us to learn not only about the shortcomings the population is facing but also about their work pattern and daily routine which will definitely help in planning further treatment camps in a more flexible way. The clean environment of Mokhada with flourishing greenery and a proactive welcoming community filled the 10 days stay camp with cheerful unforgettable memories.