

102 Mine Owners and Workers sensitized on Silicosis

A lot of mine workers in sandstone mines of Dhaulpur suffer and die because of silicosis which is an incurable occupational disease that happens because of continuous exposure to silica (sand). The disease is fatal and a lot of workers die because of same pushing their children to go for the same as other sources of livelihood are rare in the region. However, awareness about the disease and government provisions related with it is very low because of which necessary preventive measures and curative steps to slow down its spread are not taken by the mine owners as well as workers. To make them aware in this regard, a one day sensitization workshop was organized by Prayatn at Panchayat Samiti conference hall in Badi block of Dhaulpur on July 20, 2017. The workshop was facilitated Mr. Varun Sharma who has long experience of working on the issue of silicosis in case of mine owners and attended by 102 mine owners and workers. Mrs.Pooja Meena, Pradhan; Mr. Dinesh Katara, Block Development Officer and Mr. Ved Prakash Gupta, Mineral Engineer were present in the workshop. The initiative was taken under the 'Dusk to Dawn' project being implemented by Prayatn to eradicate child labour with the support of Karl Kubel Foundation, Bread for the World and BMZ, Germany.