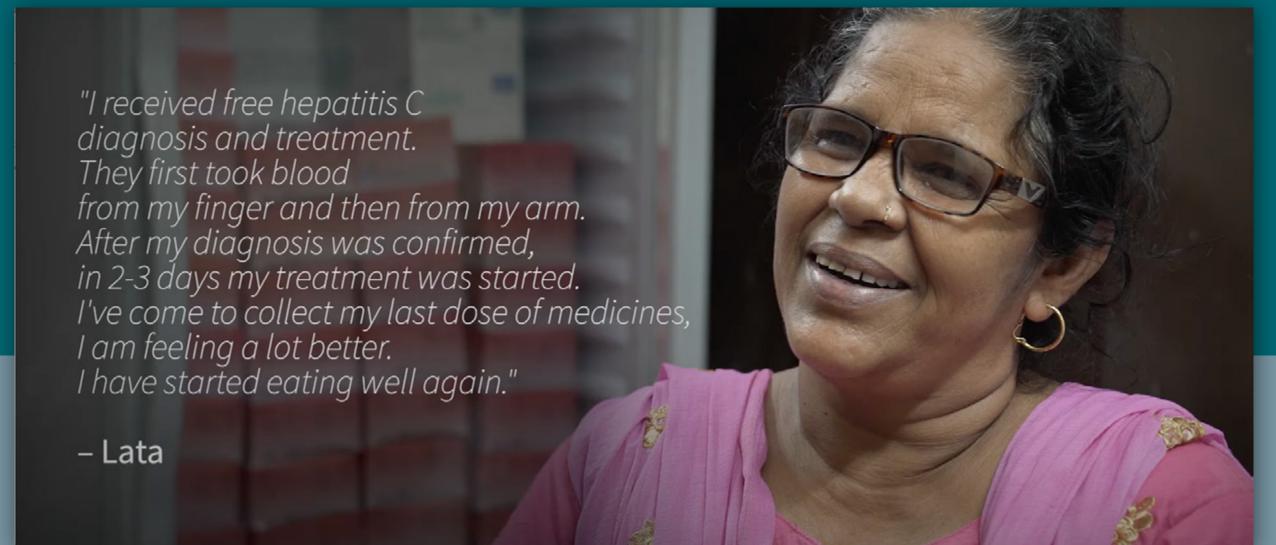
## HEAD-START DELHI



The Hepatitis C Elimination through Access to Diagnostics (HEAD-Start)\* project in Delhi, India aims to enhance hepatitis C diagnosis and treatment pathways by introducing a simplified and near-patient diagnostic and care pathway starting from screening to sustained virologic response (SVR), within public health settings. It specifically highlights that access to hepatitis C virus (HCV) screening tests, confirmatory tests, treatment and SVR tests is possible under one roof.

## THIS SHORT VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS HOW DECENTRALIZED APPROACHES USED AS A PART OF HEAD-START DELHI HELPED REACH THE GENERAL POPULATION.



screening by incorporating rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) using the method of whole blood finger prick test (WBFPT) to the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) for an in 15 polyclinics (primary health care centres) and 5 HCV RNA or confirmatory test. Results of the RNA test are hospitals (secondary care centres).

diagnosis pathway in Delhi. At the polyclinics, patients found to have cirrhosis or other complications are referred found to be HCV antibody positive (Ab+) are referred to one to ILBS for further evaluation and management.

In Delhi, HEAD-Start has introduced decentralized HCV of the 5 participating hospitals. At these 5 hospitals, a blood sample is collected from HCV Ab+ patients and transported communicated electronically to hospitals. Patients who are HCV RNA+ are initiated on direct-acting antivirals (DAAs) The video will take you on HEAD-Start's hepatitis C for treatment of hepatitis C infection. Patients who are

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