INTERVIEW WITH AMARAMMA

TRANSCRIPT

DATE: 21/11/20

DAY: Saturday

START OF INTERVIEW

ANURIHA: What's your name/age/education/gender/occupation?

AMARAMMA: My name is Amaramma. I am 37 years old. I have studied till the second grade. I am female. I work as a household help.

ANURIHA: What medium was your education in?

AMARAMMA: Kannada

ANURIHA: Can you read in your mother tongue?

AMARAMMA: It has been a while. I have forgotten most of it. Maybe very basic things like 1,2,3 etc.

ANURIHA: What do you think is better for cleaning your hands? Water and soap or hand sanitizer?

AMARAMMA: I prefer soap and water. I use Santoor soap.

ANURIHA: Tell us some home remedies that you have heard of. Do you think drinking turmeric/herb water will help with COVID prevention/cure?

AMARAMMA: I know that everything should be kept clean. The house should be washed well. You should drink hot water. I do believe turmeric water could prevent it. Whatever they say I try to do. That's all I know.

ANURIHA: Do you know the symptoms of COVID?

AMARAMMA: I don't really know. I guess you get fever and cough. I don't know anyone who has got the disease personally. I have just heard of it.

ANURIHA: What actions would you take to combat it or deal with COVID? Do you know nearby COVID centres or a helpline you can call or someone to ask?

AMARAMMA: I don't know what to do if I get it. I don't have any information on the helplines I can call or which hospital to go to.

ANURIHA: Do you think masks and sanitisers are effective?

AMARAMMA: I don't really know about the uses. They tell us to do it so we just do it.

ANURIHA: Do you know what vaccines are?

AMARAMMA: No, I don't know what they are. I have never seen so I do not know.

ANURIHA: Where do you get most of your news from?

AMARAMMA: I get most of the news from the TV.

ANURIHA: (shows graph) Do you know what this is?

AMARAMMA: Is it a fire? Is it a village?

ANURIHA: No, this is a graph, it shows the number of COVID cases with respect to date. Are you able to understand this from the graph?

AMARAMMA: No, I cannot understand this type of thing.

ANURIHA: Do you know what this point is (points to random portion of the graph)?

AMARAMMA: No, I do not.

ANURIHA: It shows how many people have corona on a certain date. The graph starts at 0 and then shows a peak. Now, as cases are going down, the graph drops. Are you able to understand a bit better now?

AMARAMMA: Yes, somewhat.

ANURIHA: Okay. Thank you for your time.

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