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<b>Title:</b>	<b>3 kids die due to Japanese encephalitis (JE) in district Keonjhar, Odisha</b>			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Kendujhar, SSU-Odisha			

Panic spread in Patna block of Keonjhar district after three children died in a week at Swam Munda Sahi, 35 km from here. Two children died of Japanese encephalitis (JE) in Keonjhar in 2013. That is why local people suspect the latest deaths are due to JE, said a villager. The villagers fled the villages and sent their children to their relatives' house after the death of the third child on Friday in fear of transmission of diseases. Chief district medical officer (CDMO, Keonjhar) Dr K P Sahu and additional district medical officer (public health) Dr S S Bal visited the village to assess the situation on Saturday. Bal said the cause of the deaths is yet to be confirmed. Blood samples are sent to Cuttack for test.

Preliminary inquiry revealed that the cause of death is not due to JE. Another girl was admitted to Patna community health centre on Saturday. Her health condition is stable. A health check-up camp was organised in the village to check the health condition of all, said Bal. According to the official sources, on October 27, Basumati Munda, 5, died of fever. On November 1, another girl Ranjita Munda, 3, having similar symptoms died. A boy, Biswajit Munda, 3, died in SCB Medical College and Hospital, Cuttack, on Friday. He was referred from Keonjhar district headquarters hospital. Birakishore Dash, a native of the village, said "We urge the government to take steps immediately to check more deaths." "There is nothing to be panic. We are going for vaccination in that area in December. We are keeping vigil on the situation. We are organizing awareness programmes in the tribal areas to use mosquito nets which we distributed," said the CDMO.

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