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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Four die, 72 fall ill drinking gutter-laced drinking water in district Surat, Gujarat</b>			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Surat, SSU-Gujarat			

At least four people have died and 72 hospitalized after gastroenteritis breakout in Kathore village on the outskirts of the city since Sunday.

Preliminary investigation by Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) health department revealed that the patients are suffering from gastroenteritis and they developed the illness due to consumption of contaminated water.

During inspection SMC officials found that a drainage line water was getting mixed with a water supply line at a particular spot.

Majority of the patients are from Vivek Nagar and Ram Krushna Colony in Kathore. Around 45 patients are at the government-run community health centre while 21 are admitted at a trust-run Lokhat Hospital. Three patients are admitted each in nearby private hospitals.

A large number of children fell sick and admitted to the hospital, said hospital officials.

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Locals informed health officials that they have been suffering from vomiting and diarrhoea since Sunday. The trust-run hospital has been receiving the patients since Sunday evening as the CHC was closed.

Those who died were identified as Gemal Vasava | (45), Harish Rathod (42), Mohan Rathod (70) and Vijay Solanki (38). They died due to severe health conditions after developing gastroenteritis, health officials informed.

“Condition of the majority of the patients is stable now. Health teams started taking preventive actions by distributing ORS pouches and examining residents who are still at home. Around 250 residents in the area were affected due to the contaminated water,” said a health department official.

SMC started the process to repair the water supply line and clear the drainage flow to prevent further contamination. Along with the health department, Varachha zone officials also visited the spot to find out the cause of contamination and repair it.

“Drainage water is getting mixed with the drinking water pipeline. The drainage and drinking water pipeline network were laid by the gram panchayat and after identifying the fault SMC teams are repairing it,” said an SMC officer.

SMC supplied drinking water through tankers in the area. Kathore is recently included in Surat municipal limits by the state government.

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