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Giving due recognition to ASHA workers would serve rural India's needs in various aspects. Analyse.

The Accredited Social Health Activist were recognised by the Time magazine as Groundwork of the year and WHO's Director General's Global health leader award. ASHA workers acts as the first line of contact for the rural people.

Issues faced by the ASHA workers

① Employment They are recognised as Volunteers rather fixed employees. This results in reduced wages not in the form of salary but as task based incentive.

② Poor infrastructure in the rural areas deter the workers to serve in the interior regions.

③ High workload as the workers are mandated to take other government department works.

Giving due recognition

① Stable employment is the key to motivate these women. This will improve the nutritional

security of women as 53% of women are
anaemic as per National family health survey 5.

② The information sharing between the
government and population must pass through
the ASHA workers and the general public
must be given awareness.

③ Capacity building of the ASHA workers so
that they could become auxiliary nurse and
mid wife, public health nurse and community
health officer.

future

The contribution of 10-4 lakh ASHA workers
is significant in making India polio free,
improved maternal care and increased
quarantine measures during the pandemic.
The ASHA workers can compensate for reduced
doctors in the rural areas by suitable
support from the general government.