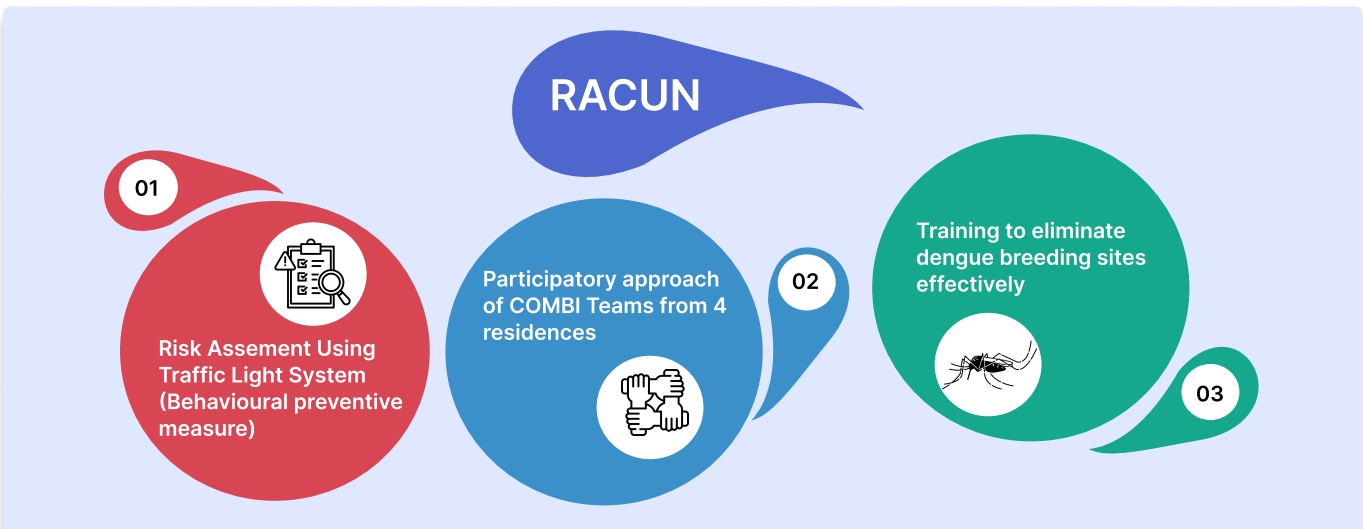
COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT THROUGH RISK ASSESSMENT FOR COMBI UNITED (RACUN)

BACKGROUND

Dengue fever, transmitted by Aedes mosquitoes, has persisted as a major public health challenge for decades. Despite awareness of its transmission dynamics, dengue cases continue to surge, often attributed to gaps in environmental hygiene practices. The Communication for Behavioral Impact (COMBI) initiative was introduced as a collaborative platform for agencies and communities to address these challenges collectively.

OBJECTIVE

To enhance community involvement and responsibility in identifying and eliminating mosquito breeding sites, ultimately reducing dengue cases and promoting sustainable prevention practices.



CONCLUSION

RACUN raised community awareness and responsibility for maintaining environmental hygiene, introducing an innovative traffic light system (red, yellow, green) to monitor dengue risk levels. Although challenges such as volunteer engagement, material costs, and monitoring were noted, the programme demonstrated strong potential for broader implementation across health districts and states. By empowering communities and strengthening prevention efforts, RACUN paves the way for sustainable dengue control practices.