



## Health

# Maternal and Child Health Community



## Community Update

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### From the Resource team

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your response to the safe motherhood month discussions. We still have more topics - like engendering safe motherhood services, anemia and safe motherhood – which we will continue to discuss during this month. We will also discuss our regular topics along with these, so please send in your queries.

We are still collecting materials for the safe motherhood newsletter. So if you have anything to share – now is a good time to send it to us. You can [read some comments](#) from members on the occasion of safe motherhood month.

This issue carries an announcement for the '[Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award](#)'. The award has a rich history and has been awarded to several eminent people including Raj and Shobha Arole, Ela Bhatt, Sheela Patel, Jockin Arputham, Vijay Mahajan, and Jeroo Billimoria. Please encourage people you know who are doing excellent work to apply for the award, or apply yourself.

Best Wishes,

Meghendra Banerjee & Deeksha Sharma  
Resource Team, Solution Exchange

### Member Postings/Testimonials

Dear Friends,

*I expect you have heard about Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh (JSK) (National Population Stabilisation Fund) a registered society set up by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to involve civil society in population stabilisation activities. JSK has to promote innovative strategies to accelerate ongoing efforts in the area of reproductive and child health, family planning and enhancing gender equity.*

### Community News

#### Recently held Events

**Gender Community and PRIA - Release of Model Gender Policy; 7 April 2008; UN Conference Hall, New Delhi.** For further details Contact [Bonani Dhar](#) or [Sarika Dhawan](#) for details

#### From Partners

#### UNDP - Job Opportunities

#### [Resource Person – Decentralisation Community](#)

Location: Solution Exchange, United Nations, New Delhi  
Last Date: 19 May 2008

#### [Resource Person – Gender Community](#)

Location: Solution Exchange, United Nations, New Delhi  
Last Date: 27 May 2008

JSK has concentrated on four initiatives. One of them is the Call Centre strategy. JSK's Call Centre had started w.e.f. 02.04.08 using vCustomer a BPO at Mathura Road to give information on the following subjects using software prepared by Maulana Azad Medical College. **The Call Centre Number is 011-66665555**. The Call Centre is initially servicing Ghaziabad, Gautambudh Nagar (Noida), Gurgaon, Faridabad and Mewat to gain experience before opening the services to more towns and eventually to rural areas. The subjects covered include:

- Reproductive System in Males and Females
- Puberty
- Reproductive Health Concerns in Females
- Breast Related Problems
- Reproductive Health Concerns in Males
- Sexually Transmitted Infections including HIV/AIDS
- Contraception
- Pregnancy
- Infertility
- Sexual Health
- Abortion
- Menopause
- Infant Health (Pre school)

We will be shortly advertising on Radio but could be grateful if you kindly encourage suitable clientéle who could benefit for the Call Centre service to use the facility and give us feedback also. I am sure you are in touch with numerous NGOs who could pass the word around.

Other JSK initiatives viz Prerna, Santushti and Virtual Resource Centre (VRC) can be seen here: <http://www.jsk.gov.in/whatjskwilldo.asp>. I would be grateful if they are given publicity through your newsletters / journals.

We value your support and encouragement.

With regards,

**Shailaja Chandra, JSK, New Delhi**

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Dear All,

I've always thought there's something comforting about night...the cool darkness envelops and embraces the world as it settles into slumber. Last week, however, Jamghat, an organisation of children from the street, helped me experience night from a very different point of view, that of a person who sleeps on the streets of Old Delhi.

Old Delhi is a crazy maze of lanes and alleys, parks and pavements. During daytime, these bustle with traffic. But as night falls, Delhi's shadowy homeless population, people one hears about occasionally but never sees, takes over. As we walked through the Urdu Park, the large parkland beneath Jama Masjid, Jamghat members Amit and Kaivalya helped us understand the magnitude of the problem of homelessness.

According to official statistics, Delhi has about 1.4 lakhs homeless people. Jamghat and other NGOs believe that for every person the census counted, one's slipped through. "Anyway," Kaivalya said, "the government's definition of a homeless person doesn't include someone who sleeps on a cart or rickshaw or under a flimsy plastic-sheet roof."

*The obvious question, of course, and a naïve one, was why so many people were homeless in the first place. "There's no one reason for it," said Amit, whose founded Jamghat, "penniless people arrive from Bihar, UP and Rajasthan, have no place to stay and end up on the streets. Children run away from home — escaping abuse, neglect, grinding poverty and worse, and land up here. Women get thrown out by their husbands, and have no other place to go...it's all bad circumstances." However, NGOs such as Jamghat believe, at times, it's also bad governance — in Delhi, whenever a slum is demolished, a vast majority of its denizens are rendered homeless. According to estimates, in the much-debated demolition of the slums in Yamuna-Pushta, around 50,000 people became homeless, of which barely half were rehabilitated.*

*We then walked across to Fountain Chowk to see a government shelter. Surprisingly clean, it had dhurries on the floor and a television above and cost Rs 6 a night. "This one's for men," I asked, "are there similar shelters for women?" Kaivalya shook his head ruefully: "they have no place to go..." Appallingly, the only government-run shelter for women at Yamuna Pushta near Vijay Ghat, was closed down by the MCD in June 2007. It's made way for a warehouse, no doubt more profitable, with no alternate arrangements for the women who'd sought refuge under its roof.*

*We walked past Kauriya Pul, the covered overbridge overrun by the homeless at night. "People like us can't understand how much difference even the slightest covering overhead makes to someone sleeping on the streets," said Kaivalya, explaining why it was so popular. Beyond lay the Yamuna Bazaar, a hazy, dark tract of land which hundreds of homeless people called home. "Early this year, we came here on a bitterly cold January morning ...we saw over a hundred people frozen to death," said Kaivalya. We strained our eyes in the dark, but saw little. Maybe the denizens of Yamuna Bazaar, who had no I-cards, ration cards or other means of identification, were as invisible to the government as they were to us. But they were there all right.*

*Walking back to Jama Masjid, we desperately tried to take stock of what we'd seen. A towering man dressed in black, a strange hat upon his head, suddenly appeared on the steps. His beard, long and bushy, was neatly parted in two and twisted. He began twirling round and round till even I felt dizzy. But then, I'd imagine, that's how one would feel anyway, looking into a strange, looking glass world which you never knew existed right under your nose.*

Regards

**Amit Sinha, Jamghat - A group of Street Children, New Delhi**

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Dear All,

*On the occasion of World Health Day 2008, Ibn Sinâ Academy of Medieval Medicine & Sciences in collaboration with Indian Medical Association (Aligarh Branch) arranged following 2 lectures:*

**1. Second Professor M. Nasim Ansari Memorial Lecture:** By Dr. M. Habib Raza (Reader, Department of Surgery, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh)

*Topic: Albucassis (Father of Surgery) - His Contributions in Medical Sciences*

**2. Lecture on World Health Day Theme:** By Dr. M. Ather Ansari (Reader, Department of Community Medicine, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh)

*Topic: Protecting Health from Climate Change*

*Dr. V. K. Jain (A noted Paediatrician) and Prof. M. Amanullah Khan (A noted Surgeon) presided over the Function while the program was compered by Dr. Rajeev Varshney (Hony. Secretary, IMA, Aligarh Branch) and Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman (Social Secretary, IMA, Aligarh Branch). The meeting was started with the*

welcome address by Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman (President, Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh) and Prof. L. M. Bariar (President, Indian Medical Association, Aligarh Branch).

Apart from the above two lectures by eminent speakers, an exhibition on poster making on world health day theme 2008 by students of different schools and stamps collection show released from different countries on the occasion of World Health Days was arranged. Some of these postal stamps depict beautifully the various WHD themes for the last 60 years. Another event was screening of the film '2200 A Day' (Based on Tobacco Control Theme) by Dr. Md. Tauheed Ahmad. Best posters were awarded soon after the judgment.

Prof. Syed Zillur Rahman (President, Ibn Sinâ Academy) was also invited as chief guest during a programme especially held on the occasion of WHD 2008 at Green Crescent Public School. He spoke on various aspects of serious and damaging effects of climate change on human health because of melting glaciers, disturbed rainfall patterns, floods, landslides, debris flows and droughts leading to rise of sea level, change in air quality and heat waves.

With regards,

**Syed Ziaur Rahman, Ibn Sina Academy, Aligarh**

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Dear all,

Figures often beguile me, particularly when I have the arranging of them myself; in which case the remark attributed to Disraeli would often apply with justice and force: "There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies and statistics."

- Autobiography of Mark Twain

I had experienced the bitter truth during my visit on 3rd Day of annual meet of MCH forum when I visited salunkhe a block head quarters 70 Km from udaipur The number of maternal deaths reported in government in this block is just half of true deaths .The truth came out in an independent survey carried by a reputed NGO.

In India hardly 20-25% of population visits, and trust public healthcare institutions. Nearly 80% trust and depend on the costlier version –private medical care having various actors qualified or not.

The point for discussion:

- Is all our health policies based on government statistics, which could be very wrong.
- Is there any method to generate data by including private sector?
- It should be noted our public infrastructure is top led and subordinates at all levels are expected to look after boss and his requirements. Many times the data presented is at whims and fancies superiors.

Being a country having just 2% of land and 16% of world population what should be our priority population stabilization or family planning operations.

Best regards

**V. Bhava Narayana, Pharmed Trade News, Hyderabad**

**Moderator's note: Interested members can write to him at [pharmedtradenews@gmail.com](mailto:pharmedtradenews@gmail.com)**

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Dear members,

I am a student of MD Community medicine and my thesis topic is nutritional assessment in 12-59 months children.

My query is when I ask breastfeeding and complementary feeding practices history according to IYCF guidelines from mothers of these children will there not be recall bias or this will be valid, recent publications have also used Child Feeding Index, since I wish to use this in my thesis I need guidance whether these questions if put to mothers of children older than 1 year will not bring error in my study.

Thanks

With warm regards

**Ali Jafar Abedi, Department of Community Medicine, JN Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh**

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Dear members,

Although it is not related to MCH, but I have forwarded it so that maximum of people can understand this right, which is already a big myth among people.

I regret for posting the thing which is not related to MCH.

### **SUPREME COURT IMPORTANT JUDGEMENT IN INDIA**

#### **Right to Emergency Care:**

Date Of Judgment: 23/02/2007.

Case No.: Appeal (civil) 919 of 2007.

The Supreme Court has ruled that all injured persons especially in the case of road traffic accidents, assaults, etc., when brought to a hospital / medical centre, have to be offered first aid, stabilized and shifted to a higher centre / government centre if required. It is only after this that the hospital can demand payment or complete police formalities.. In case you are a bystander and wish to help someone in an accident, please go ahead and do so. Your responsibility ends as soon as you leave the person at the hospital.

The hospital bears the responsibility of informing the police, first aid, etc.

Please do inform your family and friends about these basic rights so that we all know what to expect and what to do in the hour of need. Please not only go ahead and forward, use it too!!!!

Regards,

**Rajesh Kumar, PCMS, Bhopal**

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Dear all,

I have developed a successful pilot model for "Homeopathy based Primary healthcare for the Community" in the State of Gujarat that can be considered for adoption in Public Private Partnership programmes.

*I also published & co-edited "Homoeopathic Bio-efficacy and Management of Animal Health" and spearheaded the research project on "Fertility solutions through Homoeopathic intervention". Presently I am working on integration of homoeopathy and homoeopathic physician in the National Health Programmes.*

*I would be delighted to collaborate on research project as well community project on Mother & Child Care through integration of Homoeopathy with like minded organization and/or individual and be pleased to attend the relevant forums on policy and practices for improving Mother and Child health and to communicate with learned professionals and practitioners in the area of Mother & Child Health.*

*I am willing to participate in training programmes for updating and upgrading professional skills and knowledge.*

Regards,

***Shivang Swaminarayan, Independent Consultant, Kalol***

***Moderator's note: Interested members can write to him at [homoeco@sintex.co.in](mailto:homoeco@sintex.co.in)***

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*Dear members,*

*As in my experience working in interior PHC, of JAMNAGAR district of GUJARAT, I would recommend following suggestions for elected Representative and bureaucrats.*

*There are large no of WADI VISTAR - FARMS in rural side of all districts from Gujarat. here in this farms, migratory workers from UP, MP and tribal area like GODHRA are working, and continue moving from one PHC area to other PHC area. but they are not included in local public health setup and so their health is neglected-MCH care in particular.*

*To solve this problem one rule should be put forward from district development officer or collector to all sarpanchs of villages to make all local farm holder notified details of migratory workers to panchayat office time to time, and from there our health worker can get details and visit them to give services..*

*Sometimes health workers achieve their targets by providing services to them e.g. TL cases and not covering the population they allotted. This problem could be solved by notification of workers.*

Regards

***Kapil Gandha, Community medicine, M.P. Shah Medical College, Jamnagar***

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## ***Collaboration Request***

***From Zelee Hill, Insitute of Child Health, United Kingdom***

### **Job Aids for Alternative Health Providers**

[http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm\\_update/res-22-150508-05.doc](http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm_update/res-22-150508-05.doc) (Document Size: 28 KB)

*Participate in Survey to identify gaps in materials and equipments to understand their range and usefulness- community based workers use in their work related to neonatal and maternal health*

*Moderator's note: Interested members can write to him at [zhill.ich@gmail.com](mailto:zhill.ich@gmail.com)*

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### ***Awards and Honours***

**IAPSM Fellowship at Puducherry to Dr J.S.Malik, Professor in Social & Preventive Medicine, PGIMS, Rohtak, Haryana**

Fellowship was awarded at IAPSM Conference by Shri AmbuMani Ramdass, Union Health Minister.

**Tathagat International Excellence Award & Charter of Honour-2007" to Dr. Shivang Swaminarayan**

Member of National Task Force-Mother & Child Care (Homoeopathy), Government of India and member of the Editorial Board of "Asian Journal of Homoeopathy received the award in August 2007

### ***Job Opportunities***

***From Siddharth Aggarwal , Urban Health Resource Centre (UHRC), New Delhi***

**Library and Website Management Trainee**

Urban Health Resource Centre

Location: New Delhi

Last Date: 8 June 2008

<http://uhrc.in/module-phPro-display-jid-17.html>

**Accounts Trainee**

Urban Health Resource Centre

Location: New Delhi

Last Date: 8 June 2008

<http://uhrc.in/module-phPro-display-jid-18.html>

***From Sarah Figge, Solution Exchange, UNDP, New Delhi***

**M.B.B.S. Doctor**

SRUSTI

Location: Nuapada district , Orissa

Last Date: June 5, 2008

[http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article\\_6289.shtml](http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_6289.shtml)

**Administrative Assistant**

Sama-Resource Group for Women and Health

Location: New Delhi

Last Date: May 20, 2008

[http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article\\_6252.shtml](http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_6252.shtml)

**Project Associate**

Sama-Resource Group for Women and Health

Location: New Delhi

Last Date: May 15, 2008

[http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article\\_6251.shtm](http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_6251.shtm)

**Supportive Supervision Team**

Population Services International

Location: Karnataka

Last Date: May 15, 2008

[http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article\\_6236.shtml](http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_6236.shtml)

### **Supportive Supervision Team**

Population Services International

Location: Andhra Pradesh

Last Date: May 15, 2008

[http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article\\_6234.shtml](http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_6234.shtml)

### **Program Manager**

Avni Health Foundation

Location: Mumbai

Last Date: May 25, 2008

[http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article\\_6217.shtml](http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_6217.shtml)

### **Program Manager**

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Location: Mumbai

Last Date: May 25, 2008

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## ***Upcoming Events***

### ***From Jashodhara Dasgupta, Sahayog, Lucknow***

Doordarshan has scheduled **Mother Courageous telecast for Saturday May 31st at 09.00 am** on DD I. Mother Courageous is a film on maternal mortality in Uttar Pradesh (which has the highest number of maternal deaths), and explores state responses as well as women's own initiatives.

It is a PSBT Production and the film was made by Debalina (Kolkata).

### ***From Meghendra Banerjee, Resource Person***

### **5th IET International Seminar on "Appropriate Healthcare Technologies for Developing Countries"**

Institution of Engineering and Technology, Savoy Place, London; 21-22 May 2008

For details visit <http://conferences.theiet.org/aht>

*Update on issues like provision of appropriate healthcare technologies in the developing world addressing key needs, problems and solutions with networking opportunity*

### **35th Annual International Conference on Global Health: Community Health: Delivering, Serving, Engaging, Leading**

Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington D.C.; 27-31 May 2008

For details visit <http://www.globalhealth.org/conference/>

*Sessions will address issues related to improving the well-being of the community including delivering, serving, engaging and leading issues in community health*

### ***From Rajesh Kumar, PCMS, Bhopal***

### **National Community Health Nursing Conference**

Christian Medical College, Vellore, 18-20 Sept 2008

For details visit <http://www.cmcvellore.ac.in/upcoming/nsconf/index.html>

*Aims to bring together Community Health Nurses from all parts of the country to share collectively their knowledge in meeting different demands and in reaching goal of "Healthy people 2010"*

## **Recently Held Events**

***From Siddharth Aggarwal , Urban Health Resource Centre (UHRC), New Delhi***

### **Urban Health Challenges, Policy Provisions, and Program Experiences**

Urban Health Resource Centre; TERI University, New Delhi; 22 November 2007

*Session was conducted for the administrative officers as part of the course on Public Health and Sustainable Development under the program MA-Public Policy and Sustainable Development*

### **Community Level Process in Ensuring Health to the Urban Poor**

Urban Health Resource Centre; 16 January 2008

*Workshop highlighted urban health concerns and the significance of involving slum communities as strategic partners in improving health, nutrition and other basic services for the urban poor*

### **Urban Health and Demography**

Shyam Institute with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India; Technical Teachers Training Institute, Bhopal; 23 January 2008

*Symposium was organised to discuss the challenges associated with urban health and to evolve strategies for improving health of the urban poor*

### **Contemporary Issues in Population and Health**

Shyam Institute with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India; Technical Teachers Training Institute, Bhopal; 23-25 January 2008

*Seminar for developing and evolving various new strategies to improve the health status of the urban poor*

### **Study Tour**

Bangalore; 27-28 February 2008

*Tour comprised of various state government officials to view PPP initiatives and other effective urban health program approaches taken up by Karnataka government*

### **Improving Access of Healthcare to the Urban Poor in India**

Urban Health Resource Centre in collaboration with the Ranbaxy Science Foundation; 11 April 2008

*Conference shared practical experiences of partnership with private sector, role of urban local bodies and effective application of planning tools in improving access of healthcare to urban poor*

***From Brijesh Kumar, Delhi Government Health Centre, New Delhi***

### **Reproductive & Child Health Camp**

Shiv Mandir, Samalka Extension (East), Kapashera Delhi Government Health Centre; 29 March 2008

[http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm\\_update/res-22-150508-11.doc](http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm_update/res-22-150508-11.doc) (Document Size: 67 KB)

*Inaugurated Primary Urban Health Center at Samalka Extension(East) and resulted in wide spread awareness of IEC through cultural program, antenatal care, and female genital tract diseases*

***From Aparajita Gogoi, WRA India***

### **National Safe Motherhood Day, 2008 and launch of "Deliver Now for Women and Children"**

White Ribbon Alliance and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India; 11 April 2008

[http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm\\_update/res-22-150508-03.pdf](http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm_update/res-22-150508-03.pdf) (PDF Size: 449 KB)

*Report activities of government and other organisations for promoting safe motherhood and provides details of proceedings of Launch of 'Deliver Now for Women and Children'*

***From Suneeta Mittal, AIIMS , New Delhi***

### **Consortium for Emergency Contraception in India**

WHO-CCR in Human Reproduction, All India Institute of Medical Sciences; New Delhi; 26 April 2008

[http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm\\_update/res-21-310108-07.pdf](http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm_update/res-21-310108-07.pdf) (PDF Size: 306 KB)

*Event provided training to health care providers including doctors, NGOs, medical students, nurses and nursing students in emergency contraception*

### **National Continuing Medical Education (CME) in Obstetrics and Gynaecology**

Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, AIIMS; WHO-CCR in Human Reproduction, World Health Organisation; New Delhi; 26-27 April 2008

[http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm\\_update/res-22-150508-04.pdf](http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm_update/res-22-150508-04.pdf) (PDF Size: 607 KB)

*A regular medical education programmes for modular teaching in Obstetrics & Gynaecology*

***From Shefali Chaturvedi, Confederation of Indian Industry, Gurgaon***

### **The New Business Model: Engaging Society, Enhancing Competitiveness**

2nd National Summit on Corporate Social Responsibility(CSR); Confederation of Indian Industry in partnership with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, National Foundation for Corporate Governance; Hyatt Regency, New Delhi; 5-6 May 2008

[http://cii.in/event\\_details.php?menu\\_id=81&events\\_id=548&events\\_type=2](http://cii.in/event_details.php?menu_id=81&events_id=548&events_type=2)

*Highlighted innovative and successful approaches to CSR to be utilised by industry, providing examples of strategic initiatives for enhancing business, competitiveness, cultivated brand loyalty*

## ***Publishing Opportunities***

***From Sadhu Charan Panda, Department of Community Medicine, VSS Medical College, Burla***

### **Journal of Community Medicine**

Biannual Publication; Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine, Orissa Chapter

<http://www.jcmorissa.org/>

*Invites articles for July-December 2008 issue on recent advances, clinical epidemiological diagnosis, management, comments, etc. on issues of public health importance*

***From Amit Sinha, Jamghat - A group of Street Children, New Delhi***

### **Annual Magazine**

Jamghat; 20 May 2008

*Invites articles from the volunteers of Jamghat regarding their association and the work done*

## ***Training Opportunities***

***From Suneeta Mittal, AIIMS , New Delhi***

### **Consortium on National Consensus for Medical Abortion in India**

Organised by WHO-CCR in Human Reproduction, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, AIIMS, in collaboration with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, ICMR and WHO; New Delhi; 29-30 June 2008

**Last date for registration:** 20 June 2008

[http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm\\_update/res-21-310108-06.pdf](http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm_update/res-21-310108-06.pdf) (PDF Size: 751 KB)

[http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm\\_update/res-21-310108-07.pdf](http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm_update/res-21-310108-07.pdf) (PDF Size: 195 KB)

*Invites participants to interact with national and international experts on the issues of safe abortion and safe second trimester abortion*

*From Anup Kumar Das, UNESCO, New Delhi*

### **Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)**

Division of Social Medicine and Global Health, Department of Health Sciences, Lund University (in Malmo)

**Application deadline:** 1 October 2008

<http://www.education.lu.se/o.o.i.s/3225>

*Program for persons working with SRHR, in managing position, having a background as midwives/teachers in the health care sector or gynaecologists/obstetricians*

*From Athar Haque, eHealth-Care Foundation, New Delhi*

### **eHCF School of Medical Informatics**

eHealth-Care Foundation

**Application deadline:** 15 May 2008

<http://www.ehealth-care.net/medicalinformatics.htm>

*Distance learning program for practicing physician, surgeons and paramedicals, providing complete knowledge of Information & Communication Technology in Medicine*

*From Ajey Bhardwaj, South Asia Public Health Leadership Institute, Mumbai*

### **Leadership In Public Health Management**

Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik; South Asia Public Health Leadership Institute at Avni Health Foundation, Mumbai; Dr. S. Nayar School of Public Health (Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences); Seth G.S Medical College and KEM Hospital, Mumbai; International Technical Support by Sparkman Center for Global Health, School of Public Health, University of Alabama at Birmingham, USA; Vanderbilt University Institute for Global Health, School of Medicine, USA

**Application deadline: Part Time** 2 June 2008 and **Weekend** 20 May 2008

[www.avnihealth.org](http://www.avnihealth.org), [www.muhsnashik.com](http://www.muhsnashik.com)

*Aims to equip candidates with management skills and leadership qualities to take challenges and design, plan, manage and oversee public health programs*

## **Resource Corner**

*From Siddharth Aggarwal, Urban Health Resource Centre (UHRC), New Delhi*

### **Health of the Urban Poor in India Key Results from the National Family Health Survey, 2005 - 06**

Wall Chart; Urban Health Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Available at <http://www.uhrc.in/name-CmodsDownload-index-req-getit-lid-84.html>

*Depicts the various health disparities found in urban India, based on analysis of NFHS-2 and NFHS-3*

### **Facts Hard to Digest**

Article; by Siddharth Agarwal; Urban Health Resource Centre; February 2007

Available at <http://www.uhrc.in/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=23>

*Discusses the various factors leading to the prevalence of malnourishment in India; and the various effective ways by which it can be prevented*

### **Urban Health under Serious Stress**

Article; One World South Asia

Available at <http://southasia.oneworld.net/link/gotoarticle/addhit/158357/6721/237768>

*Shows how the knowledge of various cultural factors during pregnancy, childbirth and care of the newborn exert a significant influence on health of both the mother and newborn*

### **Women Mobilize Community to Turnaround Slum**

Article; One World South Asia

Available at <http://southasia.oneworld.net/article/view/154775/1/?PrintableVersion=enabled>

*Overview of how community based organization (CBO) in partnership with FPAI and UHRC, with their determination were the agents of change in transforming the face of the basti*

### **The City Never Weeps**

Article; by Siddharth Agarwal; Indian Express; 7 December 2007

Available at <http://www.indianexpress.com/story/247418.html>

*Highlights various social disparities exist in India's most prosperous states; urban infrastructure has not coped with growth of population, cities have not been able to offer essential services, etc.*

### **Samridh Sheher Mein Beghar hote Garib**

Article; by Siddharth Agarwal; Hindustan; 3 March 2008 (In Hindi)

Available at [http://uhrc.in/modules/ContentExpress/img\\_repository/hd.jpg](http://uhrc.in/modules/ContentExpress/img_repository/hd.jpg)

*Details the plight of the people living in the slum dwellings of the urban settings and the various hardships faced by them to get the basic necessities of life*

### **Urbanization, Urban Poverty and Health of the Urban Poor: Status, Challenges and the Way Forward**

Paper; by S. Aggarwal, et al.; Demography India

Available at [http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm\\_update/res-22-150508-09.pdf](http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm_update/res-22-150508-09.pdf) (PDF Size: 51 KB)

*Analyzes association between urban poverty and health of urban poor in India and outlines potential operational solutions to overcome challenges faced in improving health outcomes*

*From Arun Gupta, Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India, New Delhi*

### **A Consensus Call to National Child Health Programs - Drop Mixed Feeding**

Paper; Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India and IBFAN

Available at [http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm\\_update/res-22-150508-06.pdf](http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm_update/res-22-150508-06.pdf) (PDF Size: 548 KB)

*Ensures exclusive breastfeeding of infants during first six months by encouraging all women including HIV positive to avoid "mixed feeding" (breastfeeding plus other foods)*

*From Nabeel M.K., Medical College, Kannur*

### **Research Issues in Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) for Low- and Middle-Income Countries**

Report; by Andres de Francisco, et al.; Global Forum for Health Research and World Health Organization

Available at [http://www.globalforumhealth.org/filesupld/SRH/SRH\\_English\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.globalforumhealth.org/filesupld/SRH/SRH_English_FINAL.pdf) (PDF Size: 6.51 MB)

*Identifies gaps, priorities and multi-disciplinary approaches in SRH research encouraging policy-makers and programme managers to create favourable environment for advancements in SRH*

*From A.K. Sengupta, World Health Organisation, New Delhi*

### **Class 10 Pass a 'Doctor' in Bengal's Government Health Centre**

News Article; The Hindustan Times; Kolkata; April 17 2008

Available at [http://in.news.yahoo.com/indiaabroad/20080417/r\\_t\\_ians\\_hl/thl-class-10-pass-a-doctor-in-](http://in.news.yahoo.com/indiaabroad/20080417/r_t_ians_hl/thl-class-10-pass-a-doctor-in-)

[bengal-s-g-b9640bb.html](#)

*Overview of how various primary health centres in some districts of West Bengal are functioning with the doctors who are just class X pass*

*From Paul P Francis, World Health Organisation, New Delhi*

### **Recognising the Achievements, Addressing the Challenges and Getting back on track to Achieve the MDGs by 2016**

Background Paper; Discussion on Health; General Assembly Thematic Debate on the Millennium Development Goals

Available at <http://www.un.org/ga/president/62/letters/bckghealth.pdf> (PDF Size: 2.16 MB)

*Details the health related millennium development goals-4,5,6; the current status and achievements, various challenges and constraints and way forward*

*From Rajesh Kumar, PCMS, Bhopal*

### **World Bank Plan for Smart Gender Economics**

Article; iGovernment; 14 April 2008

Available at <http://www.igovernment.in/site/world-bank-plan-for-smart-gender-economics/>

*Overview of how support of World Bank can improve economic conditions of conditions of women in developing countries, including rural areas where they face rising food prices and discrimination*

### **State of World's Mother 2007**

Report; Save the Children; 2007

Available at <http://www.savethechildren.org/publications/mothers/2007/SOWM-2007-final.pdf> (PDF Size: 1.98 MB)

*Shows which countries have succeeded and which haven't in saving lives of mothers and children; and explains how investments in health care and nutrition can make a difference for whole society*

### **Mother Index 2007**

Index; Save the Children; 2007

Available at <http://www.savethechildren.org/publications/mothers/2007/Mothers-Index-2007.pdf> (PDF Size: 108 KB)

*Documents the health conditions for mothers and children in developed and developing world and shows where mothers fare best and where they face the greatest hardships*

*From Vinod Bhanu, Centre for Legislative Research and Advocacy (CLRA), New Delhi*

### **Indian Medical Parliamentarians' Forum**

Newsletter; Budget Session Issue; February-May 2007

Available at [http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm\\_update/res-22-150508-07.pdf](http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm_update/res-22-150508-07.pdf) (PDF Size: 364 KB)

*Provides details about health in the Union Budget 2008-09, mental health care, research and development of drugs for neglected diseases, and troubled partnerships in the healthcare sector*

*From Eelke Kingma and Dorine van Oene, Delft University of Technology, Netherlands*

### **Opportunity Identification for Mother & Child Health Care in Rural India**

Newsletter; by Eelke Kingma and Dorine van Oene; 31 March- 29 April 2008

Available at [http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm\\_update/res-22-150508-08.pdf](http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm_update/res-22-150508-08.pdf) (PDF Size: 1.96 MB)

*Contains description about the progress of the work done, the various qualitative research and interviews done while visiting the health care providers*

*From Meghendra Banerjee, Resource Person*

#### **Report on AIDS Competence Process (ACP)**

Consolidated Reply; AIDS Community; Solution Exchange; 3 May 2008

Available at [AIDS Competence Website](#) (PDF, 470 KB)

*Discusses Aids Competence Process, greater opportunities of learning from experiences of different communities; harnessing core strengths of certain communities for benefit of others*

*From Deeksha Sharma, Research Associate*

#### **Climate Change will Erode Foundations of Health**

News Release; World Health Day, World Health Organization; 2008

Available at <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2008/pr11/en/index.html>

*Stresses on the threats climate change poses in fighting diseases of poverty, and in widening the gaps in health outcomes between the richest and the poorest*

#### **Nutrition Policy for Healthy India on Cards**

Article; iGovernment; 24 April 2008

Available at <http://www.igovernment.in/site/nutrition-policy-for-healthy-india-on-cards/>

*Details of drafting nutrition policy for children by Ministry of Women and Child Development with help of nutritional experts, child health specialists, to avoid obesity among young children*

#### **Alternatives for Projecting MDG Indicators**

Paper; by Rafael Guerreiro Osorio; Technical Paper # 2; International Poverty Centre, United Nations Development Programme; April 2008

Available at <http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/pub/IPCTechnicalPaper2.pdf> (PDF Size: 503 KB)

*Discusses the techniques to project behaviour of indicators to be used while there are scarcities of data and technical skills*

#### **Himachal Seeks Anganwari Centres for Entire State**

Article; iGovernment; 5 May 2008

Available at <http://www.igovernment.in/site/himachal-seeks-anganwari-centres-for-entire-state/>

*Details initiative of state government to the centre for additional anganwari centres and mini anganwari centres for the entire population under ICDS programme*

**Are you interested to share your readings, new publications with the community?  
We are building this resource corner, where your recommended readings will feature.**

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## **Network Activity**

### ***Membership and Community Statistics***

**Members who have changed their organisations or wish to change other information in their profile can update their profile online at <http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in> or send us an email with relevant information.**

We now have 2048 members! You can find the list of new members, who joined since the last update, we are glad to introduce them to you.

Click here to view the list of new members-

[http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm\\_update/res-22-150508-51.pdf](http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm_update/res-22-150508-51.pdf) (PDF, Size: 35 KB)

**Member Database-** <http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in> to access it, click on Member List next to MCH Community. You will need to log in with your email and password, to see the details.

### ***Completed Queries***

#### **Strengthening ICDS IV State Project Implementation Plan (SPIP) - Experiences; Examples.**

Cross-posted with Food and Nutrition Security Community. Issued on 29 April 2008

Available at <http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/cr/cr-se-mch-food-08040801.pdf> (PDF Size: 162 KB)

*Discusses experiences of innovative strategies and activities to strengthen ICDS IV initiative and shares resources on State Project Implementation Plan (SPIP)/District Implementation Plans etc*

#### **Tools for Community-Based Health Management Information System- Experiences. [CR under preparation]**

*Shares format for the development of tools for Community-Based Health Management Information System (village health register and village health calendar) and also the experience on their use*

### ***Completed Discussions***

#### **Reducing Maternal Mortality through Increased Access to Safe Abortions**

Issued on 5 May 2008

Available at <http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/cr/cr-se-mch-07020801.pdf> (PDF Size: 239 KB)

*Discusses the cause of abortion related deaths and how recent legislative amendments and technical advances be used to promote increased access to safe abortion to reduce maternal mortality*

#### **Safe Motherhood Topic 1 - Involving Elected Representatives in Maternal Health. [CR under preparation]**

*Shares experiences and ideas for involving elected representatives and political leaders at the national, state and panchayat levels to take a lead while working for maternal health*

### ***Open Queries***

#### **E-Discussion: Safe Motherhood Topic 2 - Quality of Practicum Training of Nurse - Midwives in the Labour Room. Reply By 19 May 2008**

*Explores comments and experiences for improving Quality of Midwifery training, including labour room practices, hands on delivery and improving training experience*

#### **E-Discussion: Home Visits as an IEC Strategy for Nutrition Improvement of Children 6-24 Months. Reply by 30 May 2008 (Cross Posted with Food & Nutrition Security Community)**

*Requests experiences on home visit function and community IEC activities in ICDS on child feeding and nutrition, success stories documenting behavior change in IYCF and IEC strategies*

### ***Previous Updates***

[http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm\\_update/index.htm](http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm_update/index.htm)

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