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Maternal and Child Health Community



Community Update

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From the Resource team

Dear Friends,

It is time for another community update.

This has been a really busy month in the community discussing variety of issues ranging from Anemia Control for Mothers, IEC and home visits for children, Quality of Practicum Training of Nurse - Midwives in the Labour Room, cost of maternity care and ARSH issues. Still to come Gender Dimensions of Safe Motherhood Services closing the focus series of safe motherhood month.

The next series in MCH community will be on Breastfeeding leading to the Breastfeeding Week in August. So if you are planning to put up queries, notes, comments, please send them to us in advance so that we can space them correctly.

Incidentally, we also crossed the '100 discussions' mark this month (congratulations to all of you), so we have put up a [list of all](#) the queries and discussions since the launch of our community in 2005, classified according to key topics and distributed over months.

Like every year, we invite new membership to diversify our learning and bring in fresh perspective. We will shortly be sending you a mail which you can forward to your colleagues, networks and friends encouraging them to join MCH community and engage in exchanging solutions and learning.

Best Wishes,

Meghendra Banerjee & Deeksha Sharma
Resource Team, Solution Exchange

Community News

Upcoming Events

The Water Community Announces its Annual Forum to be held on 24-26 July 2008 at Bangalore. Please contact [Nitya Jacob](#) or [Ramya Gopalan](#) for further details

Recently held Events

MCH Community - Live Webcast

The Community hosted a live webcast of the *National Safe Motherhood Day Event* organised by White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood, India on 11 April 2008. To view the event click [here](#)

From Partners

WHO

From Sunil Nandraj, WHO, New Delhi

World Health Statistics 2008

World Health Organization; 2008
<http://www.who.int/whosis/en/index.html>
Presents recent health statistics for WHO's 193 Member States including 10 highlights in health statistics, and expanded set of over 70 key health indicators including trend data

Member Postings/Testimonials

We have received excellent recommendations from a wide range of persons for the meeting of Task Force on ARSH in Maharashtra (TARSHIM) on 11 June 08. The Draft Consolidated Response from the Solution Exchange was provided to all the participants and contributed to the discourse. The recommendations have been drafted and are still in the process of being commented upon by the participants.

We shall share the same as soon as they are finalised and sent on to the Govt of Maharashtra.

I once again thank you and the members of the SE MCH and AIDS communities who have contributed to the discourse.

Regards,

Anil Paranjape, Institute of Health Management, Pachod (IHMP), Pune

Greetings. I'll be obliged if you kindly plz. send me and keep on sending the literature regarding Kishori Project, the research, the statistical data and the achievements on papers. We will get it published in our newspaper- Nav Bharat and it's sister concern- Central Chronicle- Kishore Diwase, Senior journalist NavBharat Daily, (mob-919827471743)--RSVP-KISHORE DIWASE, Janta Qtr. EWS-67, NehruNagar Bilaspur-495001, CHHATTISGARH

Kishore Diwase, NavBharat Group of NewsPapers, Bilaspur

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 (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

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

Call for Joint Research proposals under Indo-US Collaboration on Maternal and Child Health and Human Development Research (MCHDR)

Indian Council Of Medical Research, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi 110029

<http://icmr.nic.in/icmrnews/mch2008.htm>

Application Deadline: 30 July 2008

Aim is to facilitate collaboration on maternal and children's health and human development research to contribute to global understanding of the causes of morbidity and mortality

Job Opportunities

From Bindu Varghese, M.P. Health Sector Reform Program, New Delhi

Maternal and Neonatal / Child Health Specialist

Technical Assistance team to the M.P Health Sector Reform program

Bhopal

For details contact Bindu Varghese at bsvarghese@yahoo.com

From Deeksha Sharma, Research Associate

Nutrition Officer - State

UNICEF India

Location: Raipur and Ranchi

Application Deadline: 2 July 2008

http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_7050.shtml

Nutrition Specialist - State

UNICEF India

Location: Various

Application Deadline: 2 July 2008

http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_7048.shtml

Nutrition Specialist - Infant and Young Child Nutrition

UNICEF India

Location: New Delhi

Application Deadline: 2 July 2008

http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_7045.shtml

Nutrition Specialist - Emergency Nutrition

UNICEF India

Location: New Delhi

Application Deadline: 2 July 2008

http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_7046.shtml

Nutrition Specialist - Knowledge And Partnerships

UNICEF India

Location: New Delhi

Application Deadline: 2 July 2008

http://216.119.85.221/artman2/publish/indian-jobs/article_7047.shtml

Upcoming Events

From Prema Ramachandran, Nutrition Foundation of India, New Delhi

Symposium on National Nutrition Policy - Essential Elements

Nutrition Foundation of India; 27-28 June 2008

Focuses on existing and emerging nutrition problems, experiences in implementing interventions to suggest future strategies, and discuss essential elements for National Nutrition Policy

From Deeksha Sharma, Research Associate

National Convention on Rights of Child

Mekhala Jha Auditorium, National Bal Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi; 27-29 June 2008

http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm_update/res-23-240608-01.pdf (PDF Size: 637 KB)

Aims to organize focused group discussions with different stakeholders for development and protection of rights of child

From Sarah Figge, UN, New Delhi

TheWorkshop'08 – the 12th international commune on participatory development.

KILA Campus, Thrissur (Kerala), India; 19-28 August 2008

<http://www.theworkshop.in/>

A forum for participants for reflection and learning on participatory approaches/tools as well as the opportunity to apply them in the field

From Meghendra Banerjee, Resource Person

Alma-Ata 30th Anniversary Symposium: Primary Health Care

Brunei Gallery SOAS, London; 11-12 September 2008

http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm_update/res-23-240608-02.pdf (PDF, Size: 2.67 MB)

For registration visit <http://www.m-dixon.com/profileproductions/registration.php?event=AT08>

Aims to share available evidence to address both promise and pitfalls of PHC from a range of perspectives and discuss the continuing relevance of such concepts to improvement of world health

From Rajesh Kumar, PCMS, Bhopal

National Community Health Nursing Conference

Christian Medical College, Vellore, 18-20 September 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"

From Aparajita Gogoi, CEDPA and WRAI, New Delhi

2008 International Stillbirth Conference

Norwegian Society of Perinatal Medicine; Oslo, Norway; 5-7 November 2008

www.stillbirthalliance.org/conference/2008/

Aims to address social inequities for effective prevention of stillbirths, the challenge of fetal growth restriction, and excellence of care by prevention and management of pregnancies and stillbirths

Recently Held Events

From Anju Dadhwal Singh, Sustainable Technical Assistance and Research (STAR) initiative, USAID-India, New Delhi

Launch of The MCH-STAR Initiative

12 June 2008

http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm_update/res-23-240608-04.pdf (PDF, Size: 684 KB)

Aims to strengthen capacity of Indian institutions in research, evaluation, policy analysis, advocacy, and in responsive technical assistance for MNCHN for providing sustainable technical leadership

From Amit Sinha, Jamghat, New Delhi

Inauguration of Jamghat Health and Day Care centre

Kabootar market, Opposite Red Fort; 23 May 2008

Jamghat, in partnership with Max India Foundation, has set up a Health and Day Care Centre to provide street children with a clean and safe shelter and recreational activities

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

National Conference on Climate Change and Impact on Health

International Development Centre Foundation and Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health, New Delhi; 22-23 May 2008.

UHRC made three presentations on urbanization, climate change, vectors: inter-relationships and measures to mitigate climate change, and also chaired session on climate change and health

Publishing Opportunities

From Archana Sinha, Indian Social Institute, New Delhi

Privatisation of Health Services: Implications on the Marginalised

Indian Social Institute, New Delhi

For further details visit: http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm_update/res-23-240608-03.doc (Document Size: 33.5 KB)

Original papers for proposed book, an attempt to build a linkage between the issues of health, health care system, human rights and social structure that includes women and the poor

From Anant Kumar, Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS), Ranchi

CALL FOR PAPERS: Journal of Health and Development

Submission Deadline: 30 July 2008

For details visit: <http://jhd21.tripod.com>

Invites paper on socially relevant theoretical and empirical work in the fields of health and related disciplines of development within the context of social, political and economic factors

From Vinod K Srivastava, K.G. Medical University, Lucknow

CALL FOR PAPERS: Indian Journal of Public Health

For details visit: <http://www.iphaonline.org/Pages/about%20Jorunal.html>

Original research, special articles, short communications, articles on National health Programs, Reports, Reviews, Notes and News as well as matters pertaining to Indian Public Health

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

CALL FOR PAPERS: 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

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

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 (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 Anil Paranjape, Institute of Health Management (IHMP), Pachod

Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation of Community Health and Development Programmes

Institute of Health Management (IHMP), Pachod; 14-24 July 2008

For details visit: <http://www.ihmp.org/course2.html>

Last date for Registration: 30 June 2008

The course focuses on improving management skills of the people, which would enable them to implement programmes effectively

From Gitanjali Priti Bhatia, Centre for Health and Social Justice(CHSJ), New Delhi

Training Programme on Advocating for Reproductive Health and Rights

Centre for Health and Social Justice; Naukuchiatal, Uttarakhand; 22-30 July 2008

For details visit: www.chsj.org

Application Deadline: 10 July 2008

Aims to help trainees in strengthening efforts for securing quality reproductive health and full acknowledgement of reproductive rights in policy and programme formulation

From Sarah Figge, UN, New Delhi

Intensive Course on Health Development and Human Rights

Health Development and Human Rights, Initiative for Health & Human Rights/University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia; 8-12 December 2008

http://www.hrea.org/index.php?base_id=135&language_id=1&erc_doc_id=4660&month=12&year=2008

Application Deadline: 16 August 2008

The course examines the relationships between health, development & human rights, and the role of international mechanisms and procedures

From Anup Kumar Das, UNESCO, New Delhi

Programme in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Malmö, Sweden; 14 September-10 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

Resource Corner

From Anagha Khot, WHO, New Delhi

Human Resources In Health Sector

From National Health Profile 2007; Central Bureau of Health Intelligence; 2007

<http://www.cbhidghs.nic.in/writereaddata/linkimages/Health%20Human%20Resources4484269844.pdf>

(PDF Size: 257 KB)

Enlists state/UT wise number of allopathic doctors, dental surgeons, registered AYUSH doctors, registered nurses & pharmacists and health manpower in rural areas

Not Enough Here...Too Many There.... Health Workforce In India

World Health Organization, 2007

http://www.whoindia.org/LinkFiles/Human_Resources_Health_Workforce_in_India_-_Apr07.pdf (PDF Size:

555 KB)

Shares the Big Picture of Human Resources in Health, concerns and challenges, recommendations from Five Year Plans Committees, commissions and policies

From Siddharth Agarwal, Urban Health Resource Centre, New Delhi

State of Urban Health in Delhi

Urban Health Resource Centre; 2007

<http://www.developmentgateway.com.au/jahia/Jahia/op/edit/pid/6144>

Australian Development Gateway has put this report providing assessment of health of urban poor, factors contributing to spread of communicable diseases and recommendations to tackle these

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

Weight Loss Regime

By Anuradha Raman; Outlook Magazine; 9 June 2008

<http://www.outlookindia.com/full.asp?fodname=20080609&fname=Food+Nutrition+%28F%29&sid=1>

Shares how high figures of child malnutrition made PM to step in to take control by heading a commission to oversee the SNS

Flaws in Child Nutrition and Health Governance

By Arun Gupta and Navdeep Singh Khaira; Economic and Political Weekly; 26 April 2008

<http://www.bpni.org/Article/Flaws-Child-Nutrition-and-health-Governance.pdf> (PDF Size: 131 KB)

Shares how decades of misguided policies and untrained or weak leadership have left the children of India defenceless, threatening the future of the country and the solutions

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

The EpiSurveyor Project

<http://event.stockholmchallenge.se/project/2008/Health/The-EpiSurveyor-Project>

Brings quality data collection and analysis in reach of developing country public health workers by creating free, easy-to-use open-source software for data collection and analysis on mobile devices

Reach Out Central

<http://event.stockholmchallenge.se/project/2008/Health/Reach-Out-Central>

Combines mental health content with online gaming technology to create an interactive environment that enables young people to identify and work through different mental health issues

From Sarah Figge, UN, New Delhi

IGNOU Launches Project to Train Anganwadi Workers

The Economic Times;

http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/News_by_Industry/IGNOU_launches

Details a special pilot project to train 1000 anganwadi workers to address issues like community health infant care, innovative ways to combat malnutrition, nutrition during pregnancy etc

Breakthrough for Universal Social Justice

Press Release; 8 April 2008

<http://www.fian.org/news/press-releases/breakthrough-for-universal-social-justice>

UN member states approve text of a complaints mechanism to guarantee the rights of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights including rights to health

Shortage of doctors hits India's health mission

13 June 2008

<http://www.igovernment.in/site/shortage-of-doctors-hits-india%e2%80%99s-health-mission/>

Shares findings of an assessment report revealing that there was still a yawning gap between the requirement and availability of human resources in the rural health units at various levels

From Meghendra Banerjee, Resource Person

Noncommunicable Diseases Now Biggest Killers

News Release; WHO; 19 May 2008

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2008/pr14/en/index.html>

Briefs World Health Statistics 2008 findings, which draws attention to important issues in global health i.e. Maternal mortality, coverage of key maternal, neonatal and child health interventions etc

Child-to-Child A Resource Book (3rd edition)

D Bailey, H Hawes, G Bonati; The Child-to-Child Trust; 2007

<http://www.talcuk.org/books/child-to-child-a-resource-book-3rd-edition.htm>

This revised edition of the widely used Child-to-Child Activity Sheets, includes changes based on WHO's Facts for Life including new activity sheets on bird flu, sexual health and safe motherhood

Financing Primary Health Care

id21 insights health, Issue 12; May 2008

<http://www.id21.org/insights/insights-h12/index.html>

Explores the challenges facing donors and national governments in providing and financing primary health care for all

From Deeksha Sharma, Research Associate

Early Introduction of Solids and Pneumonia in Young Infants in Papua New Guinea: A Case Control Study

By G. Angaa, John D. Vinceb and M. Kaupaa; Journal of Tropical Pediatrics; 2008

<http://tropej.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/54/3/192>

Examines the association of early introduction of solids with admission to hospital with pneumonia and difference in feeding patterns of these children and children admitted due to other reasons

Menstrual hygiene: How hygienic is the adolescent girl?

By A Dasgupta, M Sarkar; Indian Journal of Community Medicine; April-June 2008

http://www.ijcm.org.in/temp/IndianJCommunityMed33277_032733.pdf (PDF Size: 523 KB)

A descriptive, cross-sectional study eliciting beliefs, conception, source of information regarding menstruation and status of menstrual hygiene among adolescent girls

Assessment of Client's Perception in Terms of Satisfaction and Service Utilization in the Central Government Health Scheme Dispensary at Kolkata

By D Haldar, AP Sarkar, S Bisoi, P Mondal; Indian Journal of Community; April-June 2008

http://www.ijcm.org.in/temp/IndianJCommunityMed332121_034122.pdf (PDF Size: 513 KB)

Assesses the client's satisfaction about structures and processes running in CGHS to know desired level of services as perceived by the patients

Maternal Health Exchange Program

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

Aims to promote the benefits, both physical and psychological of natural childbirth and the best practices to achieve normal birth through improve maternity services and provider Options

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

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 2326 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-23-240608-51.pdf (PDF, Size: 75.5 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

Tools for Community-Based Health Management Information System- Experiences. Issued on 27 May 2008

<http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/cr/cr-se-mch-06030801.htm>

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

FOR COMMENTS. Recommendations on ARSH Policies & Programmes in Maharashtra. Cross Posted with AIDS Community. Issued on 23 June 2008

<http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/cr/cr-se-mch-aids-28050801.htm>

process of reviewing the Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health (ARSH) Policy

Completed Discussions

Safe Motherhood Topic 1 - Involving Elected Representatives in Maternal Health. Issued on 21 May 2008

<http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/cr/cr-se-mch-11040801.htm>

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

Safe Motherhood Topic 2 - Quality of Practicum Training of Nurse - Midwives in the Labour Room. Issued on 23 June 2008

<http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/cr/cr-se-mch-05050801.htm>

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

Home Visits as an IEC Strategy for Nutrition Improvement of Children 6-24 Months. Cross Posted with Food & Nutrition Security Community. Issued on 20 June 2008

<http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/food/cr/cr-se-food-mch-12050802.htm>

Discusses the idea of home visits, lists constraints related to its implementation, looks at strategies for effectively implementing home visits also shares relevant experiences

Open Queries

E-Discussion: Safe Motherhood Topic 3: Cost of Maternity Care in India. Reply by 25 June 2008

Discusses how costing of maternity services affects delivery and quality of services and explores

alternate costing models to pay for maternity care in urban/rural areas in India

Anemia Control in Pregnancy for NRHM-Experiences. Reply by 26 June 2008 (Cross Posted with Food & Nutrition Security Community)

Documents experiences on effective control of anemia in pregnancy to build a comprehensive intervention package for consideration under NRHM

Designing Communication Strategy in MCH for Bihar-Experiences; Referrals. Reply by 27 June 2008

Looking for behaviour change communication models and modalities for designing programmes delivering scientific input in maternal and child health and nutrition in Bihar

Previous Updates

http://www.solutionexchange-un.net.in/health/comm_update/index.htm

Many thanks to all who contributed to this issue!

If you have items to feature in this News Update, please send it to Solution Exchange for the Maternal and Child Health Community in India at [se-mch at solutionexchange-un.net.in](mailto:se-mch@solutionexchange-un.net.in)

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