

CHLP Batch 2010

Full Time Interns

Dr. Rohini Devakrupanidhi is a dentist from Bidar. She worked as a Dental Surgeon for seven years before joining CHLP. She was selected last year but discontinued due to unavoidable personal reasons. She wants to work with communities and increase their awareness about health services.

Mr. Anand Kumar hails from Bangalore and has done his masters in Clinical Research. He worked in a pharmaceutical company for one year as Clinical Research Associate. He calls himself a political activist with an experience of three and half years with the socialist group –New Socialist Alternative (Indian section of the Committee for Workers International). He is also on the editorial board of the group's bi-monthly newspaper- Dudiyoora Hoorata (Worker's Struggle). He has participated in the 'Anti-Walmart' campaign, 'Stop the Sri Lanka War' campaign, 'Anti – POSCO' campaign in Orissa, Solidarity campaign for the 10th year hunger fast of Sharmila Irom and was recently involved in anti- SEZ padayatra in Orissa. He wants to gain knowledge on pharmaceutical policies and understand how to live and work with communities.

Ms. Sejal Parikh is from Ahmedabad, Gujarat. She has a bachelor's degree of engineering in Electronics & Communications and had been working in corporate sector for about six years before quitting her job for full time involvement in the area of community development, after having volunteered part time for three years. She is closely linked with Association for India's Development (AID) and has been a volunteer in the 'Struggle against Genetically Modified foods', Health related initiatives at Noida slum community, Flood relief activities for Bihar and Orissa. She wants to understand the field level dynamics of undertaking any intervention and about food security. In the course of the nine months she wants to plan the future course of her life.

Mr. H. Hanumanthappa is from Davangere, Karnataka and has done his B.Com. He is associated with the Karnataka chapter of the People's Health Movement, the Jan Arogya Andolana Karnataka. He has been working on issues of Disability, Right to Information Act, HIV / AIDS and TB, NREGA. He wants to better understand the various services available for the disabled. He would also like to work in Uppar and dalit communities.

Ms. Shivamma A. comes from Bellary, Karnataka and she has done her M.A. and B.Ed. She was working with an organization called Sakhi where she was involved in conducting surveys of PHCs and understanding health problems of women especially women from the unorganized sector. She wants to understand the different perspectives on health and how to work with communities to bring about change. She also wants to learn the methods to create awareness in communities.

Mr. S. Ganesh is from Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu. After his MSW, he has done his M.Phil. in Social Work. He worked with Nethrodaya (Home for Visually Challenged Persons), Orchid Trust and Slum Clearance Board. He was involved in the study on NREGS at Thanjavur District, Post Tsunami Rehabilitation, Need assessment for Crèches for Construction Workers at Sriperumpudur, State Health programme of Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Assistance Scheme and Scavengers life style in Nungambakkam Chennai District. He conducted motivation training programmes for visually challenged persons, formed self help Group for visually challenged persons and initiated the project of turkey farm for Women Self Help Group. He wants to learn about health and environment and various strategies to communicate health to communities.

Mr. M. Madhappan is from Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu and has done his M.Sc. in Zoology and B.Ed. He wants to understand about health and environment especially about global warming and its effects on health.

Ms. Manjula is from Raichur, Karnataka and has done her Masters in Sociology. She worked in the Child Labour School, SEVA, Raichur as a teacher. When she was working with Nava Jeevana Mahila Okkoota as a community organizer she helped women to start one of the first Dalit womens Co-operative Society. She was involved in advocacy at grass roots, district and state level on the issues of – Right to Food (RFC), Right to Health and Right to Employment. She also helped in developing a cadre of local karyakartas to take up the issues of ‘Violence on women’. This involved creating awareness and taking steps to stop devadasi system, child marriages, child labour and domestic violence. She wants to know how various sectors contribute to health, the effects of globalization and the public health system. She also want to become a good health worker and trainer, develop her research skills and skills of analysis and critical thinking.

Ms. P. Shobha is from Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu. She has done her MSW (Community Development). She worked with Shanthi Nilayam, Nagercoil, Community Health Development Project, Nagercoil, Nala Oli, Voluntary Health Association of Kanyakumari (VHAK), Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA India), Nagercoil and the Indian Red Cross Society, Nagercoil. She wants to learn how to work with communities on health and to become a good trainer.

Flexi-time Interns

Ms. Lavanya Devdas is from Bangalore and has done her Masters in English Literature. She was a coordinate and active member of the Association of India’s Development (AID) for over six years involved in grassroots efforts expanding from rural-urban development, child health, and women’s empowerment to areas of communication, management and public relations. She has over 10 years of work experience in reputed technology companies as Senior Technical Communicator, managing and implemented projects from both the US and India. She has proactively participated in Corporate Social Responsibility through the 10 years of her IT profession. She also worked as a Lecturer in English (graduate level) in a college that pioneers in Women’s Education. She wants to understand health pedagogy and paradigm; policy interventions and child health with regard to malnutrition.

Mr. Mallikarjuna K. is from Bellary, Karnataka. He has done his masters in Psychology. He worked as community facilitator in KHPT SANKALPA. He wants to learn about the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and the various health facilities available for persons suffering from HIV and AIDS especially transgenders and Men who have sex with Men (MSMs).

Sr. Vinaya Plathottam is a nurse by profession and is currently working with Gram Vikas, Ganjam District in Orissa. She belongs to the congregation of Holy Cross Sisters. She was part of the nursing staff in Holy Cross Hospital, Chamarajnagar District, Karnataka for two years. She got an exposure to community health for three months at Mission Hospital, Raiguda district, Orissa. She wants to learn the holistic approach to health and the skills one should have for that approach.

Ms. Lakshmi Gopalakrishnan is from Bangalore and has done her M.Sc. in Analysis, Design and Management of Information Systems. She is working as a consultant with PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. in the Social Sector Advisory Services within the Government Reforms and Institutional Development division. She has developed action plans and initiatives as a part of the team implementing Vision 2020 for Karnataka. She has assisted the team in preparation of study tools and questionnaires for a feasibility study on setting up a super-specialty hospital. She has conducted evaluation study on ‘Mid-Day Meal Scheme in Karnataka. She also worked as a software engineer with Infosys for a year. She wants to understand the grassroot level issues for implementation of health programs. She also wants to learn about maternal and child health and about various data sources.