

HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER

- ⊗ If you are planning Community health action and would like to reflect on your plans with peers; undertake preliminary project visits; study tour or elective; do some background reading or prepare for action in any other way - you may contact us.
- ⊗ If you are involved in Community health action - service, training, research and issues raising and need information and advice; support with planning, training, review and evaluation - you may contact us.
- ⊗ If you are involved in Development, Education, Organisation, Conscientization, lobbying, communications or journalism and are interested in exploring Community Health issues - you may contact us.
- ⊗ If you would like to participate in our activities and join the monthly meetings of the Community Health Forum or be kept on our mailing list - you may contact us.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT US

- ⊗ If you would like to support our work technically, please put us on your mailing list to receive papers/books / articles on learning materials that you produce.
- ⊗ If you would like to support our work financially you could contribute to the Society's core fund
 - i) By a donation of any amount to the Society;
 - ii) By providing a regular annual contribution of Rs. 500 / \$ 50 or more and qualify to be a friend of CHC.

(As a friend you will be kept on our regular mailing list and kept informed about all aspects of our work).

Note: All donations by Cheque/draft/M.O. should be made in the name of Society for Community Health Awareness, Research and Action or, S.C.H.A.R.A. or Community Health cell

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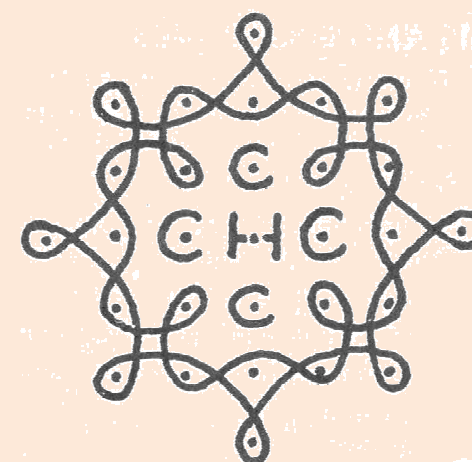
If there are any other ways we could help each other, please let us know.

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COMMUNITY HEALTH CELL

*(Society for Community Health Awareness,
Research and Action)*

BACKGROUND

Community Health Cell grew out of a study: reflection-action-experimental project by a group of resource persons who moved beyond the Community Medicine Department of a medical college in Bangalore in 1984.

The experimental phase of the, project was supported by the Centre for Non Formal and Continuing Education, Bangalore from 1984 till 1990.

In June 1990 the project was evaluated and the Society for Community Health Awareness, Research and Action was established as one of the follow up recommendations. The Community Health Cell became its functional unit.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- ⊗ To create an awareness in the principles and practice of Community Health among all people involved and interested in Health and related sectors.
- ⊗ To undertake research in Community Health Policy issues particularly:
 - Community health care systems
 - Health human power training strategies
 - Health and development interactions
 - Medical pluralism and integration of medical systems.
- ⊗ To evolve educational strategies that will enhance the knowledge, skill and attitudes of people involved in Community Health and development.
- ⊗ To dialogue with health planners decision makers and administrators to enable the formulation and implementation of community oriented health policies.
- ⊗ To promote and support community health action through voluntary as well as governmental initiative.

- ⊗ To build a library and documentation centre in community health to support our work.

FIVE QUESTIONS ABOUT C.H.C.

- WHAT? CHC is the functional unit of the Society promoting its aims and objectives.
- WHO? CHC consists of a small core team of 12 people including health professionals, office manager, research/ training / assistants, secretarial/office assistants, supported by a large informal network of professional associates and friends.
- WHERE? CHC is based in Jakkasandra, a peri-Urban fringe of Bangalore city with the registered office in Koramangala, Bangalore.
- WHEN? CHC is open Mondays to Fridays from 9.30 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. and on Saturdays by appointment only.
- HOW? CHC supports community health action through
Information and Advisory service
Training and interactive discussions
Participatory reflections and review
Research and Evaluation
Peer group support
Networking and solidarity

CHC - THE WEB OF INTERACTION

As a study-reflection-action-experimental project from 1984 till 1990 and as a registered Society from 1991, CHC has developed a rich and diverse web of interaction in Community Health which includes:

Individuals in search of greater social relevance in health work.

Coordinating agencies in Health in the voluntary sector - VHAI, CMAI, CHAI AND ACHAN.

Community health and development projects in rural areas, urban slums and tribal regions.

Networking and issue raising health groups like mfc, AIDAN, DAF-K, LSPSS and others.

Women's groups, environmental groups and peoples science groups involved in health issues.

Development projects, networks and development training centers.

Government agencies, committees and ministries. Resources, and funding agencies - national and international.

KEY INITIATIVES IN 1991

- ⊗ A National Dialogue of Trainers in Community Health and Development.
- ⊗ Promotion and Awareness Building in Rational Drug use/policy and Alternative Systems of Medicine.
- ⊗ Facilitation of a Community Health Forum for discussion on issues of relevance.
- ⊗ Facilitation of a Medical Relief team from Bangalore for cyclone disaster relief work in Bangladesh.
- ⊗ Interactive research on strategies for Community Orientation and Social Relevance in Medical Education.
- ⊗ Participatory Community Health Training/ learning.
- ⊗ Training of middle level and grass root level health workers in different aspects of Community Health.
- ⊗ Jubilee Evaluation of CHAI - a coordinating agency in the voluntary sector.