

Building Community Health Approach in Academics



Support to Public Health training institutes and Medical Colleges

The team supported Masters in Public Health program conducted by National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE) and Christian Medical College (CMC) from 2009 onwards. In NIE, the team shared perspectives on health system, governance in health system, and case studies on immunisation campaign and community action process. Team supported multi-disciplinary research team from USA referred by NIE to do research on community process. The team conducted sessions on Environmental and Occupational Health (EOH) social aspects, challenges in conducting EOH research and community initiatives.

During 2013 onwards the team started conducting sessions for students of Community Health Department, Madras Medical College on socio political issues of health in the country. A session on Adherence to Anti-retro Viral therapy was also organised which was done by CHLP alumni. The team was jury for a debate on “experiences and understanding of public health system in Tamil Nadu” organised by Chengalpeta Medical College. The team also shared their experience on community processes and public health system.



Training to Social Science Institutes

In 2009–2010 the team delivered a lecture on "Neutrality and Science" at the Asian College of Journalism and "Health as a Human Right" at MOP Vaishnav College, highlighting the various aspects of denial, the social determinants of health and touched upon aspects of structural violence. During 2013 – 2014 SOCHARA – CEU arranged Rural Practicum for social work students of Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in villages of Kanniyakumari to understand the rural reality, public health system and ways of strengthening the system. The team regularly supported interns from Community Health Learning Program from SOCHARA to build their community health perspective.





Interns supported by SOCHARA – CEU

Sl	Name	Organisation	Area of exploration
1	Ms. Deepa Sai	CHLP Fellow – SOCHARA	A study on Institutional deliveries
2	Mr. M. Madhappan	CHLP Fellow - SOCHARA	Understanding nutritional status
3	Ms. Shobha	CHLP Fellow - SOCHARA	Understanding communitisation process with caste lens
4	Mr. S.Ganesh	CHLP Fellow – SOCHARA	Developed modules on Panchayati Raj, health system and herbal medicines at village. Trained VHSNC Federation members in Perambalur
5	Mr. J.S.Santosh	CHLP Fellow – SOCHARA	A qualitative study on awareness and attitude of community towards the CAH process in Pulicat, Thiruvallur
6	Ms. Banri Kynti Diengdoh	CHLP Fellow – SOCHARA	Maternity Benefit schemes, Functions of VHSNC along with CAH
7	Ms. Sabeena Lyngdoh	CHLP Fellow – SOCHARA	Functions of VHSNC along with CAH
8	Ms. Kanishka Koshal	CHLP Fellow – SOCHARA	Mobile Medical Unit, Functions of VHSNC along with CAH
9	Mr. Ganesh	CHLP Fellow – SOCHARA	Role of PRI, Functions of VHSNC along with CAH
10	Mr. N.Suresh	CHLP Fellow – SOCHARA	Mental health, role of civil society in communitisation process
11	Ms. Saraswathy	CHLP Fellow – SOCHARA	Community action for health, tribal health
12	Ms. T.Sharanya	SRM University, MPH student / Flexi fellow	Social Justice in health for Tribal women, Communitisation perspective among different stakeholders, Sittilingi, Dharamaputi
13	Dr. Devasenathypathy	SRM University, MPH student / Flexi fellow	Nutrition services and status in few panchayats and marginalised population of Tamil Nadu, Tiruvallur
14	Dr. Lakshmi Priya	SRM University, MPH student / Flexi fellow	ICDS services / discrimination among different communities in Vellore
15	Ms. Preeti Reddy	SRM University, MPH student / Flexi fellow	Explored Disability and its management in Vellore
16	Dr Karthik Rao	SRM, MPH student / Flexi fellow	Occupational illness and helped in drafting report on unorganised sector
17	Dr. Lalit Sarode	NIE - MPH Student	CAH process
18	Ms. Elizabeth	TISS, Mumbai	Understanding rural health care services in Pazhaverkadu
19	Ms. Vidya	Asian college of Journalism	An article on vaccine policy change, “who moved my immunization”
20	Ms. Victoria Saint	Australia	Literature review on community participation and planning in health
21	Ms. Kristine Garn	MPH student – University of Copenhagen	Study on “community based monitoring of health services” focusing on dynamics of accountability in Tamil Nadu