

PHFI Future Faculty Programme Fellows



Anjali Singh

The University of Melbourne, Nossal Institute for Global Health, School of Population Health

Anjali Singh has rich experience in health communications. She has worked with Family Health International in Mumbai for two years as Technical Officer - Strategic Behaviour Communication in the project "Aastha" working to prevent HIV/AIDS among sex workers and their regular partners. The project is supported by "Avahan" the India AIDS Initiative of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. While working with India Canada Collaborative HIV/AIDS Project she contributed significantly in the rural traditional female sex work project and in the technical support to the Rajasthan State AIDS Control Society. She worked as State Communications Manager with Population Services International in Rajasthan for two projects namely HIV/AIDS prevention project among truckers and reproductive & child health project - "Saadhan". Besides, Anjali has worked through CARE India and CHETNA on nutrition and health of women and children in Rajasthan. She has made presentations in international conference on HIV/AIDS in Kobe, Japan and on India Seminar Day in Melbourne, Australia.

Anjali received Master of Social Work and Bachelor of Indian Legislative Law from Kurukshetra University, and Bachelor of Science from Punjab University Chandigarh, India.



Archana Singh

Master of Public Health candidate in EHS
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

A PhD in Biochemistry and as a Senior Resident in Biochemistry at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, Dr. Singh has also completed her Medical Doctorate in Biochemistry. She received her Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (M.B.B.S.) with a distinction in Anatomy

and Ophthalmology and otorrhinology from the Nalanda Medical College Hospital, Patna, Bihar, India. As a Senior Resident in the Department of Biochemistry at AIIMS. She had worked on a project titled "cervical cancer and HPV variants" where she assisted in study design, data analysis and presented seminars on current developments in relevant areas. For four years, Dr. Singh assisted a government funded study on antioxidant levels in Sudarshan Kriya practitioners.



Aishwarya Vidyasagar
Masters in Public Health
Boston University

Aishwarya Vidyasagar received an M.B.B.S degree from Government Kilpauk Medical College in Chennai. She has worked as tutor in the community medicine department at Sree Balaji Medical College and Hospital where she was in charge of a rural health and training center. She has also worked with REACH, an NGO based in Chennai working for control of Tuberculosis. Her areas of interest are in infectious diseases and health education. Aishwarya is also a trained carnatic vocalist.



Babita Rajkumari
Masters in Public Health
Imperial College University of London

Babita has worked for more than five years in areas related to HIV/AIDS, social and behavioral studies in India. She has worked with the National AIDS Research Institute (NARI) as a Senior Investigator in a project titled 'Sustained Acceptability of Microbicide study'. She was mainly responsible for the coordination of the research team, supervision of data collection, analysis and reporting. She has experience in developing research tools, conducting in-depth interviews and focus group discussions. In addition, Babita also worked as a field Investigator in the Maharashtra Association for Anthropological Sciences (MAAS) and as Project Assistant in Science and Technology park of University of Pune. During these years of experience, she has received formal training in methods in qualitative research, research ethics and human subjects, qualitative data analysis and good clinical practice (GCP). Her areas of interest in the field of Public Health include HIV/AIDS especially widows living with HIV/AIDS, population aging and maternal health. Babita also has a Masters degree in Anthropology and a Bachelor degree in Zoology from the University of Pune, Maharashtra.



Harish Nair

MSc. in Public Health Research
University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom

After completing his medical graduation from Maulana Azad Medical College New Delhi, Dr. Nair specialised in Paediatrics from Maulana Azad Medical College and All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. In 2001, he joined the World Health Organization's National Polio Surveillance Project- India as a Surveillance Medical Officer. Having worked in some of the most Polio infected areas of the world, he was able to achieve Global Standards of Excellence in AFP surveillance in the seven districts of Haryana (bordering Delhi) under his supervision, was able to detect the local circulation of Wild Polio Virus which was hitherto undetected, and mobilise various stakeholders to make the area Polio-free. Apart from this, Dr. Nair strengthened efforts for routine immunization in these areas. In 2006, he became a National Consultant (NRHM) with the Futures Group International in a USAID funded position, where he played a key role in operationalising NRHM, an initiative which aims at undertaking architectural correction in the Public Health System so as to provide accessible, affordable and accountable Healthcare in rural areas by making the Public Health System accountable at all levels; and also was pivotal in establishing the MIS under NRHM. In 2008, he had the opportunity to work with international experts on the Global Burden of Disease Estimation due to Respiratory Syncytial Virus associated lower respiratory infections in under-5 children. His main interest lies in contributing to the improvement of child health in India.



Himanshu Negandhi

Masters of Medicine in Clinical Epidemiology
University of Sydney

Dr. Himanshu Negandhi is a public health specialist and epidemiologist, actively engaged in research and training. He completed his undergraduate medical education (M.B.B.S) from Mumbai University and his M.D. in Community Medicine from PGIMER, Chandigarh, a premier national institute engaged in service, research and training in medical disciplines. He has excellent academic credentials and was among the University toppers in undergraduate and postgraduate medical courses. He was also the recipient of silver medal (First Order) for academic excellence during his M.D. He has experience of teaching public health to postgraduate medical students, paramedics, and in-service public health professionals over the course of his career. He has also been actively engaged in curriculum designing, teaching and evaluation of Masters of Public Health students. His academic interests include Programme Evaluation, Social Determinants of Health, Health Effect Measurements, Health service utilization and Qualitative research methods. He is currently pursuing an active interest in Health Economics and Injuries. Dr. Himanshu has assisted in several research projects in different capacities, from conceptualization to implementation and analysis.



Kavita Chauhan

MSc in Public Health, Health Promotion Stream

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine University of London

Kavita has more than six years of experience with reproductive health and HIV/AIDS programmes with focus on health promotion, capacity building and programme management. Kavita was previously employed with CARE and Futures Group International LLC. Kavita's work at CARE involved introducing sustainable strategies for community empowerment and health education. Her assignment at Futures Group, POLICY Project included facilitating decentralized planning for HIV/AIDS and providing technical support to the government for policy and programme interventions. She was actively involved in reviewing programme approaches related to children affected by HIV/AIDS, and providing constant technical support to the National AIDS Control Organization. Kavita's involvement with the Essential Advocacy Project (Avahan) of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation involved research and analysis on HIV/AIDS issues, and providing technical support to carry out advocacy initiatives to secure the rights of vulnerable groups. Kavita is also a regular resource person at the Department of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi where she holds skill labs for post graduate students on advocacy and communication. Kavita is part of the Health Communication and Advocacy unit of the Public Health Foundation of India where she was involved in developing behavior change communication strategies, curriculum for training programmes and setting up of a website on healthy lifestyle in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

Kavita holds a Masters in Social Work degree from Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi and a Diploma in International Human Rights Law from Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi. Her areas of interest include health communications, human rights, policy planning and programme management.



Manisha Nair

MSc in Global Health Science

Department of Public Health University of Oxford

Manisha has been working with World Health Organization (WHO - NPSP) in India since December 2003. Earlier as State Routine Immunisation Officer for Rajasthan, she provided technical support to senior Government Officials and Public Health Managers for improving the quality and reach of routine immunization services. To help the State Department of Health and Family Welfare evaluate the process & outcome of different programmes and amend policies, Ms. Nair conducted studies on the quality of institutional deliveries in sub-centers of Rajasthan, Maternal, Child Health and

Nutrition services provided to the community, Logistics Management System in Rajasthan, Cold Chain Infrastructure & Functioning and Status of Routine Immunization Doses in Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) cases. She was recently appointed as Monitoring and Evaluation Focal Person with WHO (NPSP) at the National level. She has substantial experience in the polio eradication initiative in India and has provided high sensitivity surveillance for detecting AFP cases, micro-planning, training and other technical and managerial support in facilitating Supplemental Immunisation Activities (SIAs) in the backward states of Assam and Tripura. She was also assigned to facilitate high quality SIA in the highly resistant Moradabad District of Uttar Pradesh State from 2004 to 2006.



Manzoor Kadri

Masters in Public Health/ICHD

Royal Tropical Institute (KIT) Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Experience at the Regional Institute of Health and Family Welfare (R.I.H.F.W), Directorate of Health Services (DHS) Kashmir, India convinced Dr. Kadri of the need to understand and improve efficiency of health services delivery in public health. An MBBS, registered by the Jammu and Kashmir State Medical Council and the Maharashtra State Medical Council and recognised by the Medical Council of India (M.C.I) Dr. Kadri attended Government Medical College, at the University of Kashmir in India. He was awarded the World Health Organization (WHO) Fellowship in Field Epidemiology Training (FETP- WHO) in 2006. He has also completed a certified course in 'HIV/AIDS & STD Management' and a Certified course in 'Geriatric Medicine' from the Indian Medical Association in 2002 and 2004, respectively. Dr. Kadri has over 65 research articles published in national and international journals. In Bioterrorism Agents: Plague (Web-based) 2004, Hepatitis C: What Clinicians and Other Professionals Need to Know Dr. Kadri was awarded by Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Atlanta, USA. This work has been reviewed and approved as an Authorized Provider by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) and the CDC has awarded .2 of CEUs to the participant, who successfully completed this program.



Mathew Sunil George

MSc. in Public Health in Developing Countries

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine University of London

A trained software engineer who made a career shift eight years ago and has been working on empowerment of communities and community health issues ever since. With a passion for health as a human right and experience of working with various Positive People's Groups in South India he has a keen grasp of the challenges and opportunities in the field of development. His work has taken him from mobilizing communities to working with the UNDP as a state consultant, addressing the issue

of HIV and Trafficking. His research interests include policy analysis and qualitative methods in health research and his Master's thesis was on the role of policy actors in influencing the roll-out of the free ART programme in India. He hopes to contribute to building up public health in India through research and teaching with PHFI.



Maulik R. Chokshi

Masters in Health Policy Planning and Financing

Jointly conferred by London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) & London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

Closely involved in the area of HIV/AIDS for seven years, working with various nongovernmental national, international and bilateral agencies to build capacity on program management, training and research, Mr. Chokshi has demonstrable interest in improving health interventions. His latest assignment was with Resource Centre for Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS, a technical support group established by DFID to support the National AIDS Control Program, Phase-II. He was responsible for conceptualizing and managing research projects, significant to specific states and the nation. He has also taught Biotechnology to undergraduate students in the early days of his career, at Ahmedabad. Maulik R. Chokshi holds a Masters Degree in Biochemistry from M. S. University Baroda. His current interests are in health systems, specifically in area of health care financing, human resources for health, pharmaceutical economics and health economics, including cost effectiveness of health care interventions. His main focus through these areas is to make health care accessible, equitably.



Prashanth Nuggehalli Srinivas

Masters in Public Health (Health Systems Management & Policy)

Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium

Prashanth has been with the Karuna Trust and has managed implementation of innovative programmes in rural primary health centres (PHCs) run by the Trust in Karnataka and Arunachal Pradesh. He has particular experience in implementing community health insurance and has been involved in designing and training PHC staff on using e-health and Health Management Information Systems. Having spent a long time in PHCs in various parts of Karnataka and Arunachal Pradesh, he has a good understanding of how primary health care works and has been involved in strengthening various components of primary health care particularly, mental health care and mainstreaming of disease control programmes into PHCs. Earlier, he has worked for 2 years managing a community health programmes catering to the forest-dwelling tribal people in BR Hills in Southern Karnataka. His MBBS was from Mysore Medical College, Mysore. He has a strong passion for wildlife sciences and works closely with several wildlife and conservation NGOs in initiating community health

interventions, wherever they have helped to address wildlife conservation. He is also an avid birdwatcher and writes regularly on birds and wildlife.



Pratap Kumar Sahoo

Master of Public Health
Imperial College University of London

Pratap's areas of interest are; health system- research, reforms, analysis, health policy, reproductive and sexual health- research, project- planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and action research. He worked with Constella Futures as one of the state advisors for the state of Jharkhand. He was involved in projects for Jharkhand state such as 'Social auditing of maternal and infant deaths in Jharkhand', capacity building of the state government health department officials, review of District health action plans (DHAP), training need assessment for the state health department and provision of training & development of BCC strategy document for the state of Jharkhand. Other projects to his credit are need assessment and development of a training module for the medicos regarding laws and legal norms related to reproductive and child health and in developing tools and preparing plan of action for a pilot study- 'post partum care and strategic review' at Rajasthan and assessment of maternal and infant mortality in 'Dhanwantri blocks of Madhya Pradesh'. He also worked as a research associate with AIIMS in an INCLIN project and as a medical practitioner in Orissa.

Pratap received his MBA in health and hospital management with specialisation in public health management from IHMR, Jaipur and MBBS from MKCG medical college, Orissa. He also awarded gold medal for academic excellence in health management from IHMR.



Raghupathy Anchala

Masters in Public health (major in Infectious Diseases)
Graduate School of Public Health University of Pittsburgh, USA

An M.B.B.S (1996) from Armed Forces Medical College, Pune and a Post graduate of Chest Medicine (2004) from B.J. Medical College, Pune, Dr. Anchala has five years (1997-2001) of rural service as a Family Physician in Western Maharashtra (Satara and Pune) . A Research Fellow at the Chest Research Foundation, Pune from 2005-2006 and Co-investigator for Bronchial Asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorders Dr. Anchala's primary interest lies in epidemiology of bronchial asthma, quality of life studies in chronic obstructive pulmonary disorders. As Senior Medical Manager (2006 - Aug 2007) and In-charge of Clinical trials of Phase II, III and Pharmacovigilance studies, he was responsible for protocol designing, preparation of study reports and publication in

Respiratory and Cardiovascular divisions for Elder and Unichem Pharmaceutical companies in Mumbai, India. His other areas of interest are Co- morbid MDRTB and HIV and emerging infectious diseases.



Rahul Ramchandra Shidhaye

Master in Health Science

Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Baltimore

Dr. Shidhaye is a Clinical Psychiatrist, having a keen interest in the field of Community Psychiatry. He completed his undergraduate medical education from the prestigious Seth G.S. Medical College and K.E.M. Hospital, Mumbai. He secured a distinction in Preventive and Social Medicine in his final M.B.B.S. examination. He also developed a keen interest in the subject of Psychiatry since his undergraduate years in medicine. He has 4 years of experience in Psychiatry in practice, teaching, and research. He has participated in mental health awareness programs in the community and presented papers at national and state conferences. He has also been part of an international team of investigators that worked on Multicentric and Multi-racial Phase III Randomized Double-blind Clinical trial. His major concentration at the Masters level is in mental health and quantitative methods related programs. He plans to do further research in the field of Psychiatric epidemiology and is also interested in community based mental health programs.



Sai Kumar Pothapregada

Imperial College

Sai Kumar worked as a WHO Consultant with the Revised Nation TB control Programme for 3 years. He worked at the national level as the nodal person for the National Programme Monitoring and Evaluation Unit. He has been involved in drafting the Global Fund TB proposals for India and has vast experience in planning and policy formulations, monitoring and evaluation and training. He has contributed towards several TB reports, documents, and training modules published by the TB division. Prior to joining WHO, he worked as a Senior Resident at Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi, and has experience of working in clinical paediatrics, and as a PHC Medical Officer in tribal districts of Orissa. His special areas of interest include health systems issues with special reference to implementation of national strategies including NRHM and disease specific interventions. Sai Kumar received MD Community Medicine from Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi, DNB in Social & Preventive Medicine, and MBBS from MKCG Medical College, Berhampur, Orissa.



Sathyanarayana T.N.

Masters in International Health

University College of London University of London

A Master in Business Administration, with specialization in hospital & health administration and a Post graduate Diploma in Hospital and Health Management, Dr. Sathyanarayana T.N. has a keen interest in using tools of management sciences to understand health. A Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) in 1998 he served as Surveillance Medical Officer in the World Health Organization-National Polio Surveillance Project-India for six years in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. From 1998-2000, Dr. Sathyanarayana T.N. was appointed Leprosy Mobile Medical Coordinator under the National Leprosy Elimination Program, Government of India. His areas of interest lie in information communication technologies and emergencies/disaster management developing countries.



Seema Murthy

Masters in General Epidemiology

University of Michigan

Seema Murthy graduated from Dr. Ambedkar Medical College, Bangalore University in 1999 with an academic excellence award. Post MBBS, she initially served as a clinician and later as a public health professional. She has been working for the last six years with the Centre for Chronic Disease Control, New Delhi. Since 2001 she has been working on the 'Sentinel surveillance study for cardiovascular risk factors' as a Senior Research Fellow. She has been instrumental in making Bangalore one of the best performing centers through her enthusiastic leadership and innovative approaches to increase participation. In organizing the WHO-sponsored national meeting for developing guidelines for optimal body weight and body shape, in December 2005 at Bangalore she took care of even the minutest details. She was also involved with the Wellcome Trust funded, 'Indian Migrants Study' to study the effects of rural urban migration on diabetes and obesity. She is a recognized trainer in BLS (Basic Life Support) and has been associated with Nightingales Life Saving Services. She is currently also working part-time as a Research Analyst at the Prevention Research Centre at the University of Michigan.



Shomik Ray

Master of Public Health (MPH)

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Shomik Ray is a management professional engaged in the public health sector for the last 12 years. He has had the opportunity to work on HIV/AIDS and health sector support programmes at the district, state and national level. Shomik has been engaged with various development organizations including international NGOs and bilaterals like OXFAM, GTZ and DFID in positions of increasing responsibility. With a basic qualification in Finance, and a post graduate degree in Management, his approach to public health has been an effort to blend sound management principles with public health sciences to achieve results that are measurable and accountable. His years of work at different levels involving stakeholders ranging from the civil society to the government has given him a sound understanding of issues and ground realities, offering an opportunity to develop practices that are not only based on good science, but are also achievable and practical. Having spent more than a decade as a practitioner, he is currently looking forward to making a contribution to the academic world of public health particularly in the domain of public health management sciences.



Shridhar Murlidharrao Kadam

Masters in Public Health in Health System Management & Policy

Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerpen, Belgium

Shridhar has eight years of experience in public health. He has worked with World Health Organization for six years as State Coordinator for National Leprosy Eradication Programme in the States of Orissa and Bihar. During this time he was responsible for integrating leprosy services into general health care system and establishing district teams for efficient monitoring and supervision. He has also worked with government of Maharashtra for two years where he was involved in teaching, training and health service delivery. He received M.D. in Preventive and Social Medicine and M.B.B.S. from Government Medical College, Nagpur.



Shweta Khandelwal

Masters in Public Health (Health promotion stream)
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Shweta Khandelwal, currently a faculty member (Sr Lecturer) at the Public Health Foundation of India and a Postdoctoral fellow (Nutrition) at the Centre for Chronic Disease Control (CCDC), has a doctorate in Human Nutrition from the University of Delhi as well as a second Master's degree in Public health (distance learning) from LSHTM, UK. Shweta has recently returned from Emory University, Atlanta after completing her US training as a part of the NIH sponsored postdoctoral fellowship (Evaluation Grade: A/Excellent) and will pursue the remaining 1.5 years at CCDC. At PHFI she is leading the online academic initiative in Public Health Nutrition, involved in curriculum development and teaching (Major areas: Nutrition epidemiology, Health promotion and Public Health Nutrition) as well as co-investigating a couple of research projects.

She is also a UGC-NET qualified researcher who received Junior and Senior research fellowships to complete her doctoral thesis by the Delhi University. Her thesis work revolved around analyzing the effect of dietary factors (in particular, omega 3 fatty acids and plant sterol-esters) on the cardiovascular risk factors. She graduated from G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar and later went to the SNDT Women's University, Mumbai where she got her Masters' degree in Food Science and Nutrition with high academic honors.

Shweta has been conferred many prestigious awards like the Young Scientist Award 2009 in Experimental Nutrition (by the Nutrition Society of India, NIN), Dr. K.U. Naram Award for securing first rank in the M.H.Sc. in 2004-2005 from S.N.D.T. University, Mumbai, Dr. Dhirajlal Dhanjibai Shah Memorial Prize (First prize) for securing the highest G.P.A. in the Foods and Nutrition Deptt in M.H.Sc. in 2005, The Association of Scientists and Technologists (India) Bombay Chapter Prize for standing first in 2004-2005 in Post Graduate Deptt of Foods and Nutrition, S.N.D.T. University, Mumbai.

Her broad research interests include public health and nutritional epidemiology especially investigating the role of nutrition in non-communicable diseases - cardiovascular diseases/disorders in particular.



Somen Saha

Master of Public Health and Certificate of Global Health Gillings School of Global Public Health
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH)

Somen has worked in the area of health systems management for more than 6 years now. As part of his tenure with Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, he has coordinated a Mental Health Pilot & Research Project for the state of Gujarat involving 14 pilot NGOs. He provided technical support in conceptualization of the Chiranjeevi Scheme in Gujarat & also conducted a WHO sponsored case study on public-private partnership in India. At the policy level, he provided technical support in financial planning of the third phase of National AIDS Control Program in India. As part of the core team involved in developing Executive Global Health Certificate Program for UNC-CH, he co-moderated sessions in the programme. Currently he is involved in development of a Global Report on MFI and Health Protection by UNC-CH. Somen previously received an MBA in Health Management from Indian Institute of Health Management Research, Jaipur.



Sunil S Raj

Sunil is a Pediatrician with a Public Health background. Besides having extensive experience in Clinical Pediatrics & neonatology from UK and Oman, he has worked with World Bank funded Integrated Disease Surveillance Project, and National AIDS Control program. As Program Officer (Paediatric care) he has made significant contributions towards planning, & implementation of National Paediatric HIV/AIDS Care & treatment Initiative and development of National Guidelines for care & treatment of Infants & children infected with HIV. He also has experience of disease surveillance, and capacity building. His areas of special interest include child survival, clinical and paediatric epidemiology, and HIV. Sunil received DCH and M.D. Preventive & Social Medicine from Lady Hardinge Medical College, and M.B.B.S from Maulana Azad Medical College, University of Delhi. He has also qualified for membership of The Royal College of Physicians, (MRCP) UK.



Veena Murlidhar

Masters in Public Health (concentration in Infectious Diseases)
Rollins School of Public Health

Veena previously worked as Medical Officer, Urban Health Centre, Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation for ten years and was responsible for implementation of all national programmes for a population of 50,000 to 100,000. She was appointed a Consultant on a UNDP study "*Enquiry into the Physical Standards of Health available in the Private Sector in Rural Maharashtra*", conducted by the Centre for Enquiry into Health and Allied Themes (CEHAT), Mumbai, which resulted in a document titled 'Standards for private hospitals and nursing homes having a capacity of 15 to 30 beds'. She put together a background paper and contributed to discussions under the aegis of PRIA (*Society for Participatory Research in Asia*), Delhi, which led to the publication of a book '*Evaluation of*

Impairments and Disabilities; Bhalani Publishing House, Mumbai in 2005. She has also served as Junior Assistant Medical Officer at Lok Manya Tilak Medical College and Hospital, Sion, Mumbai for three years. Veena has also volunteered with the United Nations as Medical Doctor at Accident and Emergency Services, Rio Claro Health Centre, Trinidad, for a year.



Alka Agarwal Singh

Emory University Rollins School of Public Health

Alka worked with Family Health International, India, for a year as Technical Officer (Monitoring and Evaluation) for the Integrated Biological and Behavioural Assessment survey in high HIV prevalence states. This survey was part of impact evaluation of the *Avahan* India AIDS initiative of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. She also worked with WHO as a consultant for the DOTS-based Revised National TB Control Programme for six years. She worked at the national level and with the state governments of Delhi and Haryana for effective implementation of the program and has a rich experience of planning, training, monitoring and supervision. She also authored a book, 'Magic of DOTS' - for children published by WHO-South East Asia Region. She also has publications on TB in peer reviewed scientific journals. Alka received MD Community Medicine from AIIMS, New Delhi, Diploma in Child Health from Medical College, Rohtak, and MBBS from Christian Medical College, Vellore.

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Anitha CT

University of South Florida College of Public Health

Anitha's focus area has been women's health. She has more than three years experience of working at a maternity hospital as well as in the community with women vulnerable to HIV infection. She was involved in training health care professionals (doctors, nurses and community health workers) in Syndromic Case Management. Anitha has coordinated and conducted epidemiological research (Integrated Biological and Behavioral Survey) in 5 districts of Karnataka. She has also worked as General Duty Medical Officer at Govt. Maternity Hospital, Pondicherry. Anitha received M.D. in Preventive and Social Medicine from Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, St. John's Medical College, Bangalore and a Post Graduate Degree in Hospital and Health Care Management from Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi. She received M.B.B.S. degree from J.S.S. Medical College, Mysore,

**Giridhar Babu**

Master of Public Health in Epidemiology at UCLA, Los Angeles

Giridhar has worked with the World Health Organization, National Polio Surveillance Project, India and was responsible for establishing the WHO unit office and streamlining the surveillance activities for Acute Flaccid Paralysis in four districts of Andhra Pradesh. He also worked as State Surveillance Medical Officer where he was responsible for constitution of State Core Group on Routine Immunization in Karnataka and for initiating advocacy efforts for Measles surveillance. Giridhar was a Junior Resident at the Centre for Community Medicine and Blood Bank Department at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. He received a Post Graduate Diploma in Medical Law and Ethics from National Law School of India University. His areas of interest are child and maternal health, strengthening disease surveillance in India and vaccine-preventable diseases. He received M.B.B.S from Kasturba Medical College, Manipal and MBA in Hospital Administration from Adam Smith University, USA with EDDBA from TASMACH, Pune, India.

**Manish Kakkar**

Harvard School of Public Health

Manish has more than six years of experience in his area of specialization, communicable disease surveillance. As a WHO National Consultant, initially, and then as National Professional Officer for Laboratory Surveillance, he was involved with providing technical and managerial support to WHO India Office, national and state authorities for strengthening of national, regional and district Public Health laboratories and in expanding the areas of national surveillance systems with special emphasis on microbiological aspects of disease surveillance, emerging and re-emerging diseases, human capacity building and bio-safety and bio-security and communicable disease surveillance response to natural disasters like Tsunami. Prior to joining WHO India office, he was a Senior Resident Doctor- Medical Microbiology at Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi. Manish received M.D. in Micro Biology from Maulana Azad Medical College and M.B.B.S. from University College of Medical Sciences, University of Delhi.



Monika Arora

M.Sc. (Public Health) and a Post Graduate Diploma in Epidemiology
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (Correspondence)

Monika is a social scientist working in the area of health promotion and health advocacy in India since 1996. She is working as Director in a Delhi based NGO, HRIDAY-SHAN, which is involved in promoting health awareness and guiding programmes focusing on chronic disease prevention through health promotion. She is also a temporary Advisor to WHO (SEARO) in the area of health promotion. She has been involved in behavioral research among youth on life style related health issues and health policy research in the area of tobacco control in India and assists the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in India for forming rules that that are notified under the Indian Tobacco Control Act. She is a member of two committees of the Ministry formed to strengthen the enforcement of anti-tobacco legislation in India.

She is pursuing her PhD. in Preventive Cardiology from All India Institute of Medical Sciences.



Nandita Bhan

University College London

Nandita's areas of interest are poverty, gender, environment and health, exploring deeply the interlinkages and inter-relationships between these social variables. Nandita worked briefly as a Research Analyst in the "Moving out of Poverty" study at the World Bank. Among other things, she was involved in her research project on RCH in Himachal Pradesh, titled 'Decision-making of Women in Reproductive Health & Child Bearing: A Study of Rural Women in Solan, Himachal Pradesh'. She is proficient in data analysis. Nandita has previously done Masters in Social Work (MSW) at Delhi University, and B. A. (Hons) Economics at Jesus and Mary College, Delhi University. Nandita is also a trained Bharatanatyam Dancer, performing with Dancer Geeta Chandran's Natya Vriksha Dance Company.



Pradeep B S

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (Correspondence)

Pradeep worked as Assistant Professor, Infectious Disease Unit in the Institute of Population Health and Clinical Research, St. John Medical College, Bangalore and also as a Consultant with Karnataka Health Promotion Trust, Bangalore. His responsibilities involved development and implementation of study protocol, training and monitoring of field investigators. He has been a part of several projects like general population survey for HIV and STI prevalence in the Mysore District and utilization of PPTCT program in Karnataka. He has a teaching experience of 3 years with the Department of Community Medicine, Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences, Bangalore. Pradeep received M.D. in Community Medicine and M.B.B.S from Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences, Bangalore.



Rajan Shukla

University of Minnesota School of Public Health

Rajan has more than 12 years experience in programme coordination and implementation. As a State Coordinator with WHO – National Leprosy Eradication Programme, his key responsibilities involve coordinating the implementation of programme, training medical officers and other health staff for integration of leprosy services with general health care and undertaking review of programme. He was also a Senior Resident at Raja Diagnostic Centre, Punjab and Goa Medical College, where he was entrusted with the management of Medical Emergency and training medical students. He received M.B.B.S. degree and Diploma in Public Health from Goa Medical College, India.



Ranjana Singh

University of Albany School of Public Health

Ranjana worked with the Indian Institute of Management, Indore, as Project Associate. Ranjana has a valuable experience in conducting surveys, specifically with respect to necessity of education for MPs / MLAs in BHU, Varanasi and sex preferences, values and aspirations for children among married couples in Govandi, Mumbai. She has also presented many research papers in various national as well as international conferences on socio-economic & psycho consequences of HIV infected persons and the influence of non-biological factors on neonatal mortality. She has published papers on child loss among women in North Eastern States of India, the status of women in Jharkhand and has also published a book on the consequences of HIV/AIDS and coping strategies among HIV infected persons as a case study of Mumbai. She has received Ph.D and Master of Population Studies from International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai. She has received her Master of Science in Statistics from Banaras Hindu University, Uttar Pradesh.



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