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Experience:

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At grassroots, she possesses intensive field experience of working with the schedule tribes (Bhattara) in Koraput, Orissa; health impact, resettlement & rehabilitation in Chhattisgarh and Kalahandi Orissa; and, designing ethno-scientific development among Kinnouries of Himachal Pradesh. She has extensively worked in multi-caste villages. Some of these includes: comparative study of demographic indicators among scheduled castes and Brahmins in Garkhal (Himachal Pradesh); partnership with community based organizations and GO on water and sanitation in Unnao; partnership with NGO-GO on utilization of health services in Aligarh; technology extension on Health and Hygiene with grassroots NGOs in Bundelkhand region (Uttar Pradesh) and Uttaranchal. At national level, she was part of designing, implementation and assessment of the following ICMR task force projects: Study of Health Consequences of Domestic Violence with special reference to Reproductive Health; A Study of Psychosocial and Service Dynamics of Illegal Abortion in Rural Areas of India; A Study of Factors Affecting Acceptability of Microbicides Among Different Population Groups in India and A Study of Health Equity in India.

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