The NIHFW, an autonomous organization, under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, acts as an ‘apex technical Institute’ as well as a ‘think tank’ for the promotion of health and family welfare programs in the country. The post-graduate education, training, research, evaluation, consultancy and advisory services in the field of health and family welfare have been a major focus of the institute. In order to facilitate continuous upgradation of knowledge and skills of various health personnel across the country, the NIHFW has been conducting training courses in different areas at regular interval. In this endeavour, the Department of Statistics & Demography, NIHFW proposes to conduct an offline training program on ‘Training Course on Data Analysis using Epi-Info Software for Health Professionals’ from 28th –31st August 2023.

Course Coordinating Team
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Course Fee & Registration Process
There is a course fee of Rs. 5000/- per participant which can be paid by only online banking. Eligible candidates send their nominations on the E-mail: sd@nihfw.org. Required registration fee will be paid by the participants after receiving confirmation by the organizers. TA/DA of the participants will have to be borne by themselves/ state/ sponsoring organizations.

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The Department of Statistics and Demography has been conducting the training programme on Demography and Statistics methods to the health professionals including faculty of medical colleges. Over the years the feedbacks given by them indicate that there is a need for conducting a training programme with a special focus on statistical methods and analysis by using standard statistical software. Epi Info is used for rapid questionnaire design, data entry and validation, data analysis including maps and graphs, and creation of reports. The software Epi-info are available freely and useful for basic statistical analysis which is base for decision making for program and planning purpose. The tools of the Epi-info are user friendly; require the knowledge of Microsoft access for data management. Import and export functions exist that allow for data to be converted between plain-text, CSV, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access, MySQL, Microsoft SQL Server, and other formats. Many statistical routines are provided, such as t-tests, ANOVA, nonparametric statistics, cross tabulations and stratification with estimates of odds ratios, risk ratios, and risk differences, logistic regression (conditional and unconditional), survival analysis (Kaplan Meier and Cox proportional hazard), and analysis of complex survey data.

To orient and develop skill in use of Epi-info software for data analysis of survey data.

At the end of the training course, the participants would be able:

1. To introduce the steps of prepare questionnaires
2. To prepare the coding plan and create data set
3. To describe the nature of variables
4. To introduce the steps of data analysis
5. To describe the application of the statistical tools of software in data analysis

The course intends to cover topics such as:

- Introduction to data analysis
- Basic features of software
- Preparation of data set using software, Measurement scale of variables
- Data management
- Data analysis
- Testing of hypothesis
- Correlation and regression analysis
- Modification of outputs and exporting to different formats

Faculties, Residents from Medical Colleges, Nursing Colleges, SIHFW and Demographers, Statistical officers, Epidemiologist from Govt. and Pvt. organisation from anywhere in India are eligible to apply.

Four days, Date: 28th to 31st August, 2023.