

PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION RESEARCH CONSORTIUM - NETWORKING AND PARTNERSHIP

Despite significant gains made in last few decades, India's public health challenges are huge; they are also growing and shifting at an unprecedented rate. The concern shown by the organizations at the global level indicate that, in view of the resurgence of various epidemic, both infectious and non-infectious, the situation can be handled only through the public health management approach. This urgency was realized and expressed in the public health conference in India expressed as "Calcutta declaration", which calls for the creation of appropriate structure for public health professionals and promoting the reforms for public health education & training. Followed this in a joint meeting of IPHA, ISMOC and Indian association of Epidemiologists in 2000 at Agra, resolution was passed for initiation & carrying out of the structural changes in Public Health System in India.

The Department of Community Medicines of various Medical Colleges along with the Nursing Colleges and Health Training Institutions (SIHFW and HFWTC, etc) has been functioning for the promotion of public health either in small groups or totally in isolation. This may be one of the reasons for not achieving the desired objectives for the various health programs. Urgency felt for joint collaborative effort, through networking and partnership process to pool all the available human resources from above mentioned institutions and also develop consensus strategies for the uplift of Public Health activities in India.

The proposed consortium will be formed under the aegis of the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW). NIHFW is the apex technical institution under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI with the mandate to promote health and family welfare programs in the country through education, training, research, evaluation and other specialized services. As the nodal agency for imparting in-service training to health personnel and conducting research under NRHM, NIHFW is an ideal partner to facilitate the mainstreaming of the Department of Community Medicine in medical colleges and other public health education and training institutions in the health care delivery system of the country, and for providing a platform to build networks for capacity building of these institutions.

Objective:

- To provide a platform for sharing of information on health and family welfare policies, programmes, strategic guidelines, recent advances and current activities.
- To build capacity of the health professionals of member institutes for conducting collaborative research and workshops.
- To create a pool of resources for training, research and evaluation activities in collaboration with NIHFW.

Number of Members in the PHERC

Number of medical Colleges	179
Number Nursing of colleges	173
NGOs	214
Training Institutes	50
Others	21
	627

Activities done by PHERC

Shared of Information through electronic mode (CD and DVD) to all the partners

1. Women Centered Comprehensive Abortion Care-Resource material
2. National Family Health Survey 3 (NFHS 3) 2005-2006
3. Information on Government Of India Guidelines for Maternal Health Interventions under NRHM
4. Sharing of Information on Standard Treatment Guidelines - Medical Management & Costing of Select Conditions
5. Sharing of Information on Child Anaemia
6. Networking to Reduce Maternal and Neonatal Mortality and Morbidity in South Asia: The Human Resource Dimension
7. Resource Material for Pre-Service IMNCI Training, MOHFW, GOI
8. Maternal Health Guidelines (1Cd - Content given by UNICEF)
9. Policy Guidelines on VitaminA, Zinc and Iron-folic Supplementation
10. Manual for Building Capacity of Trainers and Program Managers in Emergency Contraception
11. Procedures for Eye Removal
12. Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health
13. BCC Material on Newborn Care Immunisation and Nutrition (Developed by UNICEF)
14. Supercourse on Public Health