



Work Profile at HSTP

- Support a landscape analysis of governance and regulatory mechanisms in the Indian health sector encompassing all its key components.
- Support synthesizing existing evidence in this area and analysing gaps, challenges and opportunities to identify HSTP's areas of intervention either at state or national level.
- Support the Central and State governments and other institutions in strengthening governance and regulatory structures and capacities.
- Support identifying potential HSTP collaborators and key stakeholders in and engage with them to build thematic work streams and mid to long term partnerships
- Providing technical assistance in developing resource / training material / toolkits/ templates to strengthening governance and regulatory capacities at various levels.
- Support in documenting global and Indian best practices in Health Systems Governance and Regulation and assist development of case studies.
- Support in capacity building and interventions that could influence and achieve HSTP's objectives for Health Systems Governance in India.

Education

Master of Arts (M.A) in Social Work with specialization in Urban and Rural Community Development, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, 1982-1984

Brief Bio

Social scientist by education, policy nerd, researcher, weekend farmer, amateur filmmaker, student of Vedanta, teacher, and passionate activist. Career spanning more than three decades of engagement in the health and development sector working with civil society, Central and State governments, and the WHO.

Served with WHO, as cluster head for Health Systems Development in the India Country Office and as Technical Officer-National Health Planning & Health Financing in the South East Asia Regional Office. Providing technical support, collaborating with the national authorities, identifying priority areas for collaborative work, design, review, developing, managing, supervising, and monitoring WHO-GOI technical collaborative programmes in the cluster. Initiated National Health Accounts for India & brought out the NHA India for 2001 & 2005, provided technical inputs in the establishment of NHA and Trade and Health cells in the MOHFW, facilitated the setting up of the National Clinical Trials Registry in India. Conceptualized and provided technical expertise to studies and documentation in Health Sector Reforms; Analysis of National Sample Survey health rounds; Situational Analysis of Human Resources for health in India; World Health Survey to assess Health System Performance in India; Foreign Direct Investments in Hospitals; Impact of TRIPS on Drug Prices, Survey of Ethical Review Committees amongst others. Assisted and contributed in the development of training manuals and guidelines on National Health Accounts, Planning and Implementation of Health Insurance in India, Development of Standard Treatment Guidelines, and its Costing. Technical assistance to India-National Commission on Macroeconomics and Health; Drug Controller General of India's office in strengthening drug regulatory capacity.

Was an advisor to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GOI and provided technical support for the implementation of clinical Establishment Act, 2010 in the States of India, involves notifications, constitution of appropriate bodies, online registration, providing assistance to the national council



for categorization & classification, development of minimum standards, information and statistics and charges to be levied.

Advised and assisted the Dept. of Health, Govt. of Kerala on development of The Kerala Clinical Establishment Act, 2018 and the Rules.

Advised and assisted Delhi Government on setting up and operationalizing Mohalla Clinics, an initiative for providing universal primary healthcare using a unique operating model.

Was a Sr. advisor at the Public Health Foundation of India, providing technical assistance to the states of Karnataka and Kerala in developing assessments systems, exploring pragmatic pathways across health delivery, access, financing, projection for fiscal needs, governance structure reform and information technology to support transparency and increase efficiency for developing options for the eventual uptake and implementation of UHC.

Conducted pioneering research studies and advocacy in the areas of health policy, private health care services, health regulation, health economics & financing, quality of care, accreditation & standards in health care, women's health and health information systems at the Foundation for Research in Community Health and the Centre for Enquiry into Health & Allied Themes based in Mumbai.

Prior to becoming a researcher was a full time activist working with tribal & non-tribal on socio-economic aspects, issues of livelihood, ensuring access to the various socio- economic programmes by government, education, forests & environment rehabilitation and exploitation in Raigad district in Maharashtra.

Served as a technical expert in various national and state level committees on issues of health systems development and published more than 50 articles, chapters in books and reports in national and international journals.

Co-founded a website called medileaks on the lines of WikiLeaks for documenting irrational practices and irregularities in the health sector in India.

In 2012 quit working full time for formal organisations and presently spends time at the intersection of research and policy, travelling, reading, writing, teaching, farming, and getting involved in initiatives that make a difference to the lives of people.

Select Publications:

Chapters in Books

- Regulating Healthcare Establishments: The Case of the Clinical Establishment Act, 2010 (Chapter 26) in the book Healers or Predators? Healthcare Corruption in India, Edited by Keshav Desiraju, Sanjay Nagral and Samiran Nundy, Oxford University Press
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- National Health Accounts: Training Manual for Implementing NHA in India, Institute of Health Systems, 2009



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