

TESTIMONIALS

HSTP sponsorship @ Emerging Voices for Global Health 2020

HSTP is an Indian not for profit dedicated to health systems research for evidence informed policy reforms. Our mission is to enable Indian researchers and policymakers to conduct research and translate evidence for achieving universal health coverage.

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Aligned with our mission, along with our partners, we sponsor Indian researchers, practitioners, and policy makers to participate in health convenings and short- term training programs aimed at enhancing their knowledge and skills. In January 2020, we sponsored eight Indian candidates at attend the Prince Mahidol Award Conference, exposing them to global best practices for driving systems change. [Access the report here.](#)

We sponsored two Indian researchers to participate at the Emerging Voices for Global Health 2020 (EV4GH) to broaden their horizon on health policy and systems research. EV4GH is a multi-partner blended training program for emerging health policy & systems researchers, decision-makers, and other health system professionals with an interest in becoming influential global health voices and/or local change makers, particularly in Low- and Middle-Income Countries.

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- EV4GH 2020 was instrumental in exposing me to contemporary issues such as **decolonizing global health, gender, and local health systems**. As I reflect, a dominant western gaze within global health has often come at the cost of diminishing the lived experiences of people from global south.
- I am exploring gender, caste dimensions and local health strategies as part of my doctoral research. This experience has opened doors to a wider peer of research community and **helps me to have the confidence to take up better research in my own context with the support from global experts**.
- Sponsorship opportunities are hard to come by and I am thankful to HSTP and EV4GH for considering me. I hope in the future HSTP will find ways to extend support to researchers from Dalit and tribal backgrounds, to enable a richer and democratic research in a country like India.



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- EV4GH 2020 highlighted the importance of **Climate-Resilient and Sustainable Health Systems** and the need to address the larger ecological determinants to achieve better health status. **Discussions around intersectional aspect of health inequality, corruption, power, and privilege** allowed me reflect on how they undermine well-intentioned programs and policies. Sessions on evidence translation helped me recognize the importance of distinctive methods of communicating research to each health system's stakeholder.
- My learnings from peer researcher, Lela Sulaberidze, Curatio International Foundation, University of Georgia (**demonstrated the application of realist evaluation to unpack the complexities involved in developing tuberculosis policy in Georgia**) gave me insights into policy making and how to handle complicated situations.
- The program helped to connect to a network of people who are passionately involved in the field of health system & policy research. **It boosts my morale and to communicate my ideas in a more organized, logical, coherent manner in my presentation and in writing to act together on public health problems at global scale to become change makers.**

● An interaction with Ghislaine O Ametchie, Social Scientist with Pan-African Malaria Control Association was inspiring. She clarified perspectives on the racial and gender discrimination **We have also decided to jointly work on historical trauma as an important driver of health behaviour among the African American and Indigenous communities in India.**

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