

India Health Policy & Systems Research Fellowship

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The fellowship aims to enhance capacity of mid-career public health professionals in health policy and systems research methods to strengthen evidence-based policymaking in health. This blended training program, spread over a period of 18 months, includes online, face-to-face modules & mentorship for conducting a HPSR study. Twenty fellows are part of Cohort 2021.

Know more here

An initiative of Health Systems Transformation platform, the fellowship is organized in collaboration with eminent partners and is supported by Tata Trusts, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and ACCESS Health International.

We are pleased to share our progress with our stakeholders, friends & well-wishers. Reach out to us for sharing your opinions, queries and exploring collaborations or directing us to new avenues to strengthen our resolve for improving Indian health systems.

Inaugural function on 15th January 2021

had inspiring keynote addresses from Shri. Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MOHFW), Government of India and Dr. Sowmya Swaminathan, Chief Scientist, World Health Organization. Rajeev Sadanandan, CEO HSTP, Devadasan N Technical Advisor HSTP, Prashanth NS Assistant Director Research, Institute of Public Health Bengaluru welcomed the fellows & faculty and provided an overview of the program & its importance for strengthening health systems. **View here**



"The fellowship ushers in a transformative change in Indian health systems as it engages policy makers and researchers to work together to develop research questions."

Sowmya Swaminathan
Chief Scientist, WHO



"This program aligns with the renewed interest in evidence-based research, that feeds into policymaking across interventions undertaken both by Union and State Governments."

Rajesh Bhushan
Secretary, MOHFW, GOI

Completion of Module on Introduction to Health Systems, Systems Thinking and Complexity

Fellows were introduced to the principles of systems thinking approach (pre-recorded & live lectures). Strengths & weaknesses of various health system frameworks and analysis of health systems performance were discussed to demonstrate complexities and their consequences for research. Fellows actively participated in peer learning activities, assignments & self-check quizzes interspersed with an online critical discussion forum.



"The course encourages engaging in peer discussions which helped me understand the concepts better"

Mohammad Hifz Ur
MM Medical College, Solan
Fellow 2021



"The program builds confidence to implement heuristic analysis. I didn't just learn 'how' to write caveats, 'what' and 'why' also became explicit."

Ponnambily Chandy
Chettinad College of Nursing, Kanchipuram
Fellow 2021



"The fellowship offers a safe space for learning and experiencing health systems through self-reflection and critical discussions"

Anuj Ghanekar
Urban Health & Climate Resilience Center of Excellence, Surat
Fellow 2021

