

CENTRE FOR HEALTH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Unit of the Maharashtra Association of Anthropological Sciences



Centre for Health Research & Development (CHRD)

is a unit of MAAS, with a focus on health-related research issues. Some of the areas of research in CHRD are reproductive health, HIV, leprosy and tuberculosis. The researchers at CHRD have training and expertise in different disciplines like medical anthropology, health and social sciences, public health and epidemiology. Some of the senior researchers in CHRD have been involved in operations and sociological research in TB for more than a decade, including studies on the public, private and the NGO sectors, and gender and behavioural issues related to access to TB care. One of its senior researchers has served a three-year term as a member of the WHO-Geneva's Strategic and Technical Advisory Group for TB and as temporary advisor for the WHO-Geneva's PPM Subgroup meetings for two years. The group was invited by the Central TB Division and WHO-India to write the section on "Special Attention to Marginalized Groups with Social Issues and Tribal Action Plan" for the Project Implementation Plan for the next phase of World Bank-funded RNTCP (2006-2011). One of the senior researchers has been a consultant to AC Nielsen ORG MARG and has contributed to the Tribal Action Plan for the NACP III.

CHRD was a partner of the London School of Hygiene in the five-year UK Department for International Development (DFID)-supported TB Knowledge Programme. It is a partner in a research consortium led by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine called TARGETS (Team for Applied Research to Generate Effective Tools and Strategies for Communicable Disease Control), a five-year (2005-2010) programme funded by the DfID-UK. The studies under this programme broadly aim to identify and study the gaps between policy and practice, using a mix of qualitative and quantitative research methods. Since the initiation of this programme, CHRD has been able to establish itself as an organization committed to working on policy and programme at local, national and international levels. The outputs under this programme have been in the form of research reports and publications, papers in peer-reviewed journals, participation and presentations in conferences and invitations to research and policy meetings, both at the national and international levels.

List of Completed Research Studies / Projects undertaken by MAAS-CHRD

- "Involving private practitioners in the National Tuberculosis Programme in rural areas of western India: action-research to aid policy development". Supported by the Alliance for Health Policy and System Research, Geneva, Switzerland (funding) and the WHO, Geneva (technical). Study completed in November 2002. Report submitted to AHPSR and available With MAAS
- "Investigating private sector delivery of services for the management of adult HIV patients in Pune city". Supported by the DfID TB Knowledge Programme (funding and technical) and WHO-SEARO (funding). Study completed in January 2004. Report submitted to WHO-SEARO and available with MAAS.
- "Decentralization, integration and devolution of power: a study of the financial management systems of district-level societies in Pune, Maharashtra". Supported by the National Commission of Macroeconomics and Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and the DfID TB Knowledge Programme. Study completed in December 2004. Report submitted to NCMH and available with MAAS.
- "Investigating private sector delivery of services for the management of TB and HIV in rural areas of Pune district". Supported by the DfID TB Knowledge Programme. Study completed in December 2004. Unpublished report available with MAAS.
- "Quality of care in the Revised National TB Control Programme: A collaborative study in Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation". Supported by the DfID TB Knowledge Programme. Study completed in January 2005. Unpublished report available with MAAS.
- "Assessing access to TB Care through the RNTCP in Mumbai". A series of baseline studies for the Urban DOTS Project in Mumbai, with funding support from Inter Aide, Mumbai and the DfID TB Knowledge Programme. 2005.
- "Access to HIV / AIDS care: a study among People Living with HIV / AIDS" Research study in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa with support from the Resource Centre for Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS (RCSHA), New Delhi. 2006.
- "Developing a model for co-ordination between the private and public sectors for effective Management of HIV, TB and HIV/TB co-infection in Andhra Pradesh". Baseline feasibility study with support from the TARGETS Research Programme Consortium. 2007.
- An intervention for initiating a public private partnership for managing TB and HIV in collaboration with LEPRO Society in Hyderabad City with financial support from LEPRO Society through EU funds and TARGETS Research Programme Consortium. 2008.
- "Issues Around Care Providers In Family For Communicable Diseases In Rural India: With A Special Focus On HIV/AIDS". Research study in Maval Tehsil of Pune District, Maharashtra with support from the TAREGETS Research Programme Consortium. 2008

List of Ongoing Research Studies / Projects undertaken by MAAS CHRD

- "Increasing Access and Utilization of DOTS through Scale-up of Public-Private Mix in RNTCP: An Intervention Research Study in Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation". A collaborative study with the City TB Control Society, Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, with funding support from the TAREGETS Research Programme Consortium and the Municipal Corporation of Pimpri-Chinchwad.
- "Constructing Databases on Tribal Health focusing on Communicable Diseases:Situational Analysis in Adilabad District". A study in collaboration with LEpra Society in Adilabad District with support from TARGETS Research Programme Consortium.
- "Exploring Issues of the Family Members as Caregivers for HIV infected Individuals: Responses from Urban Area of Pune". Study in collaboration with National AIDS Research Institute, Pune.
- "Situational Analysis of the TB Programme of Network Theni". A study in collaboration with DAC Trust in Theni District, Tamil Nadu with support from TARGET-TB, UK.
- "Current Challenges and Opportunities for the Integration of TB and HIV services for Co-Infected Patients: A Pilot Study in Pune, INDIA". A study in collaboration with National AIDS Research Institute and Evidence for Action Research Programme Consortium, UK

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- "Access to HIV/AIDS Care: A Study among People Living with HIV/AIDS", Dissemination Report, Pune, India. MAAS-CHRD 2006.
- "Expansion of the tuberculosis programme in India: The policy evolution towards decentralization and integration. Pune" The Centre for Health Research and Development, Maharashtra Association of Anthropological Sciences, 2003.

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