

# EquiNAM

building evidence to support equitable improvement  
in newborn and maternal health

## Agenda

### International Workshop

### **New Evidence Supporting Equity in Newborn & Maternal Health in South Asia**

8-9 May 2014  
Kathmandu, Nepal

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## DAY 1

**8:00**            **Registration & tea/coffee**

**9:00**            **Welcome & introduction to the workshop**  
Prof. Dr. Dharma Manandhar (Nepal), Dr. Tanja AJ Houweling (UK/Netherlands),  
Prof. Dr. Anthony Costello (UK)

### ***BLOCK I: SETTING EVIDENCE-BASED PRIORITIES***

**9.30**            **Setting priorities in addressing inequalities in newborn & maternal health**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Kishwar Azad, Co-chair: Sushma Shende

#### *Presentations*

- New evidence from the EquiNaM project – Prof. Dr. Dharma Manandhar (Nepal)
- International organisation perspective – Dr. Dewan Md. Emdadul Hoque (Bangladesh)
- Government perspective – Dr. Babu Ram Marasini (Nepal)
- Health system perspective – Dr. Sutapa Neogi (India)

*Reaction by panel discussants* – Dr. Ferdousi Begum (Bangladesh), Dr. Keskar (India)

**11.00**            **Tea break**

### ***BLOCK II: HOW TO ADDRESS THE EXCLUSION OF THE POOR & VULNERABLE FROM INTERVENTIONS***

**11.30**            **How to partner with communities to reach the most in need**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Anthony Costello, Co-chair: Neena Shah More

#### *Presentations*

- Reaching young primigravida women in community interventions – Prof. Dr. Kishwar Azad (Bangladesh)
- Reaching lower socio-economic groups in community interventions – Dr. Prasanta Tripathy (India)
- Bangladesh Community Clinic Project – Dr. Barendra Nath Mandal (Bangladesh)

*Reaction by panel discussants* – Dr. Makhduma Nargis (Bangladesh), Ms. Capoor (India)

**1.00pm**            **Lunch**

**2.00pm**            **Role of government incentive schemes in reducing inequalities newborn & maternal health**

Chair: Dr. Prasanta Tripathy, Co-chair: Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shahidullah

*Presentations*

- Evidence on safe delivery incentive schemes from demographic surveillance systems in India & Nepal - Dr. Naomi Saville (UK/Nepal)
- Nepal's Safe Delivery Incentive Programme - Dr. Ganga Shakya (Nepal)
- Newborn & maternal health incentive schemes in India - Dr. Suranjeen Prasad (India)
- Demand-side financing for newborn & maternal health: the Bangladesh experience - Dr. Pabitra Kumar Sikder (Bangladesh)

*Reaction by panel discussants* - Dr. A.T.M. Iqbal Anwar (Bangladesh), Dr Suhasini Nagda (India), Dr.Sushil Baral (Nepal)

**3.30pm**            **Tea break**

**4.00pm**            **Role of the private (profit & non-profit) sector in addressing inequalities in newborn & maternal health**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Dharma Manandhar, Co-chair: Dr. Shanti

*Presentations*

- Inequalities in the utilisation of private and public sector maternal & newborn health care - Glyn Alcock (UK/India)
- The role of the private sector in Nepal - Dr. Sanu Maiyan Dali (Nepal)
- The role of the private sector in India - Dr. Sanjay Nagral (India)

*Reaction by panel discussants* - Prof. Dr. Nazmun Nahar (Bangladesh), Leni Chaudhary (India)

**5.00pm**            **Reflections on the day's discussions**

Prof. Dr. Anthony Costello, Head of UCL Institute for Global Health

**6.30pm**            **Social dinner** in garden of hotel Shanker, if weather permits

## DAY 2

8.30 Tea & coffee

### ***BLOCK III: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDRESSING INEQUALITIES IN MATERNAL & NEWBORN HEALTH***

9.00 Evidence on what works to reduce inequalities in newborn & maternal health

Chair: Dr. Shyam Raj Uprety, Co-chair: Tanja AJ Houweling

#### *Presentations*

- Experiential evidence from policy makers & practitioners - Dr. Joanna Morrison (UK/Nepal)
- What works to reduce inequalities: key messages from day 1 - Dr. Tanja AJ Houweling, UK/Netherlands

*Reaction by panel discussants* - Prof. Dr. Mohammad Shahidullah (Bangladesh), Dr. Isha Prasad Bhagwat (India), Dr. Deepak Poudel (Nepal), Dr. T. Sunderaraman (India)

10.00 Recommendations on incorporating equity in Every Newborn Action Plan

Chair: Dr. Deepak Poudel, Co-chair: Dr. Joanna Morrison

#### *Presentations*

- Every Newborn Action Plan: Bangladesh – Dr. Arefin Amal Islam (Bangladesh)
- Every Newborn Action Plan – India - Dr. Isha Prasad Bhagwat (India)
- Every Newborn Action Plan – Nepal - Dr. Shyam Raj Uprety (Nepal)

10:30 Working groups: formulating recommendations for Every Newborn Action Plan

Dr. Tanja AJ Houweling, Dr. Joanna Morrison, Neena Shah More

11.00 Tea & coffee

11.30 Working groups continue

12.30 Summing up, way forward, closing ceremony & group photo

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Prof. Dr. Dharma Manandhar, Executive Director MIRA

Dr. Tanja AJ Houweling, UCL Institute for Global Health

1:00pm Lunch