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World Health Day is celebrated on 7th April every year. It is a fact that despite efforts, accessible and affordable Healthcare remains a big challenge in developing countries. WHO estimates that half of the world's population lacks access to basic Healthcare and more than 100 Million people are pushed into poverty every year due to ill-health and its associated costs.

IPE Global with its strong health sector practice, is doing its bit to enhance health systems, develop alternate models and facilitate behavioural and social change for better health outcomes.

But today, let us appreciate and thank the people behind advancement of health sciences. The researchers, the pathfinders who make better health care possible. Let us thank the people who planted the seeds of better health.

At IPE Global, our work is akin to planting seeds - of ideas, of action, of changes - for development, knowing well that we may not be there to enjoy its fruit or shade.

And one day, when we pass by that road and see a strong tree benefiting many, we can silently close our eyes and say a prayer of thanks.

It is a rare privilege to be chosen as development gardener of the world.

Let's continue planting fruits for the future.

Best wishes
Ashwajit Singh

INTRODUCTION

MOST OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS) ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SEPTEMBER 2015 HAVE TARGETS THAT RELATE TO HEALTH. HEALTH IS CENTRAL TO SDG AGENDA. HOWEVER, ONE GOAL – SDG 3 – FOCUSES SPECIFICALLY ON ENSURING HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTING WELL-BEING FOR ALL AT ALL AGES.

THIS YEAR WORLD HEALTH DAY WILL FOCUS ON ‘**UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE: EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE**’ ENSURING THAT EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE CAN ACCESS ESSENTIAL QUALITY HEALTH SERVICES WITHOUT FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

WHAT IS UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE (UHC)?

The goal of UHC is to ensure that every individual and community, irrespective of their circumstances, should receive the health services they need without risking financial hardship. It includes the full spectrum of essential, quality health services, from health promotion to prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliative care.

HEALTHCARE REFORMS IN INDIA

The **Union Budget 2018** unveiled a new flagship National Health Protection Scheme under the Ayushman Bharat Programme. This would benefit over 10 crore vulnerable and under-privileged families under which a health coverage of upto INR 5 lakh per family will be offered for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization. With approximately 50 crore beneficiaries this is the world’s largest government funded program.

1200 crore has also been allocated for health wellness centres. These centres, 1.5 lakh in number, will provide free essential drugs and diagnostic services to bring health closer home. INR 600 crore was allocated to provide nutritional support for all tuberculosis patients.



IPE GLOBAL KEY PROJECTS IN HEALTH, NUTRITION AND WASH

Health, Nutrition and WASH are major determinants impacting quality of life. IPE Global works with a wide range of stakeholders to facilitate sustainable change in lives of millions of people. We realise that investments in this sector, focusing on the underserved, would have large impact on the well-being of the communities and transform their lives.

FHI360-Alive & Thrive || Integrating Maternal Nutrition Interventions in Existing MNCH Services in Uttar Pradesh (2018-2020)

IPE Global is working with government systems to implement multi-pronged strategies to strengthen service delivery, focusing on concerted efforts to generate demand for maternal nutrition services through community engagement and interpersonal counselling (IPC). IPE is supporting in building the capacity of government frontline workers and their supervisors, along with community engagement activities focused on behaviour change, cognizant of the importance of reaching not only the pregnant women but her immediate family members—especially husbands—and community to ensure long-term sustained change.

CAIRN Foundation || NAVKIRAN (2017-2021)

In first of its kind initiative with Government of Rajasthan and CAIRN Foundation to support government in activating and strengthening the First Referral Units (FRUs) in the district of Barmer, to increase access to quality emergency and specialist services. IPE Global will provide technical advisory support and program management of CSR interventions, including providing financial assistance to Department of Health in filling the manpower gap filling of specialists at FRUs (First referral Units) and Trauma center. A feasibility assessment of a demand side financing product and possibility of leveraging external financing for an OPD based insurance product are in the pipeline along with community mobilization initiatives to improve uptake of Govt. sponsored health Insurance scheme. Advisory support in strengthening MCH service delivery at Nandghar (state of art Aanganwaadi centers) would be undertaken under the project.

**CIFF || RajPusht –
Healthy Rajasthan
(2017-2022):**

RajPusht is a highly ambitious programme in Rajasthan to reform the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) to make it functional and effective in addressing maternal and child malnutrition. Contracted by the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), IPE Global is working with the Government of Rajasthan to effectively deliver cash to Pregnant and Lactating Women with focus on two districts – Udaipur and Baran. This will be complemented with the development and implementation of a large scale behaviour change strategy on maternal and infant nutrition. As part of the programme, we will create a multi-stakeholder consensus at the national level to demonstrate effective approaches for improving child nutrition including the effectiveness of cash transfers in place of Take Home Ration (THR).

**WHO || Outsourcing
of Day-to-Day
Administration and
Pay-rolling of Revised
National Tuberculosis
Control Programme
(RNTCP) Consultants'
Network (2015-2017):**

IPE Global provided management support to the network of 90 RNTCP Medical Consultants by providing services for human resource and financial management of these medical consultants. We exercise adequate internal controls and ensure oversight for cost efficiency on reimbursable components of the budget, also provide inputs to WHO Focal Point to facilitate their annual performance appraisals.

DID YOU KNOW?

At least half of the world's population still do not have full coverage of essential health services.

About **100 million** people are still being pushed into “extreme poverty” (living on \$ 1.90 (1) or less a day) because they have to pay for health care.

Over **800 million** people (almost 12 percent of the world's population) spent at least 10 percent of their household budgets to pay for health care.

1 billion more people need access to health services by 2023

All UN Member States have agreed to try to achieve universal health coverage (UHC) by 2030, as part of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Source: WHO

WORLD TB DAY

India continues to have the highest number of TB cases. According to the 2016 report by WHO, estimated 27.9 lakh patients were suffering from TB and up to 4.23 lakh patients were estimated to have died during the year.

The theme for World TB day (24 March 2018) is Wanted: Leaders for a TB free world which focusses on commitment to end TB with cooperation from all levels in the society.

LET'S GET THE BASICS!

- Tuberculosis (TB) is caused by bacteria (*Mycobacterium tuberculosis*) that most often affect the lungs.
- Common symptoms such as cough, fever, night sweats, or weight loss may be mild for many months in active TB.
- TB is contagious and spreads through the air; if not treated, each person with pulmonary TB infects on average 10 to 15 people each year.
- TB is not hereditary. It does not pass from parent to child or in any genetic manner.
- A cough of two weeks or more should be investigated for TB as early as possible.
- Sputum microscopy examination is the best method of diagnosis.
- TB is curable. Regular treatment with high quality drugs under DOTS can cure TB.
- All services under RNTCP (Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme) are free.

IPE INITIATIVES



IPE CARES ORGANISED BLOOD DONATION DRIVE AT LUCKNOW BRANCH OFFICE

The Blood Donation Camp was organized at Lucknow branch office on February 23, 2018 in collaboration with Lions Club & State Blood Bank under IPE Cares Initiative. The blood donation drive received huge support from the staff and was also acknowledged and appreciated by the team members of Lions Club & State Blood Bank. The donors were awarded certificates by both the organisations.



TOASTMASTERS CLUB @ IPE



IPE CARES CONDUCTED CHILDREN COUNSELLING AT NEW DELHI OFFICE

IPE Cares Club organized a children counselling session at the New Delhi office on March 16, 2018. Our in house help/ support team's children were invited to our office premises and given guidance on problems related to studies, school, social restrictions and other day to day issues. IPEans came forward and contributed their time for the betterment of these children.



SUCCESSFUL EDUCATION TRANSFORMATION

- Shalender Sharma and Shashiranjan Jha

The Indian education landscape is witnessing a major reform across the sector. On the one hand, the development of the New Education Policy, through a consultative process, is underway and on the other, there is a thrust towards strengthening and expanding high quality institutions. The education system, however, has always been plagued with one shortcoming or the other: infrastructure, teachers, policy, budget etc.

The recently announced budget has been one of a kind in the last decade or so. This year's budget has laid clear emphasis on education as the words 'education', 'educational', 'teacher', 'teachers' have been used more than 35 times — perhaps the highest in the last decade. The speech lays clear emphasis upon taking a holistic approach and thus invoking much needed system thinking. This is evident from important initiatives such as bringing integration in the school education sector and integrated B.Ed. The budget speech also focused on the training of untrained teachers which reminds us of the fact that the 'quality of school education can be no better than the quality of its teachers'. The investment in education now should be as just 'financial investment' rather investment

of resources and optimising the available budget. After sustained capital investments in programmes like SSA and RMSA for a long time, it is now time to ensure that money is invested in areas to strengthen quality.

Quality improvement in education is a much needed outcome for India to remain competitive in the global sphere. This would require the education policy to acknowledge that context spans a wide range of aspects encompassing the size of the schools, their financial capabilities, continuous professional development of teachers and assessment of learning standards. It also needs to pave the way for greater transparency in decision making at the institutional and local level. These intricacies would help in robust implementation of interventions for a successful educational transformation.

It remains to be seen how the new policy can be implemented over the coming period. It will undoubtedly require careful monitoring to ensure maximum impact and effectiveness.

(Excerpts from Article on "Successful Education Transformation", written by Shalender Sharma and Shashiranjan Jha, published in a development monthly magazine "Yojana" for the month of April 2018 edition.)

IPE NEWS DESK



PAHAL and Vriddhi participate in the USAID partners meet

USAID organized Partners Meet on 15th March, 2018 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi that brought together various partner organizations working on different projects in the health space in India to showcase their work. The event created a platform for the organizations present to share their insights on the challenges and opportunities in the health sector and explore synergies. PAHAL & Vriddhi teams had set up “Health Market Place” stalls to showcase their projects that displayed the development work in India to Ms. Irene Koek, Sr. Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Global Health, Washington. Mr. Himanshu Sikka, IPE Global introduced the audience to two of IPE’s initiatives in health supported by USAID, namely PAHAL and Vriddhi. He added, “Projects can be scaled by understanding the political economy, building trust and relationships with counterparts, identifying champions at each institutional level, understanding differences in communities at state levels and embedding technology systems within the program design”.

Read more news about Vriddhi here – http://rmncha.in/wp-content/uploads/publications_img/1522651227.pdf



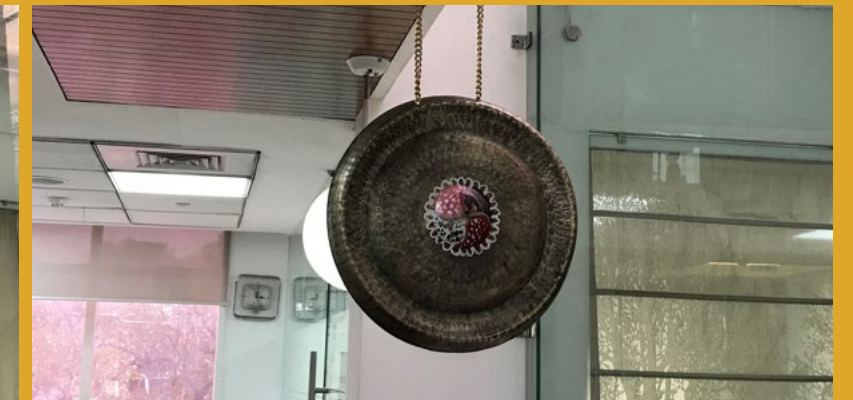
USAID, IPE Global, Wipro GE & 3M partner to launch the Capacity Building Initiative of MerryGold Health Workers

IPE Global led and USAID supported PAHAL has partnered with WIPRO GE and 3M to strengthen Merrygold Health Network’s community based healthcare by providing enhanced skilling and training to its community health workers. PAHAL organized training in Alwar, Rajasthan on the 26th March, 2018 where all the project partners came together to launch the capacity building initiative and discuss the vision of the project. The initiative will build the capacities of 600 CHWs in the first phase, and take it on to 6000 in the next two years. The initiative is supported on ground by Hindustan Latex Family Planning Promotion Trust (HLFPPT).



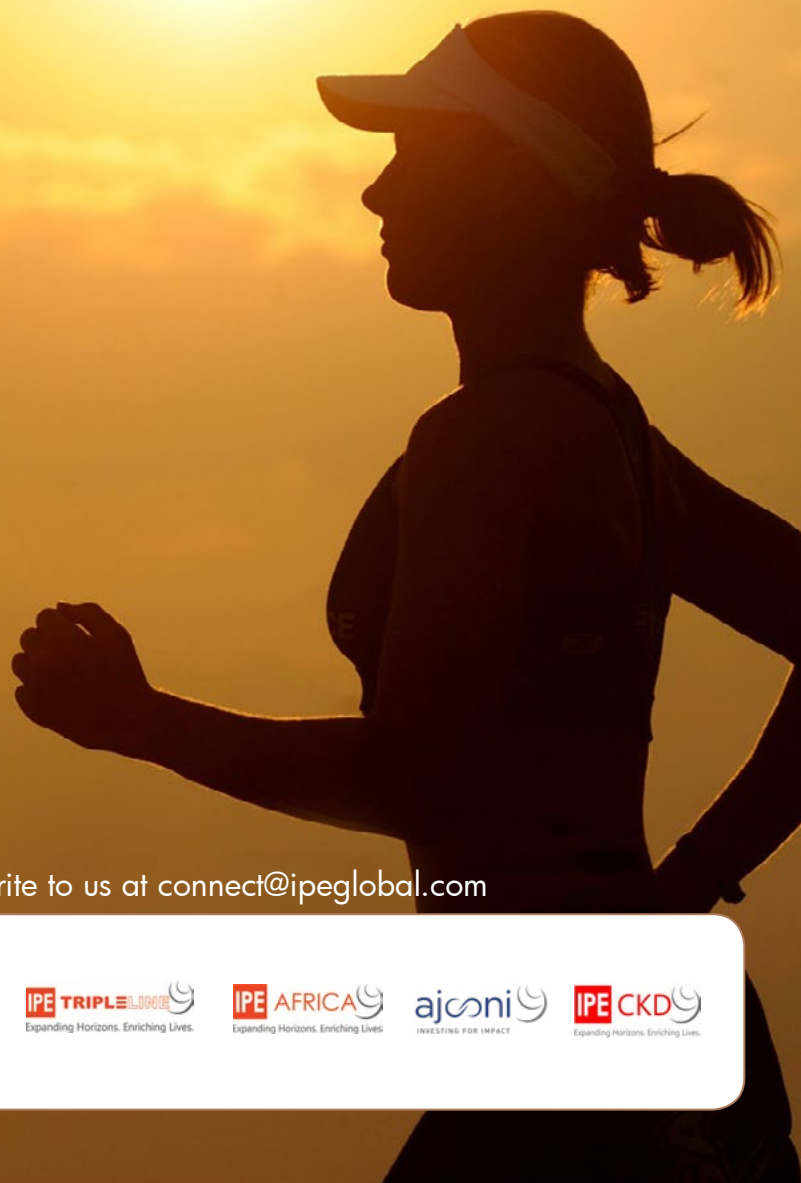
LET’S MAKE SOME NOISE!

‘The Gong’ has been recently introduced at the Head office. It is to be used to announce new wins by the concerned team and any other similar good news/idea.



PAHAL participates in the 2nd National Conference on Health Technology Assessment (HTA), Chandigarh

School of Public Health – The Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (SPH- PGIMER), a premier medical and public health research institution in Chandigarh, India recently hosted a two day national conference on Health Technology Assessment (HTA). IPE Global for its project PAHAL, has identified SPH-PGIMER as a core knowledge partner. Project PAHAL participated in the conference and presented a poster on “Business Models in Telemedicine for Universal Health Coverage: India Experience”. A brief on PAHAL was also published in the PGIMER magazine, which was distributed to over 400 conference participants.



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