Gender and Health Equity Project  
Experiences from the field: Lessons for maternal health policies  

Venue: Central Pergola, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore  

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| 14:00-14:15 hrs | Introductory session                         | Gita Sen, Gender & Health Equity Project, IIMB  
G. Ramesh, Centre for Public Policy, IIMB |
| 14:15-15:45 hrs | Saaku ee mauna: The Gender and Health Equity Project | This session discusses four outputs from the GHE Project's work in Koppal:  
• Addressing maternal risks: A handbook for healthcare providers  
• Maternal Risk Assessment Tool  
• Arivu Neravu for maternal health: What communities should know and do  
• Yaara Hone? Building collective responsibility for maternal safety |
| Chairs        | Amar Jesani, Indian Journal of Medical Ethics, Mumbai  
Gita Sen, Gender & Health Equity Project, IIMB |
| Presenters    | Aditi Iyer, V. Srinidhi, Lakshmi Viswanatha, Vinalini Mathrani  
Gender & Health Equity Project, IIMB |
| Discussant    | Latha Venkataram, Bangalore RCOG Trust, Bangalore |
| 15:45-15:55 hrs | IDRC (International Development Research Centre) in India | Presenter: Anindya Chatterjee, IDRC, New Delhi |
| 15:55-16:15 hrs | Tea/Coffee                                   |                                                                         |
| 16:15-17:45 hrs | Panel 1: Challenges in community mobilisation | We now have consensus that communities are essential stakeholders in achieving  
maternal safety. However, social relationships based on power and dependence on  
health service providers, as well as the nature of health care, restrict active community  
participation for maternal health. What are the challenges and lessons learnt from  
different approaches to community mobilisation? |
| Chair         | Jashodhara Dasgupta, National Alliance for Maternal Health & Human Rights, New Delhi |
| Panelists     | Rakhal Gaitonde, PhD Candidate, Umea University  
Vinalini Mathrani, Vani Periodi, Gender & Health Equity Project, IIMB  
B. Subhasri, Rural Women's Social & Economic Centre, Chinglepet & CommonHealth |
| Discussants   | Arima Mishra, Azim Premji University, Bangalore  
Aparajita Gogoi, Centre for Catalyzing Change, New Delhi |
| 17:45-18:45 hrs | Intersectionality: An interactive experience | Facilitator: Vani Periodi, Gender & Health Equity Project, IIMB |
| 17:15 hrs     | Dinner                                       |                                                                         |
09:00-10:30 hrs  Panel 2: Technology for improved services and accountability

Can tools and technology that provide better information and different approaches facilitate safe and better services for women? Can technology play a role in enabling transparency and accountability? This session explores key lessons learnt from maternal death reviews, mobile applications and medical abortions.

Chair  Leela Visaria, Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmedabad

Panellists  Kirti Iyengar, Action Research & Training for Health, Udaipur  
Pankaj Shah, Society for Education, Welfare & Action - Rural, Jhagadia  
Suchitra Dalvie, Asia Safe Abortion Partnership, and CommonHealth  
Aditi Iyer, Gender & Health Equity Project, IIMB

Discussants  Sapna Desai, New Delhi  
Nirmala Murthy, Foundation for Research in Health Systems, Bangalore

10:30-11:00 hrs  Tea/Coffee

11:00-12:30 hrs  Panel 3: Approaches to improving service quality and performance

Training, supervision and organisational culture determine the competence and day-to-day practice of health personnel. This session presents analyses and lessons learnt from primary research and interventions that aim to strengthen the competence and practice of doctors, staff nurses and ANMs.

Chair  N. Devadasan, Institute of Public Health, Bangalore

Presenters  Neha Madhiwala, Independent Researcher  
V. Srinidhi, Gender & Health Equity Project, IIMB  
M. Prakashamma, Academy of Nursing Studies & Women’s Empowerment Research Studies, Hyderabad  
Jayanna Krishnamurthy, Karnataka Health Promotion Trust, Bangalore

Discussants  N.S. Prashanth, Institute of Public Health, Bangalore  
Sreelatha Rao Seshadri, Azim Premji University, Bangalore

12:30-13:30 hrs  Lunch

13:30-15:00 hrs  Panel 4: The world through the health managers’ eyes

Civil society organisations, researchers and health managers have different ethos, modes of operation, behavioural incentives and constraints. How do health managers and policy makers respond to research evidence and field insights presented in earlier sessions? How can the link between research and policy be strengthened? This session looks at these issues from the perspectives of senior health managers, and opens an interactive dialogue.

Chair  Gita Sen, Gender & Health Equity Project, IIMB

Panellists  Girija Vaidyanathan, Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner for Land Administration, Government of Tamil Nadu  
K. Ellangovan, Health Secretary, Government of Kerala  
Atul Kumar Tiwari, Mission Director (National Health Mission), Government of Karnataka

Tea/Coffee  (will be served during the session)

15:00-16:00 hrs  Interaction with U.T. Khader, Hon Minister of Health & Family Welfare, GOK

Chair  Professor Sushil Vachani, Director, IIMB (TBC)

16:00-16:15 hrs  Pulling it together: Closing remarks and next steps