

South Asian Practitioners Workshop
“Community Monitoring and Social Accountability of Health Programmes”

20-22 February 2013: Mumbai, India

Community based monitoring is emerging as a powerful tool to ensure accountability of public programmes. In India the value of Social Audits in public programming was recognised when it was incorporated as a formal tool of monitoring within the MNREGA programme. Similarly Community based Monitoring was included as a formal monitoring methodology within the NRHM Implementation Framework. A pilot project to implement Community based monitoring was supported through the Government of India and implemented in nine states under the supervision of the Advisory Group on Community Action during 2007-09. Some state governments have continued to incorporate Community based monitoring within their NRHM implementation strategies. In other cases NGOs have introduced different mechanisms for monitoring different aspects of health service delivery including informal payments, use of untied funds, decentralised planning and budgeting, medicine stocks and so on. In this context, there is definite need for much stronger support from the Public health system to Community based monitoring and planning at various levels and in various states, to ensure deepening and generalisation of these processes, which can play a key role in ensuring effective delivery of health services.

Community of Practitioners on Accountability and Social Action in Health (COPASAH) is a global community of practitioners based mostly in the global south who have been innovating methods and approaches of strengthening accountability of health programmes. COPASAH is organising a dialogue on **Community Monitoring and Accountability in Health: Experiences and Expectations** on 22 February 2013. This dialogue aims to examine the experiences of community based monitoring from both a health system and community perspective and develop an expanded role for this approach within public health programming. The dialogue is going to be attended by over 30 practitioners, many of whom would be from various states of India as well as key practitioners from other South Asian countries.

On behalf of the Organising Committee we would like to invite you to this dialogue

Event: Community Monitoring and Accountability in Health: Experiences and Expectations

Date: 22nd February, 2013

Venue: Sarvodaya Ashram, St. Pius College Complex, Goregaon East, Mumbai,

Time: 10.30 am to 1.30pm (followed by lunch)

The agenda is as follows:

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Overview of Schedule

Date	First session 9.30-11		Second session 11.30-1pm		Third session 2-3.30 pm		Fourth Session 4-5.30pm	Eve. prog. 7.30- 8.30
19 February Reach Mumbai by evening								
20 Feb	Registration, Welcome, inaugural songs, introduction etc		Plenary I– 1. Budget at as a accountability tool 2. Rights/ accountability frameworks 3. Overview of CBM experience in NRHM-		Group work/ workshop I - Sharing Approaches: how do we do CBM? Do we actually deepen democracy? -		Group work / workshop II – Collecting evidence with community participation: theory and principles	
21 Feb	Plenary II – South Asian panel – What is an Enabling Context for CM and SA in health	Tea- 11-11.30	Plenary III- Feedback from all four Group work	Lunch 1-2 pm	Exhibition – marketplace of materials to share. Case studies, stories from the field to be shared by the participants	Tea 3.30 - 4pm	Exhibition – marketplace of materials to share. Case studies, stories from the field to be shared by the participants	Exhibition – marketplace of materials to share. Case studies, stories from the field to be shared by the participants
22 Feb	(late start) Plenary IV – Presentations before policy actors		Plenary IV – Moderated discussion with a panel of policy actors, activists		Plenary V - Future plans and follow-up for a stronger network, contd exchanges and documentation		Plenary V (Contd) - Workshop evaluation, wrap-up and goodbye	Departures
22 February departures by evening.								

NOTE: All the anchor-persons will have the responsibility to design the entire exercise, introduce the session, give objectives, invite /brief panelists, do time-keeping and ensure good participation etc