

Divya Parmar

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Academic Background:

PhD

November08-Present

Institute of Public Health

Heidelberg University, Germany

Thesis- A panel data analysis to study the relationship between a community-based health insurance scheme and household economic indicators: Case study in Burkina Faso, Africa

Thesis supervisor: Prof. Dr. Rainer Sauerborn

Funder: SFB 544: "Control of tropical infectious diseases"

Masters of Health Science in Health Systems, International Health

May08

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, USA

Masters of Arts in Social Work

April04

Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India

Specialization in Medical and Psychiatric Social Work

Bachelors of Arts in Economics

April02

St. Stephen's College Delhi University, India

Raghuvansh K. Balbir Prize winner 2001-2002, for showing exemplary dedication and effective leadership in the area of Social Service

Executive Member, Social Service League 1990-2002

Experience:

Supply and Finance Division, GAVI's PneumoADIP

Baltimore, USA

Research Associate

June07 – November07

- Studied the impact of vaccine wastage on single and multi-dose vaccine presentations
- Collaborative project with the Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals, WHO Geneva

EPOS Health India Pvt. Ltd.

Bangalore, India

Project Associate

October04-May06

- Coordinated public health projects in South India
- Member of the core team that designed South India Regional Office (SIRO) business plan for 2006-07
- Recruited and managed consultants in South India
- Prepared and edited reports, recommendations, manual and proposals
- Interacted with donors, state governments and local NGOs for relationship building
- Provided documentation support and maintained the knowledge resource base for SIRO

Special projects:

- Set up the South India Regional Office in Bangalore under the guidance of the Managing Director

Cancer Care Society

Shimla, India

Medical Social Worker

June04 – August04

- Established internal management systems for the Society
- Designed a framework to assess the need for financial aid. The design was rolled out in July04.
- Formed a network with doctors and hospitals to support the Society's programs
- Identified and documented schemes and benefits available to cancer patients and their families in the State of Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh Voluntary Health Organization (HPVHA)

Shimla, India

Intern

April 2004

- Analyzed government's policies regarding opportunities for the disabled. Based on my report, HPVHA guides disabled people regarding available government benefits
- Made recommendations to the local NGOs on the scope of work in the area of disability

Social Service Department, Tata Memorial Hospital

Mumbai, India

Part Time Intern (Academic Field Work)

June03-March04

- Designed a framework to assess the need for financial aid. The design was rolled out in January 2004.
- Conducted counseling sessions with the patients and their families in the pediatric and female wards as well as made home visits to palliative care patients.
- Mobilized family members of palliative patients to form a self support group
- Undertook a SWOT situational analysis project for the Social Service Department of TMH

Committed Communities Development Trust (CCDT)

Mumbai, India

Part time Intern (Academic Field Work)

June02- May03

- Conducted peer-to-peer learning sessions and health awareness workshops with adolescents
- Organized outdoor excursions and camps for children
- Organized a rally on Women's Day, focusing on women's rights. More than 100 women from the area participated in the rally.
- Counseled women in prostitution and adolescents working as rag pickers, on preventive and promotive health care
- Documented case histories of women in prostitution

Voluntary Work:

Sahara Rehabilitation Centre (Delhi, India)

May-June 2003

Sahara, is a non-profit NGO, working in the area of substance abuse.

- Undertook individual and family counseling sessions
- Facilitated small group sharing discussions
- Organized health education talks and workshops
- Supported the Centre Manager in revising the annual Work Plan

Disha Voluntary Organization (Uttar Pradesh, India)

May-June 2001

SMILE (Student's Mobilization Initiative for Learning through Exposure) program

- Assisted the project manager in her routine activities relating to issues of women's rights, domestic violence and micro-financing including self-help groups

Publications

Parmar, Divya; Baruwa, Elaine M; Zuber, Patrick; Kone, Souleymane: Impact of wastage on single and multi-dose vaccine vials: Implications for introducing pneumococcal vaccines in developing countries, *Human Vaccine*; 6(3); forthcoming (March 2010)

Technical Expertise

Research Tools: STATA, PubMed, RefWorks, Endnote and some features of TreeAge (DATA) and Nvivo
Operating Systems: Microsoft XP/Vista, Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point