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FELLOW'S SPOTLIGHT

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Mentor: Renu Khanna, SAHAJ
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My research focuses on organisation and delivery of mental health services at meso and micro levels in a district of lower Assam, affected by repeated violent conflicts. The inherent complexities of the mental health care model in the communities are taken into consideration with an intention to tease out the tangible and intangible factors which impact the perception of caregivers and patients. Using the HPSR lens, this study addresses the learnings from context and circumstance which can eventually build up the mainstreamed advocacy.

The fellowship journey has been enlightening, enriching and enabling in building conceptual clarity in production of new knowledge using HPSR.

Dr. Tanu Anand, Scientist D (Medical)
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Mentor: Dr. Shankar Prinja, Executive Director
National Health Authority & Professor of Health Economics
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I focus on understanding the inter-related concepts of morbidity, determinants of health care utilization and out of pocket expenditure among elderly in India using an equity lens by analysing Longitudinal Ageing Study of India (2017-18). I applied quantitative methods (logistic regression models) to assess determinants such as wealth quintiles and other socio-economic variables (gender, mean per capita expenditures).

The mentoring programme has been very effective in ensuring application of HPSR lens in the study, and I am thankful for my mentor's guidance and support.

The fellowship aims to enhance capacity of mid-career public health professionals in health policy and systems research methods to strengthen evidence-based policymaking in health.

This blended training program, spread over a period of 18 months, includes online, face-to-face phase and mentorship for conducting a HPSR study.

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