

SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH AWARENESS, RESEARCH AND ACTION (SOCAHRA)

Centre for Public Health and Equity (CPHE), Bengaluru

Announces the selection process for the 2nd batch of the Madhya Pradesh Community Health Fellowship Program (MP - CHFP)

The program is facilitated and managed by:

The SOCHARA Centre for Public Health and Equity, Bhopal

- Are you a young professional from civil society / NGO or government background, considering a challenging vocation in public health with a strong commitment to community health and development?
- Are you planning to join or work with the public health system/ the National Rural Health Mission in the state?
- Are you planning to support and participate in the process, campaigns and movements to make “Health for All” a reality in MP?
- Do you want to understand the social, economic, political, cultural and ecological determinants of health and gain skills and experience in inter-sectoral public health action for health?
- Would you like to make public health/community health a career option?
- Do you have the aptitude to study and gain critical knowledge regarding community health and public health?

IF SO,

JOIN THE MP-COMMUNITY HEALTH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Community Health Fellowship program is a teaching learning program in community health. It is run by the Center for Public health and Equity – a unit of SOCHARA with expertise in community health, public health education and health policy. It promotes a new public health paradigm focused on health equity; social justice; underlying social determinants of health including gender; community participation; inclusive and responsive health systems and health policy development.

The two year program teaching learning program in community health is running in MP since 2009. The first batch of 20 fellows successfully completed the course in October 2011.

Vision and Objective

The vision of this community Health Fellowship program in Madhya Pradesh is to develop a critical mass of vibrant, optimistic, community health/ public health practitioners, who are:

- People and person-centric,
- Well grounded in the public health realities of MP and India and in the principles and practice of public health and community health through experiential learning,
- Empowered to engage with and strengthen the public health system,
- Skilled to strengthen community processes and capacities, and
- Keen to become Community health practitioners with equity, rights and social determinants of health perspective.

What do you gain from the CHFP?

- An opportunity to participate in the various community health initiatives in MP including the NRHM –MP
- A learning experience relevant in its content, quality and person centric approach
- A time to share, discuss, debate, reflect on your learning experiences with a community of learners
- An opportunity to be guided by mentors and explore future careers in community or public health.
- Knowledge skills and attitudes to begin a career in public health/ community health.

When does the program start? 1st February, 2012

How long is the program? Two years

How many positions are available? 20

Who can apply?

Applicants may be: Doctors (any system of medicine),
Dentists,
Nurses,
Allied health professionals,
Medico-social workers,
Persons with Social Science, Management and Law backgrounds,
Other relevant backgrounds may also be considered.

Doctors and dentists are eligible with undergraduate degrees (i.e., five and a half years training), while for social science candidates a post-graduation is required with an interest to work long term in health. Weightage will be given to candidates who are women, *adivasi*, or from minority or marginalized groups and or from remote disadvantaged regions and populations.

Candidates will need to speak, read and write both Hindi and English as both languages will be used. Hindi will be the preferred language as it is critical for community work. Those not very fluent in English will be encouraged to gain greater proficiency in the language to enable them to access the vast literature in public health, community health and related disciplines that is available.

How to apply?

- Write to Project Director, MP-CHFP, Centre for Public health and Equity, Bangalore by post or email, with your CV and a brief note on **why** you wish to join the program.
- Please provide the names of at least two references with their postal address, telephone numbers and email address.
- If you are working with an NGO or with the government health system, send a letter of the sponsorship as well.
- Candidates deputed/sponsored by the government or by an NGO will be given preference (This is however not compulsory).
- Write to us for any further queries

Last date for receipt of application will be: 25th December 2011

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