

Internship
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Introduction

About the Organization

PHFI is an autonomously governed public private initiative registered as a Society under the Societies Registration Act 1860. Under the governance structure adopted by the Society, the Foundation is governed by a fully empowered, independent, General Body (comprising of all the members of the Society) that has representatives from multiple constituencies – government, Indian and international academia and scientific community, civil society and private sector.

The management of the affairs of the Society is entrusted to the “Executive Committee”, the governing body of PHFI that is elected by the Members of the Society in accordance with the Rules and Regulations. The Chairperson of the General Body also chairs the Executive Committee. The President (the Chief Executive Officer) of the Society is a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Executive Committee and holds the position of the Member Secretary.

PHFI is a response to redress the limited institutional capacity in India for strengthening training, research and policy development in the area of Public Health.

It adopts a broad, integrative approach to public health, tailoring its endeavours to Indian conditions and bearing relevance to countries facing similar challenges and concerns. The PHFI focuses on broad dimensions of public health that encompass promotive, preventive and therapeutic services, many of which are frequently lost sight of in policy planning as well as in popular understanding.

The Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh, launched PHFI on March 28, 2006 at New Delhi. PHFI recognizes the fact that meeting the shortfall of health professionals is imperative to a sustained and holistic response to the public health concerns in the country which in turn requires health care to be addressed not only from the scientific perspective of what works, but also from the social perspective of, who needs it the most.

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Vision, Mission and Values

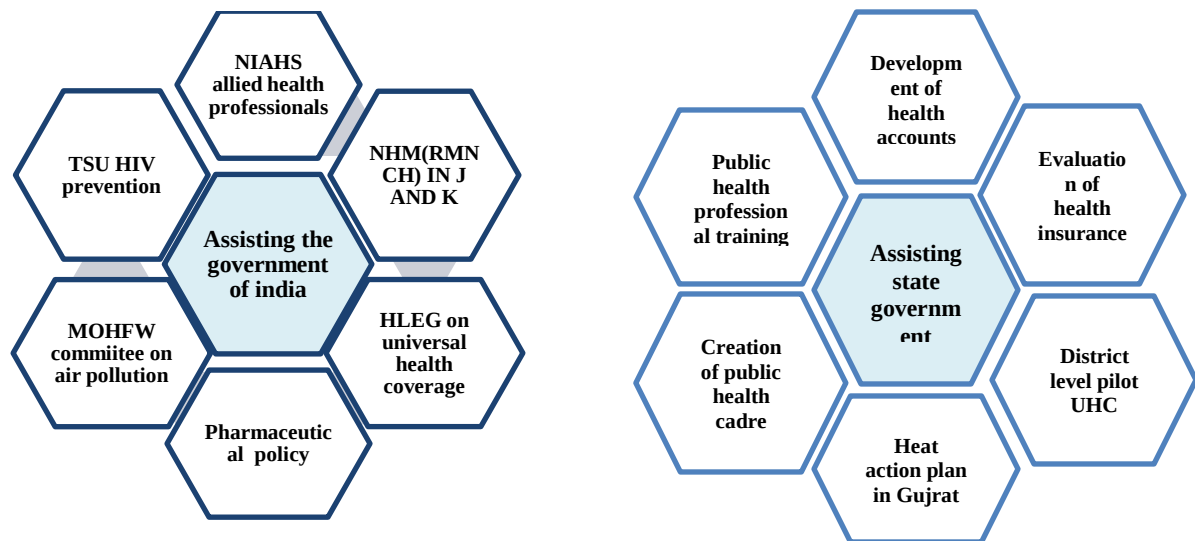
Vision	Vision of PHFI is to strengthen India's public health institutional and systems capability and provide knowledge to achieve better health outcomes for all
Mission	Mission of PHFI is developing the public health workforce and setting standards Advancing public health research and technology Strengthening knowledge application and evidence-informed public health practice and policy
Values	Transparency - Uphold the trust of our multiple stakeholders and supporters - Honest, open and ethical in all we do, acting always with integrity
	Impact - Link efforts to improving public health outcomes, knowledge to action - Responsive to existing and emerging public health priorities
	Informed - Knowledge based, evidence driven approach in all we do Drawing on diverse and multi-disciplinary expertise, open to innovative approaches

WORK

Since its inception PHFI has worked to establish a robust evidence base for public health, in partnership with national and international institutions, by advancing policy and programme relevant research in prioritised health areas. PHFI has been undertaking projects in multiple areas including epidemiology and control of infectious and chronic diseases, maternal and child health, health systems, and social determinants of health. PHFI recognizes scientific curiosity as fundamental to research and endeavors to cultivate an enabling environment for faculty, staff and students, to undertake studies in various disciplines of public health and drive the research agenda at PHFI and IIPHS.

A pan – PHFI Research Management Committee (RMC) helps to steer and support research, as an organized activity. An independent (Research Advisory Committee), consisting of eminent external experts, helps to provide peer review and strategic counseling. The RAC is presently chaired by Professor Barry Bloom, former Dean of the Harvard school of Public Health. To ensure the ethical aspects of research are adhered to, an Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) has been established to review all proposals for research, provide guidance, and promote ethical conduct in all research undertaken at PHFI. The PHFI-IEC provides guidance and promotes ethical conduct in all research undertaken by researchers at PHFI.

PHFI has a portfolio of over 133 ongoing research and implementation projects, with several multi-centric and multi-stakeholder studies. Partners include international academic institutions, central and state governments, community-based organisations and the private sector. Research efforts undertaken by PHFI have led a total of 2337 publications till 9th Feb 2016, with an average impact factor of 386 research projects, several of them involving multiple stakeholders.



- Goals of internship –Assessing the public provisioning in Nutrition and challenges in service delivery in selected states of India
- Services provided by hospital/organization- Place to Work, wifi accessibility, good opportunity to interact with seniors
- Departments visited- Environmental health, Health economy
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- Reporting extra-ordinary good/adverse events without naming hospital/department – Flexibility in timings and good organization environment, provide various opportunities to learn new thing.