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IHAT (India Health action Trust)

India Health Action Trust (IHAT) was constituted by the registered Trust Deed in 2003 dedicated to the enhanced health and wellbeing of individuals and communities in India, irrespective of caste, creed or religion. IHAT is also registered under section 12A(a) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 as a “Wholly Charitable Trust” and under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 1976.

IHAT originally focused on providing comprehensive technical assistance and training in programme planning and management to the states of Karnataka and Rajasthan. Over the years, the trust has supported the State AIDS Control Societies (SACS) in Maharashtra, Bihar, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Goa.

India Health Action Trust (Uttar Pradesh Technical Support Unit) was constituted in 2003 by the trust deed for the wellbeing of deprived communities, their health status irrespective of caste, creed and religion. It is a sister concern of University of Manitoba.

The mission is to improve public health status and develop policies using evidence based decisions. The main Focus areas are RMNCH+A, HIV/AIDS, Family Planning, Nutrition, Pneumonia and Diarrhea.(1) The main focus areas are 25 High Priority Districts (HPD) which also include the aspirational districts of Uttar Pradesh.

Technical Support:

IHAT believes in Theory of Change to guide its support to Government for improvisation of health status. Assessment is done by reviewing the process of the program, its outputs and finally outcomes. A continuous monitoring of all strategies implemented and its evaluation at every step helps the health Program Managers to take quality decisions. This also helps in ruling out gaps and their analysis for further rectification.

UP Health Dashboard

UP Health DashBoard is a tool Developed by IHAT (UPTSU) which gives analytical interpretation of various indicators using data from UPHMIS portal. It provides an insight about the performance of 75 district and also shows there ranking monthly, quarterly and annually.

It provides us with the facility to compare the performance of a district with the best performing district of Uttar Pradesh. UP Health Dashboard also permits the comparison of data for a given district across two time periods.

Since it has been the part of Health system in Up so it is very necessary to support and increase the usage of health dashboard among all the 75 districts and also to rule out the reasons for poor usage of the portal if any so as to improvise and resolve the issues while using it.

Vision

Equity and quality in public health and development.

Mission

Impact public health and development policies through evidence generation and knowledge sharing.

Enhance learning through innovation and application of programme science.

Promote partnerships with Governments, non-government agencies and community organisations to design and implement high-impact public health programs.

Achivements

IHAT Senior Technical Advisor awarded with Honoris Causa Recognising the exceptional contribution by Dr. Shivalingappa S. Halli, Professor of Department of Community Health Sciences, University of Manitoba, Canada in community health sciences, the University of Agriculture Sciences, Dharwad honoured Dr. Halli with the honorary doctoral degree on the occasion of their 31st convocation.

Network and Partners

IHAT has partnerships at the local, state, national and international levels. IHAT collaborates closely with the Centre for Global Public health of the University of Manitoba, Canada and the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), AIDS Control Societies and Ministries of Health in various states in India. At the grassroots, IHAT partners with registered NGOs, CBOs and community service organisations.

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