

Internship
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Excellence, Surat

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Internship Report

I had done my internship under UHCRCE .

UHCRC project (2013-2016) was an interdisciplinary research, training, advocacy and network project, the first of its kind in India under the execution of health department of Surat Municipal Corporation. The seed funding of a project was by Asian City Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN) of Rockefeller foundation. After 2016, the project UHCRC has been institutionalised as UHCRCE i.e. Urban Health and Climate Resilience Center of Excellence as the registered nonprofit trust. The UHCRCE trust was registered in 2017. The trust is settled by commissioner of SMC, and members of trust board are representing public and private organisations. UHCRC key initiatives are -

Surat climate and health data analysis of the perceived heat stressed year of 2010 showed 224 additional all cause deaths in summer . This intrigued UHCRC to carry retrospective and prospective analysis of climate data and generate heat, humidity and heat index trends, further showing their association with mortality and morbidity. On basis of this evidence, UHCRC prepared evidence-based 'Heat and health Action Plan- Surat (HHAP-S)' as the first coastal city plan in India. Phase I of the HHAP was piloted in 2016 summer.

SAUAR is a multi-stakeholder partnership that promotes nutritious food through community training for urban agriculture. SAUAR also fosters social media-based information and support system. Till date, 202 individuals have received training under SAUAR ensuring its reach to urban poor population and community health workers. More than 150 have attempted or are successfully maintaining their terrace or kitchen gardens.

Learnings in Organization

.Learned the working culture and functioning of an NGO

Worked on Mental health project

.Made a project on domestic violence under the NGO training workshop Olakh

.Attended Mental Health training workshops

.Conducted Workshops related to globalization