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SOCHARA in its 27th year was an important step in a journey with earlier roots by staying together, growing and making a small difference in the quest towards Health for ALL became possible with the support and solidarity of many partners and fellow travellers. Multiple strategies evolved over the years. Society members, team members, community health fellows, alumni, like-minded spirits in government, civil society and academia, holding diverse views worked together and grew around our six SOCHARA objectives. This journey encompassed multiple activities reported here.



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## Objective 1:

To create awareness on the principles and practice of community health among all people involved and interested in health and related sectors.

- The engagement with DJ Halli community continued this year too with the focus on facilitating people's involvement and participation to keep the environment clean. This is a multi-partner project with BBH, BBMP and GILGAL, and focuses on important strategies such as creating awareness; encouraging segregation of waste and its disposal; weekly meetings; networking with elected representatives, officials and community leaders; continuous training programs on various topics including foot hygiene, waste segregation, waste management, nutrition, community monitoring, oral health and school health.
- SOCHARA conducted training on Sanitation and Health for the animators from Rural Health and Literacy Programme (RLHP), Mysore at ISI Bangalore on the 24th and 25th October 2017. The team conducted sessions on understanding sanitation and community health; links between them and public health; determinants of sanitation by using the social, economic, political, cultural and environmental approach; the traditional approaches to sanitation programs; history of sanitation programmes in India; health and human rights were the major topics covered in the training by using multiple methodologies.
- Training programme on sanitation for RLHP Health Animators was conducted in Mysore on the 1st and 2nd December 2017, which covered sanitation and community health linkages, communicable diseases, determinants and impacts of sanitation, SECPCE analysis, low cost toilets, health and human rights, accessibility and care in the public health system.
- Training program on sanitation at Tirupattur, Tamil Nadu was conducted on the 12th and 13th December 2017, which covered waste management practices, occupational health of the sanitary workers, Swachh Bharat Mission, SEPCE analysis, health and hygiene and low cost toilet models.
- A one day eco- sanitation training program for school children was conducted on the 7th November 2017 at Malur. Another one day training programme was organized by Zilla Panchayat, Hassan and SOCHARA for Panchayat Development Officers (PDO) on toilet usage and rural waste management practices at Belur Taluk, Hassan district on 6th February 2018. 27 Panchayat Development Officers and 25 data entry operators attended

the training programme. The connection between open-air defecation and mental health, culture and sanitation, sustainable waste management practices in rural areas and importance of toilet usage and sustainability were discussed.

- A two-day training programme for 85 Self-Help Group (SHG) members was organized by SOCHARA and Hassan Zilla Panchayat at Hagare village of Belur Taluk and Kabali village of Hassan Taluk on 5th and 6th March 2018 with the objective of creating awareness among the SHG members on the importance of sanitation, gender issues linked to sanitation, and construction of toilet using locally available materials.
- A health education programme on the ill-effects of tobacco and the importance of their prevention, along with training program on sanitation (open-air defecation) was held on the 28th of January 2018 for the Hakki Pikki community members at Lakshmihalli, Kanakapura, Bangalore. This was a joint initiative by Society for Community Health Awareness, Research and Action (SOCHARA) and Bangalore Baptist Hospital.
- SOCHARA trailed a “Zero Seasonal Hunger” initiative through System of Rice Intensification (SRI) method in Yamasandi, Aldur and Iravalli villages in Karnataka, 2 villages of Chhindwara district, Pawerjhandra village of Betul district (both of Madhya Pradesh state) and in SOCHARA’s premises in Bangalore. This was done through community mobilisation, orientation to farmers on the technique and mutual agreements to own it. This trial yielded mixed results.
- One SOCHARA staff member participated in a consultation and dissemination workshop on the issue of heat stress and human health, organized by Watershed Organisation Trust on 20th and 21st April 2017 in Pune. This is part of the collaboration between SOCHARA and WOTR on the issue of climate change vulnerability and health. The consultation and dissemination workshop was attended by local NGO representatives, academics, and governmental officials.
- SOCHARA organized a panel discussion on “Environment and Health” as part of an event honouring Fr Claude D’Souza at Ashirvad in Bangalore, on 23rd June, 2017.
- SOCHARA organized a panel discussion and workshop on food systems in Bangalore at the Institute of Agricultural Technologists on 12th August 2017. This was attended by experts in the area of agriculture, nutrition, economics, water and public health, and also by students, media professionals and NGO workers. The case study used was “tomatoes”.
- Efforts were made to raise awareness about community health challenges in India and on SOCHARA’s activities as part of the TCS World 10K run organized in Bangalore on 21st May 2017. SOCHARA campaigned actively online for funds, and was able to attract attention to pressing issues such as environmental health, food systems and community empowerment. These activities were done during April and May 2017.
- Since 2000, Makkal Nalavazhvu Iyakkam (MNI) had led numerous initiatives and activities to strengthen the public health system in Tamil Nadu and the health rights of the people. Numerous studies show that the growth of the private sector has a direct negative impact on the public health system. As part of this process, MNI launched a state wide

campaign against corporate-led privatisation and commercialization of health care in Tamil Nadu. The campaign started by organising a series of district meetings and press meets in the month of April 2017 on “World Health Day”. SOCHARA which hosts MNI secretariat, facilitated state level meetings and district level meetings along with press meets to initiate the campaign, and got press coverage across the state.

- As part of the campaign SOCHARA-CEU organised a state level consultation on regulation of private sector in health care in Tamil Nadu, on the 15th September 2017. It was aimed to create an environment, build up pressure, and generate political will to pass suitable legislation for regulation of the private health sector. The strategy was to accommodate and bring together the multi-stake holders’ view including people, civil society, academicians, researchers, activists, bureaucrats and politicians with the primary objective of “building political strength and environment to pass state- specific legislation on private sector regulation with focus of protecting patients’ rights”.
- Dr. Darez Ahmed, Mission Director of National Health Mission shared his views on the community action for health and the regulation of the private sector. Dr. Abhay Shukla and a team member from SOCHARA who is also a JSA National co-convenor, along with other senior government officials exchanged their views on this important issue. There were 7 persons who testified from different parts of Tamil Nadu, whose rights in private health care facilities were denied. The denials of rights were in different areas and were presented to the panel of experts.
- During this year, five district meetings in Dharmapuri, Tiruchy, Karur, Pudukottai and Coimbatore were organised to discuss the campaign on privatisation in health care in Tamil Nadu, and also other specific issues in the district.
- In this period five regional meetings across Tamil Nadu and a state level meeting in Puducherry were conducted focussing on the campaign against privatisation of health care in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. These were at Chennai (11th January 2018), Coimbatore (9th March 2018), Dharmapuri (10th January 2018), Madurai (23rd December 2017), Tiruchy (24th February 2018), and Puducherry (13th Jan 2018) regions. By covering adjacent districts they together reached all 30 districts in Tamil Nadu, in which more than 100 civil society organisations participated. The objective of the meetings was to understand the privatisation in health care in Tamil Nadu, and to develop strategies to address the challenges.
- SOCHARA conducted a session on health and sanitation for high school students of Jaigopal Carodiya Govt. Hr. Sec. School on 25th January 2018 for 120 students.
- SOCHARA took a training session on the Union Health Budget in Chennai on 11th February 2018 for 23 professionals from various backgrounds.
- A lecture on Child Health was given in the All-India Conference organised by Madras Medical Mission Health Sciences College, Chennai by the SOCHARA team.
- Through a one-day district level meeting with Panchayat Raj representatives, Village Health and Sanitation Committee members and representatives of civil society

organisations, the status of community structures in Dharmapuri district was reviewed and strategies were developed by the SOCHARA team.

- The SOCHARA team regularly collects and analyse growth monitoring data from villages of Madhya Pradesh and in urban areas of Bhopal and give regular feedback to the NGOs and community. Apart from the regular pattern of analysis the team also uses Anthro software developed by WHO, which enables longitudinal assessment of children individually, as well as cross-sectional assessment of children in a community as a whole. The latter is useful for comparisons with different communities at a particular point of time, as well as longitudinal assessment of a particular community when done repeatedly over a period of time.
- As part of the awareness process, the results of the analysis of the growth monitoring data is communicated back to the partner organisations, their field and community level staff, and ultimately to the community for appropriate action. This feedback is in the form of information about the number and names of children with moderate and severe malnutrition, in the field area as a whole and in individual villages.
- In the Bhopal urban area, the team regularly supports the Anganwadi centres of Gandhinagar and Bagmugalia slums, in mother's education on nutrition and in growth monitoring of the children in the centre.
- The SOCHARA team regularly interact and orient the print and visual media of Tamil Nadu on different emerging health issues and contribute articles and participate in discussion in the news channels.

## Objective 2:

To promote and support community health action through voluntary as well as governmental initiatives

- As part of SOCHARA's commitment to Communitisation of Health (CAH) in India, throughout the reporting period the team helped the National Health Mission, Tamil Nadu to develop a model of CAH covering the whole state. This was done through discussion with many officials and civil society organisations. Due to this effort the Government of India has approved a state wide process of CAH in Tamil Nadu with the financial support of about Rs. 4.5 crores.
- As part of this re-initiating process, we also facilitated a visit from the National Advisory Group on Community Action (AGCA) to Tamil Nadu, and had extensive discussions with the health officials to realise implementation of the model on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2018. In this, one team member from SOCHARA (who is also the member of AGCA) also participated.
- One of the team members is part of the state Mentoring Group for Community Action (MGCA) of the Madhya Pradesh government. As part of this process the team helped in NGO appraisal in four districts of the state, and in conducting the Participatory Learning Appraisal training programme.
- As part of the NGO appraisal team of Madhya Pradesh, the SOCHARA team member helped in appraisal of ASHA training centres. The team visited Betul and Sehore district ASHA training centres and reviewed the training programmes.
- The team member also took part and provided inputs in the two-day consultation organised by the National Health Mission of Madhya Pradesh to start the process of Community Action for Health in the state.
- To regulate the private health care sector, the Tamil Nadu government neither implemented its own Act, (which was passed in the Assembly in 1997) nor adopted the central Clinical Establishment Act 2010. State meetings of MNI were organised in the month of July and November 2017, MNI has initiated a post card campaign to demand implementation of the Clinical Establishment Act to regulate the private sector and for a public dialogue before implementing it. Representation was also made to the Chief Secretary and Health Secretary of the Tamil Nadu government on the same issue.
- Through this campaign 25000 Post cards were posted from across Tamil Nadu by MNI members to the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's office, appreciating the intent to pass the Act, and requesting a public debate of the draft.

- As part of many processes including campaign by MNI, the Tamil Nadu government has enacted an Act in the Tamil Nadu Assembly on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018. However the Act does not have positive provisions to protect people's health rights. Hence MNI issued a press statement and submitted a memorandum to the Tamil Nadu Governor Sri Banwarilal Purohit to defer the bill and re-draft it with proper public consultation.
- The MNI secretariat joined the series of meetings on the issue of National Eligibility Entrance Test for undergraduate medical admissions in India. We released press statement on the issue of quota system for in-service candidates for post-graduate admissions.
- A team including SOCHARA staff members visited a few urban health centres in Chennai on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 to understand and strengthen the urban health facilities in the city. The team met officials, elected members and the community and planned for a discussion with the health system.
- SOCHARA is part of resource group of Maternal Health Rights Campaign in India. The campaign in Madhya Pradesh conducted a 2 days state-level meeting for its new partners and a one-day meeting for Bhopal region partners. As a follow-up of these meetings, a sub-team has conducted maternal death audits in Bhopal slums.
- SOCHARA engaged in the area of collective action for food, environment and health, through a project supported by Menzies Aviation Bobba Pvt. Ltd. The project was conducted in Iravalli village of Chikkamagalur, where local people articulated local concerns and participated in trials of system of rice intensification.
- SOCHARA participated in many meetings at Vimochana towards development of a burns policy for Karnataka state. Currently the state government officials are considering the policy document submitted to them by Vimochana.
- SOCHARA assisted an NGO in Chennai to understand health implications of thermal power projects.

## Objective 3:

To undertake research in community health policy issues, including strategies in community health care, health personnel training, integration of medical and health systems.

- Based on the media reports and field realities MNI members formed a fact-finding team in the month of February to understand the issue of sex determination and abortion of the foetus in Tiruvannamalai district. The team met a variety of officials and released the report to the media. This was to seek attention of the government on this issue, with recommendations for effective implementation of Social Justice Scheme in Tamil Nadu to save women and girl children.
- One of the team members acted as a reviewer for the e-Social Sciences and Humanities journal
- SOCHARA supported various persons in their research projects. Some of these are David Franco, Priya Chinchwadkar, Kavita Bhatia, Professor Omkar, and Gabor Tiroler; PhD students including Rakhal Gaitonde, Rahul Amruthapuri, Amitava Sarkar, Sr. Jessie MJ and Deepa Kozhiserry; other interns including Sharon; funding agencies including OPTIONS; academic and research institutes including TISS, McMaster University (Hamilton, Canada); NGOs including NICE Foundation, SAMA; Government institutions including Karnataka Policy Study Group and the National Tuberculosis Institute.

## Objective 4:

To evolve educational strategies that enhance the knowledge, skills and attitudes of persons involved in community health and development.

- SOCHARA organised a one-day state level meeting for 23 SOCHARA Fellows and other young minds working on the health issues of Tamil Nadu on 16th September 2017 in Chennai..
- Training to 20 NGO heads on “Health for All” was done through Centre for Social Initiative and Management, Chennai by SOCHARA.
- SOCHARA took a training session for MSW college students on Disaster Management, as a part of the training program organised by TNFORCES.
- The team has conducted four days training to the partner organisations of Vikas Samvaad, a rights-based NGO working in Madhya Pradesh. The training covered nutrition, malnutrition, breast feeding, nutritional value of foods and traditional food systems.
- The SOCHARA team is continuously supporting the NGO Prasoon, with capacity building on health issues. This year SOCHARA team conducted three training programmes for its new staff members, each programme lasting two days. The focus was on health problems in India, malnutrition and tuberculosis.
- The SOCHARA team also conducted training for the staff members of CFI, which works in six slums of Bhopal.
- The training to NGOs in Madhya Pradesh always includes regular training of field staff and community level workers. Regular field visits are made to follow up the training. During these visits, the field staffs are assessed for their ability to use skills and knowledge acquired during their training in the course of their work - especially in the areas of providing correct health education to mothers and other family members, correct techniques in growth monitoring and interpretation of results, and in interaction with Government workers (ASHA and Anganwadi workers).
- SOCHARA continued its intervention to strengthen the educational strategies of various institutions through orienting their students on different topics. These institutions include St. John’s National Academy of Health Sciences (SJNAHS) on Mission Health Sector Management challenges (held in SOCHARA); Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Public Health (RGIPH) of the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS); and in Azim Premji University, Bangalore.

- Through the public health education network, SOCHARA contributed to Jan Arogya Andolana Karnataka, Foundation for Revitalisation of Local Health Traditions, IIT Madras, Basic Needs India, Karnataka Association of Community Health and SELCO Foundation.
- SOCHARA continued its CHLP approach and guided the interns or Post Graduate students who are posted here. Through this initiative 25 students have done their internship / placement in this year.
- SOCHARA continued its interaction and networking with the field mentors of CHLP program and fellows especially with SELCO Foundation, Karuna Trust, Watershed Organisation Trust, Tribal Health Initiative, CIVIDEP and Medico Friends Circle.

## Objective 5:

To dialogue and participate with health planners, decision-makers and implementers to enable the formulation and implementation of community oriented health policies.

SOCHARA continued its work with the policy and decision makers including Government institutions, academic institutions and civil society groups through multiple strategies.

- It contributed through the meetings and discussions organised by Advisory Group on Community Action (AGCA) of National Health Mission (NHA)
- Discussion with Karnataka and Tamil Nadu Governments to restart the Community Action for Health process through AGCA
- The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)
- Madhya Pradesh community action mentors group
- One to one discussions with the Director of Tamil Nadu National Health Mission Director and officials
- Peoples Health Movement
- State Oral Health Policy meetings at Karnataka
- National Education Policy group
- Ministry of Health Karnataka Vision 2025
- With WHO through joint consultation
- NITI Aayog and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on Universal Health Care
- ICMR Symposium on Clinical Trials Act

## Objective 6:

To establish a library, documentation and interactive information centre in community health.

SOCHARA's information system has grown over the years. Currently it operates through its three arms viz., CLIC, SIMS and SJ-Map. The activities of these three arms are as follows:

- 901 new books were received and accessed in SOCHARA's library in this year across the three units. We received books as donations from INSA/India, Dr. D K Srinivas, Dr. Mani Kalliath and from Dr. Deeksha Sharma.
- 8 Health Round-up issues were published.
- 4 Health Digests were published.
- This year SOCHARA completed stock verification of books in all its 3 units.
- The assistant librarian visited the Bhopal unit to organise the CLIC in Bhopal office.
- The SOCHARA website pages were regularly updated during this year with the technical support provided by KGLN, Bengaluru. All three unit activities were regularly uploaded along with providing links for SOCHARA Silver Jubilee and Archives.
- One E-News letter was published.
- SOCHARA actively created and managed social media accounts such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn along with WhatsApp tools.
- SOCHARA continued its initiative of archiving files, documents and books.
- SOCHARA has developed the following thematic files in this year– Medico Friend Circle; mission health sector; appropriate technology in health; medical pluralism and LHTs; People's Health Movement – Global and National; Medical Education and Community Health innovation; Public Health Education and Alternatives; Socio-epidemiology.
- Archival collections are being added gradually to relevant section of the website in coordination with website.

### Publications by SOCHARA during the year 2017-18

1. Campaign material on Clinical Establishment Act and Universal Health Care.
2. Release of introductory chapter of "Global Health Watch II" published by Peoples Health Movement and summary of Blind Optimism published by Oxfam, which were printed in Tamil.

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6. Pradyumna, Adithya (2017): "Air pollution: time for health sector –led action is ripe", Health Action, Vol. 30, No. 5, pp13-15.
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8. People's Health Movement, invited paper in Oxford Encyclopaedia of Global Public Health by RN – October 2017. (sent for peer review)
9. Bringing Public Back into Public Health – Final PGI Annual Public Health Lecture by RN – (Manuscript for publication – October 2018)
10. Janakiram, C, Sanjeevan, V, B R, Rajeev, Joseph, J, Stauf, N. and Benzian, H. (2017), Political priority of oral health in India: analysis of the reasons for neglect. *J Publ Health Dent*. doi:10.1111/jphd.12254
11. Narayan, Thelma. (2018), Public Health Education in India , 2018 - Does it contribute to Health Equity? MFC Bulletin No. 377-378, Hyderabad.
12. A teaching aid on environmental health has been prepared at SOCHARA for use as part of SOCHARA's training programmes and also for courses on public health and social work in other colleges in India.
13. A lay epidemiology manual has been prepared at uploaded for general use on the SOCHARA website
14. A working paper has been prepared in collaboration with WOTR on the field study on heat stress and human health in Jalna district of Maharashtra. This is being peer reviewed by the ASSAR consortium experts.
15. A draft chapter on public health ethical aspects of the endosulfan tragedy has been prepared and submitted to book editors at Azim Premji University

## Objective 7:

### Networking and Solidarity with Civil Society organisations

- SOCHARA is one of the founding members of “India Ban Asbestos Network”, which was initiated by Occupational and Environmental Health Network of India (OEHNI). We conducted one state-level orientation meeting each in Bengaluru and Chennai to discuss the asbestos and health impact connection, and to facilitate civil society, representatives from civil society organisations, government officials and students in the campaign.
- SOCHARA team presented a paper on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in strategizing campaign to protect women workers rights in organised industry organised by THOZI, a group working on women workers rights all over Tamil Nadu.
- Three press releases on National Health Policy 2017, quota for in-service candidates in PG admission through NEET and Tamil Nadu Amendment on Clinical Establishment Act 2018 were released by MNI in the press meetings followed by the memorandum given to the Governor of Tamil Nadu to obtain the Assembly’s approval on the same.
- SOCHARA actively contributed to strengthening of public health system in Tamil Nadu in health care programmes for unorganised workers, small-scale tobacco industry workers, marginalised communities, health care protection during disasters in Chennai, community accountability and governance in health systems functioning, health of the waste pickers and providing quality health care to displaced people in Chennai.
- SOCHARA as active members of JSA Madhya Pradesh and the team took part in Budget analysis workshop and in Dr. Ajay Khare’s memorial lecture organised by MP-JSA.
- SOCHARA team actively connected with the MP Fellows group through different communication channels.
- SOCHARA participated in the conference held during 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2017 organised by Association for India’s Development in Hyderabad on the themes of “Challenges and success stories in achieving health for all - engaging communities towards sustainable development”; “Public advocacy to address agrarian crisis, environmental justice and Adivasi rights”; “Rights of marginalized communities”.
- SOCHARA supported the AID representatives to understand the nutritional status of Bhopal children and responses of civil society organisations through field visits to slums and meeting with partner organisation Prasoon.
- SOCHARA participated as resource person in a national meeting on child development organised by Christian Children Fund in Chennai on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

- A team member presented a paper on “Community health approach to child health” in the national conference organised by Madras Medical Mission Health Sciences College on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018.
- SOCHARA participated in the Asbestos Workshop held at Mapple Express, Delhi, organized by OEHNI of India on 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> December 2017.
- SOCHARA attended the open house by Sensing Local on air pollution monitoring and impact in Bangalore on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017.
- SOCHARA participated in a consultative workshop on socially inclusive cities by Institute of Public Health, Bangalore, conducted on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Centre for Budget and Policy Studies.
- SOCHARA attended a consultation on priorities in environmental health research at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, conducted by the Centre for Environmental Health, PHFI, on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017.
- SOCHARA attended a “Transformative Scenario Planning” workshop on water in Bangalore conducted by Indian Institute for Human Settlements at NTC in Bangalore on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017.
- On 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017, one team members spoke at a workshop by Carers Worldwide and NIMHANS on “Government initiatives and programmes to meet the needs of carers”.
- On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 SOCHARA participated in a one day “Learning Circle” meeting in Delhi on “Community Monitoring and Accountability : Creating Momentum” by Options Consultancy Services and Packard Foundation .
- In December 2017 one team member attended the Core Group Meeting and Governing Body meeting of CBR Forum at Caritas India office, Delhi and participated in “*Samarthya*”.
- On 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017 SOCHARA attended the meeting of Consortium for a Tobacco Free Karnataka (CFTFK) on Suraksha (tobacco control).
- On 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 SOCHARA attended the 37<sup>th</sup> RGIPH Advisory Committee Meeting at RGUHS.
- 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Bioethics (WCB) under the banner of International Association of Bioethics (IAB) and the 7<sup>th</sup> National Bioethics Conference (NBC) of Forum for Medical Ethics Foundation (FMES) on the Theme ‘**Health for All in an Unequal World: Obligations of Global Bioethics**’ is to be held from 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 in Bengaluru. SOCHARA is one of the organising committee member and actively taking part in various activities, including regular organising committee meetings, setting up secretariat, abstract finalisation and other preparatory activities.
- On 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 one team member took a session on National Health Programmes for Sister Doctor’s Forum of India (SDFI).

And

## Administration and Finance

### HUMAN RESOURCES as of March 2018

SOCHARA- SOPHEA has a committed, talented, inter-disciplinary team members based in CHC- Bangalore, CHC –Chennai and CPHE Bhopal presently in three clusters will be the human resources for this phase.

### TECHNICAL TEAM

#### **Coordinator / Secretary**

1. Mr. Sam Joseph: Since October 2016 (contract expires mid Oct 18). Previously he worked with Action Aid as field director for India and country director for Somaliland and led the UBUDEHE (PovertyReduction Stragety ) in Rwanda. He possesses certifications in policy anaylsis from Indiana University, permaculture from Australia, Master of Social Work (Institute of Social Sciences), BA (St. Stephen’s College).

#### **Director – Academic and Health Policy Action:**

2. Dr. Thelma Narayan: She is one of the co-initiators of SOCHARA and was coordinator CHC for the period of 1998- 2006 & 2010 - 2016. She a doctoral degree in health policy (LSHTM), Msc in Epidemiology (LSHTM) and medical degree (Bangalore).

#### **Co-convenor and Coordinator CEU, Tamil Nadu**

3. **Mr.Ameer Khan:** A post-graduate in social work. He is also convening the PHM Tamil Nadu chapter, as well as a member of the National Working Group of PHM India. He is an alumnus of CHLP phase 1.

#### **Co-convenor of SOCHARA (Currently on Study Leave)**

4. **Dr.AdithyaPradyumna:** A graduate from St. John’s Medical College and LSHTM London. He will pursue his Ph.D. in Epidemiology at the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute from September 2017 with full scholarship from the Swiss Government. He will volunteer with SOCHARA during his study period to support some activities in the environmental health theme. He is an alumnus of CHLP phase2.

### **Coordinator / Consultant – Bhopal**

5. Dr. Ravi D'Souza: He is an MD in community medicine and has 30 years' experience in this field. He is supporting the Madhya Pradesh activities and the team as consultant.

### **Training and Research Associate – Bengaluru**

6. Mr. I.M. Prahlad: A post graduate in environment science with work experience in the Water and Sanitation program of the Karnataka Government joined the CHC team in 2010 and has increasingly raised the profile of community based and led sanitation program in our work.

### **Training and Research Assistant –Bhopal**

7. Mr.Sayyed Ali: A post graduate in Social work, posted in Bhopal office is alumni of SOCHARA's fellowship program. He has experience in appropriate technology and nutrition related work.
8. Ms.Nidhi Shukla: A post graduate in mass communication, posted in Bhopal office is alumni of SOCHARA's fellowship program. She has experience in tribal health and a master trainer for the ASHA's in Madhya Pradesh.

### **Training and Research Assistant, Bengaluru**

9. Dr. B R Rajeev, he is a post graduate in Dentistry and was the fellow of SOCHARA, CHLP batch 12, phase 3 with interest in local health traditions and healers, oral health and appropriate technology.
10. Mr. Alfred Raju: He is a postgraduate in Social Work and in theology and presently supporting the Bengaluru team as a volunteer during his Doctoral Studies at UTC.

### **Web and Communication Manager**

11. Mr. D. Suresh: stationed at Chennai office has Masters Degree in Information Technology. He is one of important team player in the Community Action for Health initiative in Tamil Nadu since 2007. Apart from supporting the CAH in Tamil Nadu he manages the SOCHARA website and facilitate the e-learning and e-sharing process (social networks) in community health in coordination with consultant and the technical team.

### **Assistant Librarian**

12. Mr. H. R. Mahadevaswamy: Trained as a Librarian, he manages the resource centre of CHC - the CHC Library and Information Centre (CLIC) and supportively supervises the extension of CLIC in Chennai and Bhopal and other units in Bangalore. (CPHE and SOCHARA Annexe) He also facilitates the Health Digest and Health Updates and supports the online activity as well.

## ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM – (Bengaluru - HQ)

### **Administrative Officer**

13. Mr. Victor Fernandes: He is working with SOCHARA since 2004

### **Accountant**

14. Mr. Mathew: who has post graduate degree in business administration, is working with SOCHARA since 2006.

### **Office Supervisor**

15. Ms. Maria Dorothy Stella –, SOCHARA

### **Additional support staff in Bengaluru.**

16. Mr.HariPrasahdOhja- Office assistant, SOCHARA Bangalore

17. Mr. M.S.Joseph – Office assistant, SOCHARA Bangalore

18. Mr.Tulsi Chetri – Office assistant, SOCHARA Bangalore

*(And office helpers in Bangalore, Chennai and Bhopal - In Bhopal and Chennai offices admin, accounts and library work is managed by the technical team but at least one additional multi-purpose admin team member is required to be added in this phase.)*

## ADVISORS

### **Community Health Advisor and Archivist, SJMAP**

Dr.Ravi Narayan: He is a public health professional and health activist who currently works as an honorary adviser. His main interests include the community paradigm in health and the evolution of health as a social movement. He is one of the original co-initiators of Community Health Cell (CHC). He is an active member of the People's Health Movements International Advisory Committee and community health consultant to state and central MoH, RGIPH, TDU etc.,

## MEMBERSHIP in Committees/Governance of other groups

1. SOCHARA team member is a General Body member of TNFORCES, RUWSEC and Executive Committee member of Tamil Nadu Health Development Association. He attends their meetings regularly.
2. SOCHARA team member was an Executive Committee member of Medico Friends Circle, India (until March 2018).
3. SOCHARA team member was a Steering Committee member of Pesticide Action Network India.

4. SOCHARA staff member was an Editorial Committee member of the Medico Friend Circle Bulletin (until March 2018).
5. SOCAHRA team member is a Board member of APD (Association of Persons with Disability).
6. SOCHARA team member is the Director, Public Affairs Foundation (PAF) Bangalore.
7. SOCHARA team member is the Secretary of Collective Action for Basic Rights Foundation.
8. SOCHARA team member is member of Christ University's Board of Studies of the MSW programme.

## SOCHARA SOCIETY MEMBERS

Society members are also resource persons from multidisciplinary backgrounds with rich experience and will be invited as and when required to support and advice regarding technical aspects and skill development of the new team. In addition some members will actively support governance as members of the EC.

## FINANCE

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