

**SECOND CONTACT PROGRAMME
OF
POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DISTRICT HEALTH MANAGEMENT
(PGDDHM) PROGRAMME
AT
Conference Hall, NHSRC
(29th April 2010 to 5th May 2010)**



29-4-10

Moderator: Dr. Vandana Prasad

The 2nd Contact Programme (CP-2) Of PGDDHM was held from 29th April to 5th May, 2010 at the Conference room, NHSRC, Delhi. Dr. Vandana Prasad introduced the second spell of the programme; she was joined by Dr. Arora.

After the inaugural session Dr. Vandana started the session with a discussion to give an understanding of the necessity of community participation not from the eyes of the government as a receiver of projects and programmes from the government but as a 'right' of the people. She gave an insight on the different levels participation as seen in the community and the most desirable of them.

The first session of the contact programme 'Understanding Community Participation and Community Health worker programme' was facilitated by Ms. Priya. It was stressed that since this was a session undertaken during the Teleconference the attempt has been that one is not repetitive with the sessions and that new areas are covered. As the aforementioned topic was discussed during the teleconference she dwelt on the current status of the ASHA programme – the progress of the programme in terms. of ASHAs selected and trained and the support structure. Dr. Vandana gave valuable inputs and discussed the ASHA evaluation and the ASHA mentoring group.

Dr. Ganapathy facilitated the next session on 'Convergence and the social determinants of health'. This topic was discussed w.r.t. ICDS, ECCE, nutrition and food security in the context of a district health plan. Some of the basics that need to be understood in the context of nutrition and food security in the district health plan were discussed along with the key strategies of the government on food security. The key strategies was then discussed keeping in mind the key constraints and weakness of each.

The third session of the day was on 'Rational Drug Use and standard treatment protocols' facilitated by Dr. Sangeeta Sharma from the Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences. She gave an insight on the objective of the health policy and discussed in detail the misplaced initiatives in the health sector. Dr. Sharma also advocated against the growing dependence on Private Sector and also spoke on behalf of the Delhi Society for Promotion of Rational Use of Drugs (DSPRUD) of which she is the Secretary. She described the irrational use of medicines as an epidemic and thus the need to break the vicious cycle of misuse of Drugs.

The last session of the day was a group work facilitated by Dr. Ganapathy on 'Developing strategies to combat Malnutrition'. The EPW article 'Strategies for children under six' by the 'Working group on children under six'.

30-4-10

Moderator: Dr. Dinesh Jagtap

The day began with group presentations on the previous day group work. This was facilitated by Dr. Rajib Dasgupta and Mr. Haldhar Mahto. As all the groups presented on the same topic the facilitator/s summarized the presentation at the end of the session and gave an overall feedback and critical comments.

The first session of the day was on 'District Health Action Plan: Structure & Components' facilitated by Dr. Dasgupta. He began with a planning cycle and also discussed whether this could be said to be appropriate for a DHAP. The various essential components were also discussed in detail. Mr. Haldhar Mahto also showed a framework of the DHAP. The various areas which provides space for qualitative data to come in and how one could write a DHAP creatively taking into account the context of the district was discussed.

The remaining sessions of the day: Understanding and analyzing the functioning of village health committees, Study of VHSC guidelines Jharkhand, People's movement and campaign in health was facilitated by Mr.Haldhar Mahto. The VHC was discussed with critical insights from the field and the Jharkhand experience was shared. The participants were interested in the connection between the various people's movement in health and the kind of policies that come about. Towards the end of the day's session the participants were asked to study the VHSC guidelines of Jharkhand and Mr. Mahto facilitated the discussion.

1-5-10

Moderator: Mr. Haldhar Mahto

The day began with a review presentation by the participants after which Dr. Dinesh Jagtap discussed the 'Use of log frame for assisting the programme managers'. The logical framework was discussed along with the various indicators and the means of verifying those indicators. After which the next session was on District Health Plan which was briefly discussed.

The next session was a group work facilitated by Dr. Dinesh Jagtap wherein the Participants prepared a log frame based on a given questionnaire.

The last session of the day was a debate on training of Dai vs. Phasing out of Dais facilitated by Mr. Haldhar Mahto. Those that spoke for the phasing out of Dais pitched the argument on the issues of skills of Dai. There was consensus on the need of training of Dais however locating Dais in the context of NRHM and institutional delivery that needed further discussion.

2-5-10

The day began with review presentation after which Ms. Priya facilitated the session on '30 cluster method' after a brief presentation on the method a group exercise was facilitated on the 30/10 cluster method.

Dr. Sundararaman facilitated the next session on 'District Health Management and HR Management issues' where he shared the various innovations that could be done to tackle the HR issues in the district (incentivising, multi-skilling etc). His session wherein he also discussed training and capacity building and the differences between the two and capacity building as inclusive of an enabling environment with appropriate policy framework also pitched the next session on training.

The last session of the day was on 'Designing a Training programme' facilitated by Mr. Sushant Verma. He discussed the steps of training and the training cycle.

3-5-10

Moderator: Mr. Arun Srivastava

The fifth day of the contact programme was a field work to Ballabgarh at the Comprehensive Rural Health Services Project, a collaborative project of the AIIMS. and Government of Haryana. The CRHSP had a secondary level hospital at Ballabgarh and two PHCs at Dayalpur and Chhainsa. The students visited the hospital in the morning. Dr. K Anand and Dr. Sanjay Rai along with Dr. Puneet Mishra introduced the project to us after which a member of the team gave us a presentation. The presentation on the project was followed by a visit to the various departments of the hospital including the MIS which had data upto every individual of the Household. After lunch the team proceeded to PHC Chhainsa which had a team of Medical officers from both AIIMS. as well as Government of Haryana. The team gave the participants an insight on the how the team facilitated making the Village health plan. Mr. Sushant took a session on PRA and Mr. Arun Srivastava facilitated a session on how community participation could be fostered in the villages falling under the PHC.

4-5-10

Moderator: Dr. Dinesh Jagtap

The day started with a session on 'Information for Planning' facilitated by Dr. Rajani Ved. She dealt with the various sources of information and the types of data one can use to get information to design a plan. The session was followed by group work where the group had to think on a situational analysis for the questions which they have tackled in the log frame exercise.

The next session was facilitated by Dr. Padmanaban 'Logistics of Drugs and Medical Supplies'. The Tamil Nadu model of Drug and medical Supplies was also discussed in great detail by the facilitator. He also gave an insight to the Tamil Nadu model being initiated in Uttar Pradesh.

The after lunch session was facilitated by Dr. Ritu Priya. She discussed AYUSH in the context of the District Health Plan and also discussed the potential role of dais in the present context of institutional delivery.

Dr. Archana Prasad facilitated the last session of the day. She facilitated the session on 'Qualitative Research Methods'. The politics of methods of research and the government's response to this various methods was discussed in detail. The basics of both qualitative and quantitative research and the method suitable for the type of study were discussed in detail.

5-5-10

Moderator: Dr. Vandana Prasad

Prof. Sundeep Sahay took the last technical session of the programme. He explained the basics of HMIS – what constitutes it and how one designs it was explained in detail. He also advocated for a precise HMIS where one does not collect a data which is not to be used. Each data if not contributing to one and half of an indicator must not be collected. He shared on the idea of not overburdening staffs with bulky data collection which will not be used later.

Dr. Vandana took the next session which was discussion on various queries of the students regarding the programme, the progress of the various books and the printing of the log book. She also advised the students to start with the field work assignments sooner rather than wait for the log book. With these various queries and discussions the programme was brought to a close.

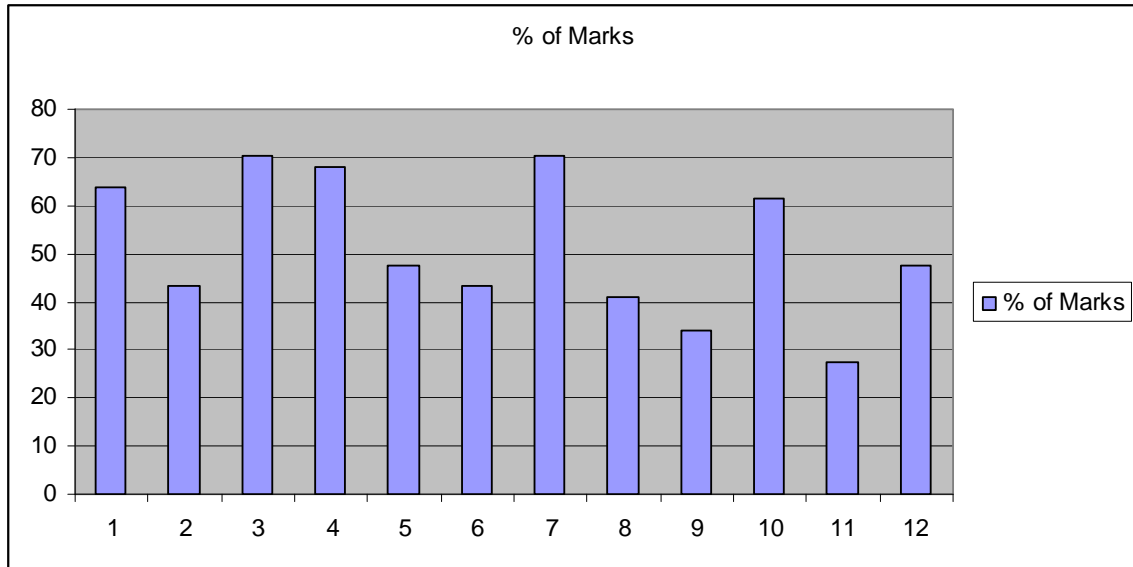
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Evaluation and feedback

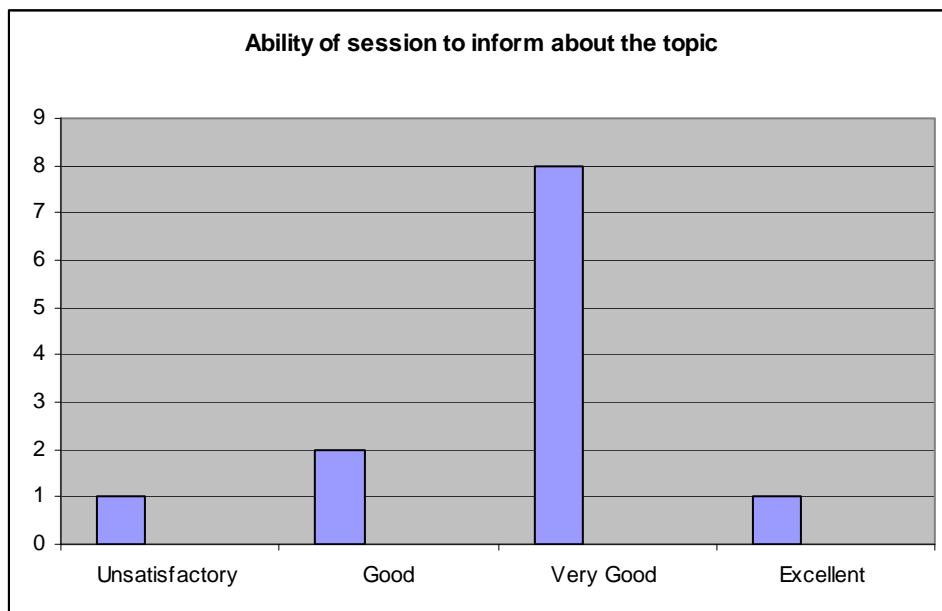
The first contact programme of the IGNOU-PGDDHM course was held at NHSRC with 15 participants as follows:

1. Dr. Anil Chauhan
2. Dr. Avinash Sharma
3. Ms. Indu Gupta
4. Ms. Jhimly Baruah
5. Ms. Julie Swarnkar
6. Ms. Jyoti Malavade
7. Ms. Kahkashan Khan
8. Ms. Kanchan Srivastava
9. Dr. Lovepreet Singh
10. Mr. Prem Pratap Singh
11. Dr. Suwesh Kumar
12. Ms. Shweta Awasthi
13. Dr. Shailesh Kumar Sutariya
14. Dr. Shankar Reddy

The resource persons for the programme were facilitated from the PHRN network members who were also academic counselors for the programme. The evaluation of the students consist of a set of 14 questions which carry a total of 44 marks (each point/ key words carrying one mark) Annexure 1. The graph below shows the score of the students in percentages.

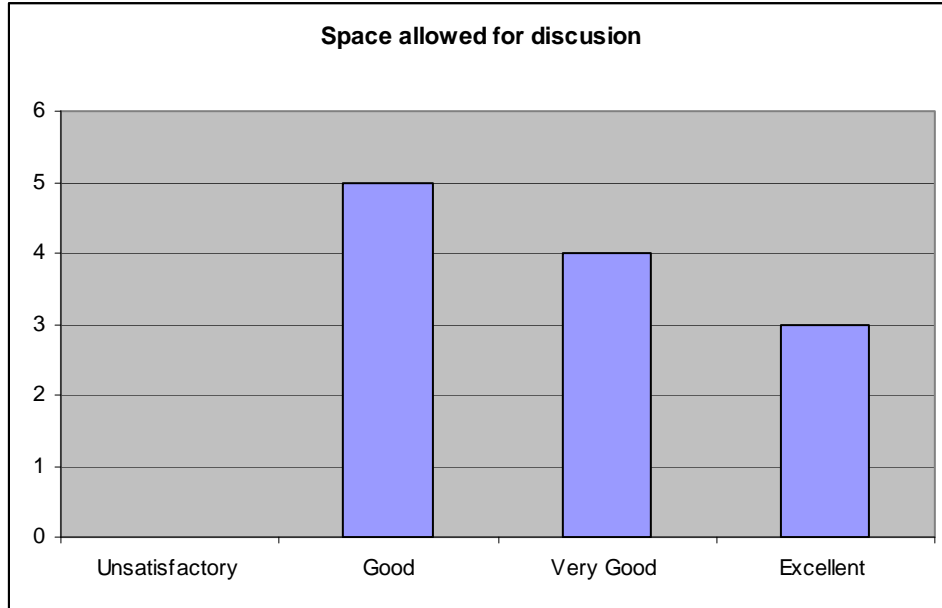


The least score is 12 out of a total of 44 marks i.e. 27% (scored by one student) and the maximum being 31 i.e. 70% (scored by two students). The evaluation was confidential and tried to encompass all the sessions covered during the contact classes.



Out of a total of 12 students who gave in the Feedback form, 8 students responded that the ability of the session to inform about the topic was 'Very good', 2 students responded

as 'Good' and 1 student each responded with 'Excellent' and 'Unsatisfactory'. The last respondent also commented that the IGNOU course module was difficult to understand as the content is not well structured and that it is better to refer to the PHRN books instead.



The response for space allowed for discussion was positive with 3 responses as 'Excellent; 4 responding as 'Very Good' and 5 responses as Good. This could be due to the fact that 4 sessions had a corresponding group exercise which provides the students the space to discuss their understanding on the specific topic.

It was commented that District Health Plan needs more elaboration and also request for adding topics not in the Study programme like a session on 'writing a research proposal'. There was also a comment that the session 'Logistics of Drugs and Medical Supplies' was most comprehensive. All the participants informally shared their dissatisfaction with the field work as the field work was to understand community participation whereas no such initiative was seen in the field. The facilitators however took a session in the field to understand what could be the possible action that can be taken to initiate community participation. It however has been noted that a core team needs to visit a new field area before the field work session to avoid mismatch between a proposed field area, the learnings expected and the learnings offered.