



Anjan Ghosh, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta

Anjan Ghosh is a final year doctoral candidate with the Strategic Management group at the Indian Institute of Management Calcutta. His research interest covers organizational change, organizational hybridism, social entrepreneurship and development sector dynamics. Anjan has over 15 years of international management and consulting experience in start-up, turn around, acquisitions/merger and innovation. He has been the founder-director of a successful e-learning venture (TCT), Indian head of a NASDAQ listed organization (DigitalThink), a profit center head for a global talent development corporation (NIIT) and the Principal Researcher -Innovation Lab at India's second largest IT Company (Infosys). As an action researcher, Anjan started the operations of CINCOMM and is now a member of the core group providing strategic leadership to the organization.

Archana Choudhary, Save the Children, India

Archana Choudhary is the Project Manager in Save the Children, India and is based in New Delhi. She is currently managing Nutrition Programme on Improving Nutrition Security, through multisectoral convergence approach. She has her masters in Horticulture from DR. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture as well as Masters in Social work with Health as specialization. She is also a fellow of the Visionary Leadership Programme supported by Packard Foundation.

Aswathy S., Department of Women and Child Development, Odisha

Aswathy S., an M Phil in Economics and one of the toppers from her batch of 2003, is also an expert in Social Policy and Governance. Excels outstanding skills in Social policy formulation, Gender issues, Nutrition programming and Child Rights. A key administrator and programme implementer, has served three districts of Odisha (Sonepur, Balangir &



Mayurbhanj) as Collector & District Magistrate. A Keralite by birth; believes in hard work, perseverance and integrity to succeed and remains focused on establishing new strategic directions for developmental activities from within the Government.

Bijoy Patro, One World South Asia

Bijoy Patro is a journalist turned humanitarian worker, now back to full time media and communication work. He is presently Director, OneWorld Foundation India.

Deepika Chaudhery, Micronutrient Initiative

Deepika Chaudhery is a technical and program expert in maternal and child nutrition and has 20 years of experience working in diverse contexts that affect the world's most vulnerable populations. As Deputy Regional Director at the Asia office of the Micronutrient Initiative (MI), Dr. Chaudhery oversees the overall direction of the development process, delivery and quality assurance of MI Asia's portfolio of micronutrient programs in six Asian countries, including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, India, Nepal and Pakistan. Under her guidance and leadership, MI now plays a major role in the development and expansion of micronutrient supplementation and food fortification programs that address hidden hunger in Asia. Dr. Chaudhery works in close partnership with national governments, members of the private sector and other development assistance agencies to carry out MI's programs. Dr. Chaudhery has received a PhD in Nutrition from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India and received an MSc in Food & Nutrition from Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi.

Dipa Sinha, Center for Equity Studies

Dipa Sinha is an activist with the Right to Food campaign. She is a fellow at the Centre for Equity Studies and an advisor to the Supreme Court-appointed commissioners on right to food.

Gayatri Singh, UNICEF

Gayatri Singh is a professional working in the field of community nutrition. In a career spanning over 25 years she has worked with various academic institutions and NGOs. Gayatri Singh is currently working as a Nutrition



Specialist with UNICEF, India Country Office in New Delhi. Prior to this, she has worked in UNICEF state offices of Uttar Pradesh and Orissa. She has extensive experience of working with state governments and NGO partners in planning and implementation of large scale community nutrition programmes

Harish Chand, World Vision India

Harish Chand is providing a technical leadership to Block Operational Strategy as an Advisor in World Vision India. He has worked in different roles from field Coordinator position to leadership position. He has done Masters in Sociology, Post-Graduation Diploma Rural Development and is currently perusing Diploma in Health & Nutrition. With more than 15 years' experience by working with communities and government on nutrition issue, he is now very passionate to address the issue of malnutrition. He has worked in various capacities in World Vision India from field coordinators to the leadership level. He has provided leadership as a Programme Manager to implement Integrated Birth Spacing Project (IBSP) project with the support of Health Department in Barabaki. He has been in Baran, Rajasthan, and has closely worked with ICDS and evolved a model on Institutional Capacity Building of ICDS to address the malnutrition. Haldhar Mahto, Public Health Resource Network

Haldhar Mahto, PHRN

Haldhar Mahto has been working with the Public Health Resource Network, Jharkhand as a Senior Program Coordinator since its inception. Haldhar, a former Ford Foundation fellow, is an active member of a number of front ranking civil society organizations in the state and has a multidisciplinary background. He holds a M.Sc. in Chemistry and a M.Sc. in NGO Management, Policy and Administration from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He also holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development from Xavier Institute of Social Services.

Harsh Mander, Center for Equity Studies and Right to Food Network

Harsh Mander is a social worker, writer, and Director of the Centre for Equity Studies in New Delhi. He was formerly an Indian Administrative Services



officer and a member of the National Advisory Council and special commissioner to the Supreme Court of India in the Right to Food case.

Indra Jeet Singh, Vatsalya

Indrajeet Singh is the Program Manager in Vatsalya. He has extensive experience in the areas of reproductive and child health, maternal and newborn health, adolescent reproductive health, health and nutrition, peer education, gender and exclusion. He now works closely with the state and district level government systems. He is experienced in designing and implementing development projects and has a Masters in Community Medicine and Public Health from Lucknow University and a Masters in Social Work from Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya Avadh University.

Ishaprasad Bhagwat, Save the Children India

Ishaprasad Bhagwat is a Medical Doctor, with a Public Health background; who considers himself a public health nomad, forever on the search to contribute to improving the quality of life of people through evidence based interventions. This has led him to work in a number of geographies in the fields of health, nutrition, WASH, livelihoods and gender. Now, as the National Manager for Health and Nutrition at Save the Children, India; his interest is in preventing neonatal mortality and child undernutrition in partnership with communities, frontline health workers and development partners.

Lawrence Haddad, IFPRI

Lawrence Haddad is a Senior Research Fellow in the International Food Policy Research Institute's Poverty Health and Nutrition Division. He was the Director of the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex from 2004 to 2014. Prior to that he was a Division Director at IFPRI and a Lecturer in Development Economics at the University of Warwick, UK. He is an economist and his main research interests are at the intersection of poverty, food insecurity, and malnutrition.

Laxmikant Palo, Save the Children, India



Laxmikant Palo is Senior Advisor-Nutrition for Save the Children India. Laxmikant Palo has over 20 years of experience in public health, nutrition and community development programmes across a diverse range of national and international organisations India. He has also worked as Senior Technical Advisor/Theme Leader-Nutrition for the Vistaar Project at IntraHealth International in New Delhi. In this role, Laxmikant was responsible for managing the Secretariat for the Coalition for Sustainable Nutrition Security in India. Dr. Palo has a PhD in Public Health and Nutrition.

Marie T. Ruel, IFPRI

Marie T. Ruel has been Director of IFPRI's Poverty, Health and Nutrition Division since 2004, after serving as Senior Research Fellow and Research Fellow in that division starting in 1996. Since joining IFPRI, she led the Multi-Country Program on Challenges to Urban Food and Nutrition and the Global Regional Project on Diet Quality and Diet Changes of the Poor. Prior to IFPRI, she was head of the Nutrition and Health Division at the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama/Pan American Health Organization (INCAP/PAHO) in Guatemala, where she worked and lived for 6 years. Dr. Ruel received her Ph.D. in International Nutrition from Cornell University and her Masters in Health Sciences from Laval University in Canada.

Minaxi Shukla, CHETNA

Minaxi Shukla is one of the three founder members and Additional Director of CHETNA. Since 1980, she co-ordinates the programmes related to children's health education and development in rights and gender perspective. She has contributed in conceptualization and co-ordination of innovative child-focused health education programmes, developing approaches and learning resource material. She co-ordinates the International Resource Group for promotion of Child-to-Child, contributed in National Plan of Action for Children -2005 and State Plans of Action for Children in Gujarat and Rajasthan states, securing children's rights in XI and XII Five year. Minaxi contributed in national level process of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child review and developing the Country level NGO-Alternate report especially in the areas of Basic health and Welfare. MS contributed in restructuring of Integrated Child Development Scheme, National Policy for Children 2012 and national Early Childhood Care and Education policy.



Nilanjana Ghosh, CINI India

Nilanjana Ghosh is Senior Programme officer in CINI working in the areas of programme of convergent action across Education, Protection Health and Nutrition and is based at CINI's Head office in West Bengal. She designs, plan and coordinate the rights based programmes in CINI which aims to create Child & Woman Friendly Communities at the local level. Ms. Ghosh has key interest in community development programme in participatory approach involving the local key stakeholders. She has also interest in programme analysis, monitoring, community mobilisation, women empowerment and community participation. Ms. Ghosh has done her Masters in social work from university of Calcutta and has been working for more than 12 years in development sector.

Pallavi Patel, CHETNA

Pallavi Patel is a Founder member and Director of Centre for Health, Education and Nutrition Awareness (CHETNA). She is a trained nutritionist. CHETNA is working on the issues related to women, young people and children's nutrition and health issues since more than three decades. Pallavi Patel has showcased various innovative approaches and strategies to empower the adolescent girls and women to take control of their own health. She strongly believes that to improve health of women and adolescents, gender concerns need to be addressed. She has presented several papers at state, national and international forums.

Pragnya Das, Madhya Pradesh Technical Assistance Support Team

Pragnya Das is Nutrition Specialist in DFID funded Madhya Pradesh Health Sector Reforms Program and is based at FHI360 led MPTAST office in Bhopal, India. She provides techno-managerial support to the Department of ICDS, GoMP in strengthening core areas such as- planning, training, implementation, convergence, monitoring and evaluation under the flagship program of ICDS. She is a post graduate in Food and Nutrition and PGPRM from XIMB. She has a 13 years of progressive experience in designing, managing, monitoring and research in nutrition and health projects in the states of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.



Pramod Kumar Joshi, IFPRI-India

Pramod K. Joshi is the director for South Asia. Previous to this, he held the positions of the director of the National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Hyderabad, India, and the director of the National Centre for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi. Earlier, Dr. Joshi was South Asia Coordinator at the International Food Policy Research Institute and senior economist at the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics in Patancheru. His areas of research include technology policy, market, and institutional economics.

Purnima Menon, IFPRI-India

Purnima Menon is a Senior Research Fellow in IFPRI's Poverty, Health and Nutrition Division, and is based at IFPRI's Asia office in New Delhi, India. She conducts applied nutrition research in the South Asia region, with a focus on programs and policies to improve maternal and child nutrition. Currently, Dr. Menon leads a team that is conducting impact and process evaluations of Alive and Thrive, a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-supported initiative to improve infant and young child feeding and child nutrition in Bangladesh, Viet Nam and Ethiopia. Dr. Menon also leads POSHAN (Partnerships and Opportunities to Strengthen and Harmonize Actions for Nutrition in India), a new 4-year initiative to build evidence, partnerships and communications to improve nutrition policy and program actions for nutrition in India and to document the impact of this initiative. Dr. Menon holds a Ph.D. in International Nutrition from Cornell University and a M.Sc. in Nutrition from the University of Delhi.

Rajalakshmi Nair, UNICEF

Rajalakshmi Nair is currently with UNICEF Maharashtra field office in the capacity of Nutrition Specialist. She has been associated with UNICEF since last seventeen years. She has extensive experience in the field of Public Health Nutrition and contributed significantly to the Setting up of the first functional Nutrition Mission in the Country.

Rajiv Tandon, Action Contre la Faim-India



Rajiv Tandon is currently serving as the Senior Advisor- Advocacy at the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN). Prior to this he was the Coordinator for the Nutrition Coalition of India. He has over 25 years of experience in clinical and public health, both in the public and private sectors. He earned a Doctor of Medicine (MD) in Paediatrics, from the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Nagpur University, India. Dr. Tandon has significant experience in supporting Government of India systems and programmes, such as the Reproductive and Child Health Programme, the National Rural Health Mission of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the ICDS Program of the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

Ramanan Laxminarayanan, PHFI

Ramanan Laxminarayan is Vice-President for Research and Policy at the Public Health Foundation of India. He has worked extensively with the World Health Organization (WHO), World Bank and other international organisations on evaluating malaria treatment policy, vaccination strategies, the economic burden of tuberculosis, and control of non-communicable diseases. Prof Laxminarayan also directs the Center for Disease Dynamics, Economics & Policy in Washington DC, and is a Research Scholar and Lecturer at Princeton University.

Rasmi Avula, IFPRI

Rasmi Avula joined the Poverty, Health, and Nutrition Division of IFPRI in January 2011. She received a PhD in Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior in 2010 from the University of South Carolina and an MS in Nutrition from South Carolina State University. She is working on the research-arm of POSHAN (Partnerships and Opportunities to Strengthen and Harmonize Actions for Nutrition in India), a new 4-year initiative, to build evidence for program actions for nutrition in India.

Roger Thurow, Chicago Council of Global Affairs

Roger Thurow joined The Chicago Council on Global Affairs as senior fellow on global agriculture and food policy in January 2010 after three decades at The Wall Street Journal. For 20 years, he covered many important global affair as a foreign correspondent based in Europe and Africa. Along with his



colleague Scott Kilman, he was shortlisted for the Pulitzer Prize in International Reporting in 2003 and honored by the United Nations. In 2009, they were awarded Action Against Hunger's Humanitarian Award. Thurow is an expert on agricultural development and speaks often on high-visibility platforms related to nutrition, hunger, and agriculture in the United States, Europe and Africa. In 2013, he spoke about the power smallholder farmers in Africa at TedxChange Seattle event, hosted by Melinda Gates. He has also authored several books. Thurow's next book will tell the story of the vital importance of proper nutrition and health care in the 1,000 days window (from a woman's pregnancy to her child's second birthday). Thurow graduated from the University of Iowa.

Sachin Jain, Vikas Samvad Samiti

Sachin Kumar Jain works as the Secretary and Director of Vikas Samvad Samiti, which is a research, capacity building, process facilitating and media advocacy organization with a vision for securing just and equitable socio-economic development. He is also an executive body member of the State Social Audit Society in the Government of Madhya Pradesh, a member of the State Institutional Ethical Committee for Child Health Nutrition Interventions, and the State Advisor to the Commissioners of Supreme Court of India in Right to Food. Sachin has post-graduate degrees in Journalism and Mass Communication and in Sociology.

Satish Agnihotri, Cabinet Secretariat

Dr Satish B. Agnihotri, an IAS Officer of Orissa cadre from the 1980 batch. Dr. Agnihotri is currently, Secretary (Co-ordination), Cabinet Secretariat. He has a PhD from the School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK. Dr Agnihotri has held various positions in the Government of India, such as Director General (Acquisition) in the Ministry of Defence, Additional Secretary in Ministry of Agriculture, Director General (Shipping), Joint Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat. In addition he has worked in the capacity of Secretary of Women and Child Development in the Government of Orissa.

Shalini Singh, National Health Systems Resource Centre



Shalini Singh works as independent public health consultant in Bangalore. She has previously worked with the National Health Systems Resource Centre in New Delhi, the Community Processes Division and has provided technical support to the Central and State governments of Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Karnataka for strengthening community processes. Dr Singh has a Bachelor degree in Dental Surgery from Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune and a Masters in Public Health from Annamalai University.

Shelly Sundberg, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Shelly Sundberg is a program officer on the nutrition team in the Family Health division of the Foundation's Global Health Program.

Shenggen Fan, IFPRI

Shenggen Fan has been director general of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) since 2009. Dr Fan joined IFPRI in 1995 as a research fellow, conducting extensive research on pro-poor development strategies in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. He led IFPRI's program on public investment before becoming the director of the Institute's Development Strategy and Governance Division in 2005. He now serves as the Vice-Chairman of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Food and Nutrition Security, after serving as Chairman of the Council from 2012 to 2014.

Srinath Reddy, PHFI

K. Srinath Reddy is presently President, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and formerly headed the Department of Cardiology at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). He was appointed as the First Bernard Lown Visiting Professor of Cardiovascular Health at the Harvard School of Public Health in 2009. He is also an Adjunct Professor of the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University and Honorary Professor of Medicine at the University of Sydney. PHFI is engaged in capacity building in Public Health in India through education, training, research, policy development, health communication and advocacy.

Srisha Singh, Vatsalya



Srisha Singh is currently the advocacy coordinator at Vatsalya and has been working for the last 6 years on issues of gender, health and nutrition. She started her career in Uttar Pradesh; working on health and nutrition issues of adolescent girls, pregnant women, lactating mothers and young children. Since then, she has been closely working with the NRHM, ICDS and the state level judiciary. She has provided several trainings on health and nutrition with a focus on adolescent, maternal and child health at the district and block levels. She has a Masters in Community Medicine and Public Health.

Stuart Gillespie, IFPRI

Stuart Gillespie, a senior research fellow with IFPRI, is currently CEO of the Transform Nutrition Research Program Consortium (a six-partner consortium that seeks to transform thinking and action on “the neglected crisis of undernutrition” in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia) and Research Director of the LANSA consortium (Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia).

Subhadra Menon, PHFI

Subhadra Menon is a health communication and advocacy expert who has worked in diverse capacities in India for over two decades. She is a Professor in Health Communication at the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI). Dr. Menon’s work over the years has focused on the improvement of public health in India through credible health journalism, communication and advocacy, consensus and capacity building, policy analysis, research, and writing. She holds a doctoral degree in Reproductive Biology from the University of Delhi.

Suneetha Kadiyala, LSHTM

Suneetha Kadiyala joined the Faculty of Epidemiology and Population Health, Department of Population Health, LSHTM, as a Senior Lecturer in nutrition-sensitive development in August 2013. She is also a core faculty member of Leverhulme Centre for Integrative Research on Agriculture and Health (LCIRAH), an inter-disciplinary centre for integrating research in agriculture, nutrition and health. Prior to joining LSHTM, she was a Research Fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in



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