



## **Abhishek Singh, Aga Khan Development Network**

Abhishek Singh is Programme Manager, Aga Khan Foundation (India) and is based at AKF's office in Patna. He is leading project Buniyaad: Reducing infant mortality by using optimal IYCF practices in three districts of Bihar. He has done post-graduation in Rural Management and Development from Dept. of Rural Studies, Patna University. He is also certified by Tata Institute of Social Sciences on Development Facilitation. Abhishek is capable of serving as the catalyst for achieving objectives of the program and organic growth through effective contributions. He stands with cross functional experience in programme management across sectors of Public health, WATSAN and disaster Management.

## **Abner Daniel, UNICEF**

Abner Daniel is a Nutrition Specialist, in UNICEF Office for Chhattisgarh, India. He is a post-graduate in Community Medicine from T.N. Medical College and Nair Hospital Mumbai. He has 9+ years of experience in policy formulation, programme design and implementation, advocacy, knowledge management and partnerships building for improved outcomes on Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition. His work involves advocacy for evidence based nutrition specific interventions in the state, managing Public Health and Nutrition in Disasters and in Left Wing Extremism affected areas.

## **Adarsh Sharma, ISSNIP**

Adash Sharma is the Team Leader for the ICDS Systems Strengthening and Nutrition Improvement Project. Her areas of expertise include Project and Programme Management (including Planning, Design, Monitoring, and Stakeholder Coordination), Nutrition and Early Child Development/Education

## **Anirban Ghose, PRADAN**



Anirban Ghose has been involved in grassroots rural development since 1995 and the focus of his engagement over the years has been around livelihoods with special focus on empowerment of women from marginalized communities. He is interested in gender dimension of livelihoods & governance at the grassroots and use of ICT for development. As Programme Director at PRADAN, he integrates field operations across the organization. His role covers integrating planning, progress toward achievement of the annual and 5-year plans, building thematic expertise, fostering cross-learning across the organisation, fund raising and managing key institutional donors and projects. MLE, ICT for development and supporting innovations on the ground are other focus areas of his job.

## **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.

## **Antara Dhargupta, CINI India**

Antara Dhargupta (Chakraborty) currently working as Project Manager for the project “Fighting Malnutrition in West Bengal through 1000 days approach” in Child in Need Institute which is a joint partnership with Save the Children. Previously she worked with National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad as Research Assistant in West Bengal for the projects named, evaluation of positive deviance and nutritional status assessment for 3-5



years children which were run by UNICEF & Government of India. Dr.Dhargupta (Chakraborty) completed her Ph.D in Food & Nutrition from University of Calcutta on study of health status of selected tribal communities in West Bengal. Throughout the career Dr. Dhargupta (Chakraborty) applied her basic work experience in an interdisciplinary manner, connecting community participation through awareness generation to improve maternal and child health and nutrition.

## **Archana Patel, Lata Medical Research Foundation**

Archana Patel, MD, DNB, MSCE, PhD, is Program Director and Chief Functioning Officer at the Lata Medical Research Foundation, and Professor in Pediatrics at Indira Gandhi Government Medical College, Nagpur, India. As a pediatrician, she has an expertise in infant development. She is an award winning researcher and has 90 international and national publications in nutrition, diarrheal diseases, pneumonia, neonatal health, maternal and child health and environmental health. She is a recipient of prestigious research grants from NICHD, Gates foundation, World Bank, WHO, Unicef, USAID, AusAID (SAIFRN studies), the Wellcome trust UK and recently mHealth support from Dimagi-CommCare. She has successfully worked with the State Public Health for large community cluster trials to improve maternal and neonatal outcomes.

## **Ashok Bharti, National Confederation of Dalit Organizations**

Ashok Kumar Bharti, a renowned figure in contemporary Dalit world, is the Chairman of India's national Dalit platform, National Confederation of Dalit Organisations (NACDOR). He is the founder of World Dignity Forum and currently leads the Global Task Force on Social Exclusion by the Global Call to Action against Poverty. He is member of several official and non-official committee set up by the Indian Government. He has prepared several reports on the Status of Dalits and Adivasis and Millennium Development Goals.



## **Audrey Prost, UCL**

Audrey obtained a BA in Anthropology and Ancient History from UCL in 1998, a maitrise in Ethnologie from the Sorbonne (Paris V) in 1999 and a PhD in Social Anthropology from the University of London in 2003. Her PhD research focused on perceptions of health, illness and care-seeking among Tibetan refugee communities in India. She then obtained a Career Development Fellowship with the MRC Social & Public Health Sciences Unit and trained in epidemiological research methods while conducting research focusing on the sexual health of migrant African communities in the UK. This led to work on the acceptability of HIV testing among UK African communities and informed recently published NICE Guidance on HIV testing. In 2008 Audrey moved to the Centre for International Health and Development at the Institute of Child Health, where she has joined research partners Ekjut (India) in the evaluation of community-based participatory interventions to improve maternal and child health in Jharkhand and Orissa. The Ekjut trial, which was published in the Lancet in 2010, won the Society for Clinical Trial's Award of 'Trial of the Year' in March 2011.

## **Avinash Kishore, IFPRI-India**

Avinash Kishore joined IFPRI in September 2012 as a Post-Doctoral Fellow where he will work on projects that seek to bridge the gap between laboratories and farms in Indian agriculture using action research in collaboration with agricultural universities, agribusiness firms and farmers. Avinash is interested in agriculture, environment, and development economics. And previously worked with the International Water Management Institute (IWMI). He completed his PhD in Public Policy from Harvard University and his Masters in Public Affairs from Princeton University. He also previously studied at IRMA.

## **Caroline Haworth, Options-Odisha**

Caroline Haworth is Team Leader of the Technical Management and Support Team (TMST), which provides multi-disciplinary support to the Government of Odisha, Departments of Health and Family Welfare, Women



and Child Development and Rural Development; the latter specifically in relation to WASH. She is based in Bhubaneswar. Caroline is from London, but has worked in over twenty countries in Africa and Asia on initiatives supporting health systems, policy and programmes and addressing structural determinants of health. She has particular interests in health seeking behaviour and public policy as it relates to health. Caroline has an MA from the University of London and an MBA from the University of Nottingham. She is currently a D Health candidate at the University of Bath.

## **Deebjeet Sarangi, Living Farms**

Deebjeet Sarangi, is with Living Farms, Odisha. He has been working with Adivasi communities on Food and Nutrition Security since 1991. The focus has been on integrating local food and agriculture systems, community mobilization, strengthening the service delivery mechanism, and the natural resource management to address under nutrition of mother and children. He has done his Masters in Sociology.

## **Deepti Gulati, GAIN**

Deepti Gulati holds a BSc in Food and Nutrition from the Institute of Home Economics, University of Delhi and an MSc in Food and Nutrition from the Maharaja Sayajirao, University of Baroda. She is currently working as a Senior Associate at the GAIN South Asia Office. She has previously worked as a Senior Nutritionist at the United Nations World Food Programme, as Deputy Director of the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development and as a lecturer at DAV College for Girls, GNDU, Amritsar, and India.

## **Divya Hariharan, RGMVP**

Divya Hariharan is working in the capacity of Programme Manager: Project Design and Strategy with the Rajiv Gandhi Mahila Vikas Pariyojana. She is responsible for fundraising, documentation and organisational research. Ms. Hariharan has been associated with RGMVP for the past 2 years and has therefore contributed towards the various thematic areas including financial inclusion, livelihood enhancement, global health and young people's rights



and entitlements. Her area of interest also includes Gender and Development as she has a MSc. In Gender from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

## **Hari Menon, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**

Hari Menon works as a Deputy Director in the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation-India Country Office.

## **Harold Alderman, IFPRI**

Harold Alderman spent 10 years at the IFPRI prior to joining the World Bank in 1991. He rejoined IFPRI in 2012. While at the World Bank; he divided his time between the Development Research Group and the Africa region where he advised on social protection policy. His current research has focused on the linkages between nutrition and early child development and the means by which nutrition and social protection programs contribute to long-term economic growth. He has both a master's degree in nutrition from Cornell University and a Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University.

## **John McDermott, IFPRI**

John McDermott joined IFPRI in 2011 to lead the CGIAR Research Program on Agriculture for Nutrition and Health (A4NH), led by IFPRI. Previously he was Deputy Director General and Director of Research at the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) in Nairobi from 2003-2011. John has lived and worked in Africa for 25 years. As a researcher, John's research career has focused on public health, animal health and livestock research in developing countries, primarily Africa. He has led projects on zoonotic and emerging diseases in Asia and Africa. John has a strong background in quantitative methods (modeling, study design, statistics). He has earned a PhD in quantitative epidemiology from the University of Guelph, a Master's Degree in Preventive Veterinary Medicine from the University of California – Davis, and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Guelph. During his research career, John authored or co-authored 200 peer-



reviewed publications, book chapters and conference papers and has advised over 30 post-graduate students, including 20 PhD graduates. He was a visiting Lecturer at the University of Nairobi and a Professor at the University of Guelph. He has also served as an advisor to FAO, WHO, OIE, and other international agencies, served as a non-executive Director of the Global Alliance for Livestock Vaccines and Medicine (GALVmed), and as a member of the advisory committee of Veterinarians with Borders in Canada.

## **Jyotsna Puri, 3ie**

Jyotsna Puri is the Deputy Executive Director and Head of Evaluation at 3ie. She is a member of 3ie's senior management team and leads 3ie's open, thematic and policy related grant windows. Jo's main work in the evidence-policy spectrum has been in poverty, agriculture, environment, infrastructure, health and energy. She has worked and engaged with national governments in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and led several inter-agency evaluations. She has advised and developed evaluation systems for several organizations including the MacArthur Foundation, UNICEF, the Millennium Villages Project (Columbia University), UNDP and GEF. Jo is the lead author of a book on development indicators produced by UNDP and co-edited a book discussing implications of climate change commitments for developing countries. She holds a Ph.D. and M.Sc. in Agriculture and Resource Economics, and a Masters in Development Economics.

## **Kavita Sharma, UNICEF**

Kavita Sharma is a Public Health and Nutrition professional with technical expertise and varied experience spanning more than 25 years in nutrition teaching, research and programming. She is currently working as a Nutrition Specialist with the UNICEF, in the capacity of which, she has handled programs related to Management of Severe Acute Malnutrition in Children, promotion of infant and Young Child Feeding practices, micronutrients interventions, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme system strengthening. Dr. Sharma was a faculty member of the MS University for over 16y teaching both Graduate and Post graduate students and has been



an advisor to 22 Master and two Doctoral dissertations. Dr. Sharma has a Ph.D. in Nutrition from the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Gujarat.

## **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.

## **Mahendra Dev, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research**

S. Mahendra Dev is Director of the Centre for Economic and Social Studies in Hyderabad. He has written extensively on agricultural development, poverty and public policy, food security, employment guarantee schemes, social security and farm and non-farm employment. He conducted his post-doctoral research at the Economic Growth Centre of Yale University and was a faculty member at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research in Mumbai for 11 years. He has been a consultant to many international organizations including the UNDP, World Bank and International Food Policy Research Institute, ESCAP and has also worked as a member of various committees set up by the Government of India. He obtained his Ph.D. in economics from the Delhi School of Economics

## **Nayan Chakravarty, Indian Institute of Public Health**

Nayan Chakravarty holds a Masters in Public Health from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, a Master's in Rural Management from Xavier's Institute of Social Services Ranchi, and a Bachelors in Agriculture from Assam Agricultural University. He is a recipient of the Wellcome Trust Fellowship to undertake his MSc in Public Health from





LSHTM, London. He has over 13 years of experience in the public health sector with various national, international organizations and Ministry of Health. He is a state level Task Force member and played an important role in formulation of ICDS IV on behalf of State Health and Nutrition Mission Office, Government of Maharashtra. He is currently working as an Associate Professor with Indian Institute of Public Health, Bhubaneswar, is module coordinator of Public Health Nutrition, Health Policy and Logistic planning Drug distribution. He has more than 10 international Publications in leading peer reviewed journals of repute.

## **Neha Raykar, PHFI**

Neha Raykar works as a lead economist at PHFI focusing on the Transform Nutrition Research Program Consortium and Disease Control Priorities Network. She previously worked as a visiting assistant professor of economics at Colgate University in New York. Her primary field of research is development economics, more specifically in health, education, poverty, and economics of household behavior in developing countries. She is also on the editorial team of the India Health Report, PHFI's bi-annual issue aimed at providing periodic assessment of health in India, with each issue focusing on a specific health challenge. She holds a PhD in Economics from University of California, Riverside.

## **Nidhi Dhingra PHRN**

Nidhi Dhingra is a Program Coordinator at the Public Health Resource Society (PHRS), New Delhi. She has developed the Process Document for the organization's project – "Action against Malnutrition" (AAM), which targets to combat child malnutrition. She is also involved in a pilot project that is exploring pathways to converge agriculture and nutrition, and in other research studies of the organization. She has previously worked for various organizations and her work has majorly involved qualitative research, data analysis, documentation and policy analysis in the public health and nutrition domain. Nidhi completed her Masters in Development Studies from the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex.



## **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.

## **Rabi Narayan Parhi, IPE Global Technical & Management Support Team**

Rabi Narayan Parhi is Sector Lead in DFID supported Technical & Management Support Team to Government in Odisha and is based out of Bhubaneswar. Mr. Parhi is a Rural Development and Public Health professional and has more than 12 years of working experience on Public Health and Nutrition issues in the States of Odisha, Bihar, Maharashtra and Rajasthan. Public Health and Nutrition Planning, Project and Grant Management are the core competencies of Mr. Parhi.

## **Rajani R. Ved, NHSRC**

Rajani R. Ved works at NHSRC as an advisor. She holds an MBBS from Madras University and an MPH from Harvard University. She has over 25 years of work on implementation, research and policy formulation for women and children's health and health systems.



## **Rajib Dasgupta, Center for Social Medicine & Community Health, JNU**

Rajib Dasgupta is Chairperson at Center of Social Medicine & Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He was Fulbright Senior Research Fellow and Visiting Associate Professor at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health during 2010-11 where he researched on social determinants in the context of program implementation, culminating in the book, *Urbanizing Cholera: The Social Determinants of its Re-emergence*, published by Orient Blackswan. He has recently completed an ICMR supported study: 'Community Responses to Nutritional Rehabilitation in Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand'. He is closely engaged with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the National Certification Committee for Polio Eradication (NCCPE) and the National Health Mission as well as several other key national health programs and evaluations.

## **Rama Chandra Tosh, MSSRF**

Rama Chandra Tosh is a Senior Community Organizer in M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Food Security Department, and basically from Jeypore, Odisha. He is currently engaged in training, monitoring and follow up of selected community representatives in the Community Hunger Fighters Programme implemented in the tribal region of district of Koraput of Odisha, which is a community capacity building project in Food and Nutrition Security. He holds a Master's Degree in Social Work. He is expertise in community capacity building, implementation of projects, conducting PRA and participatory micro planning, preparation of IEC for dissemination to different stockholders, grass root institution building and livelihood promotion.

## **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.

## **Samir Garg, State Health Resource Centre**

Samir Garg works with State Health Resource Centre, Chhattisgarh. He leads implementation of the Mitamin Programme involving 70,000 Community Health Workers in the state. He is an implementer with interest in understanding community participation and public management in programmes on health, nutrition and food security. Samir Garg has studied Engineering and Rural Management (IRMA) and has 18 years of experience of working with communities in tribal regions of India. He is also an honorary advisor on Right to Food to the Commissioners of Supreme Court.

## **Sangita Vyas, Research Institute for Compassionate Economics**

Sangita Vyas works with the rice institute in New Delhi. She is broadly interested in the politics and economics of inequality and making services work in India. Sangita spent several years working in New York in economic consulting before moving to India where she oversaw a randomized evaluation of a micro insurance program for farmers in Gujarat with the Centre for Microfinance. Sangita holds an MPA in Economics and Public Policy with a Concentration in Urban Policy from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School.

## **Sara Ahmed, IDRC**

Sara Ahmed works as a Senior Program Specialist at IDRC with 20 years of experience in the political economy of water in India. Dr. Ahmed is a senior expert on issues ranging from the impacts of climate change to the role of gender in water governance and conflicts over water. Ahmed was Chair of the international Gender and Water Alliance and a member on the steering committee of the Forum for Policy Dialogue on Water Conflicts in India. She has also worked with the Institute for Social and Environmental Transition,



taught for a decade at India's Institute of Rural Management and published on many facets of water policy and gender issues. Ahmed holds a PhD in environmental sociology and an MPhil in international relations from Cambridge University.

## **Saraswathi Rao, Freedom from Hunger-India**

Saraswathi Rao is Country Coordinator of Freedom from Hunger India Trust, based at New Delhi. She is a senior level development professional with two decades of experience in working on development issues including Food and nutrition security and gender. She has initiated national level programs on food and nutrition security issue. Currently, Mrs. Rao is working on field based strategies to link health, nutrition and livelihood amongst tribal women. She is also a Founder Director of AHP – Action on Hunger & Poverty Foundation – a section 25 not for profit Company with the aim of building local capacity to bring solutions to address food and nutrition security issues. She has done her Masters in Social Work from Chennai University.

## **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 Defense, Additional Secretary in Ministry of Agriculture, Director General (Shipping), and 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.

## **Sheila Chanani, Society for Nutrition, Education & Health Action**

Sheila Chanani is a monitoring and evaluation specialist with over 10 years of experience in program evaluation and economic research. Sheila works with SNEHA (Mumbai) and Reach Global, a Division of Thrive Networks



(USA). Specifically, Sheila is involved in monitoring and evaluation of SNEHA's child health and nutrition program. For Reach Global, Sheila assists on training and technical assistance for social performance monitoring by financial service providers, and most recently, led an evaluation of financial and health education for adolescent girls and women SHG members in Bihar. Sheila holds a MA in International NGO Management and Development Economics from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and a BA in Economics from Stanford University.

## **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.

## **Shubhada Kanani**

Shubhada Kanani is Senior Technical Adviser (Nutrition), MPTAST –DIFID supported Madhya Pradesh Health Sector Reforms Project, and is based in Bhopal, India. Her expertise is in Public Health Nutrition, with special interest in BCC for improving healthcare- child feeding practices, gender and nutrition, nutrition program evaluations, adolescent and school child nutrition, urban nutrition. She is providing technical support to the Directorate of ICDS, Government of MP for system strengthening of nutrition services in ICDS; and has helped develop program strategies for newer ICDS initiatives in the state; supported resource material development and helped conduct rapid appraisals of program experiences. Dr. Kanani has a Ph.D from the M.S. University of Baroda, where she served as Professor and faculty for 24 years till 2011.



## **Sridhar Srikantiah**

Sridhar Srikantiah is an MD in pediatrics and has assisted INHP-II in his capacity as the India Country Team Leader of BASICS, a global USAID project that supported CARE/INHP-II in India. He has worked closely with a number of NGO-run community health programmes in India for over 30 years. Sridhar is a Hubert H. Humphrey fellow in public health and is a member of Medico Friend Circle. He is currently a Technical Consultant to the Ananya Project in Bihar, which is funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and implemented by CARE-India.

## **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).

## **Sunil Babu, CARE-India**

Sunil Babu is a development management consultant presently focused on public health programs in India. Along with other assignments he leads CARE’s technical support to ICDS in Bihar. Sunil has worked with different maternal, child health and nutrition projects in multiple states in India and has been a senior technical specialist to support the Ministry of Women and Child Development; Government of India on specific tasks. Sunil is a post graduate in Rural Management from the Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA) and a graduate in medicine from Government Medical College; Bellary (Karnataka).

## **Suranjeen Pallipamula**

Suranjeen Prasad Pallipamula is a Community Health Specialist working in Jharkhand for the past 12 years. He is the State Convener for the Public Health Resource Network and the President of its Board. His work has



largely been on Community Participation and Accountability in Health, where he worked as a team leader to facilitate the setting up of a Village Health Committee and a health volunteer called Sahiyya in each village of Jharkhand. He has also worked on an advocacy campaign that led to a Youth Policy for the State of Jharkhand and facilitated the setting up of a civil society network called JASHN that prepared a report card on Nutrition in Jharkhand. He did his MBBS and MD in Community Medicine from the Christian Medical College, Vellore and was awarded the Leadership Development Mechanism Fellowship for Sexual and Reproductive Health in 2006 by the Packard Foundation. He works for Jhpiego, an affiliate of Johns Hopkins University.

## **Sweta Banerjee**

Sweta Banerjee, Nutrition specialist for Welthungerhilfe's (WHH) India Country program, has served for 20 years in the public health sector and has extensive experience working with the community. She is based in Kolkata and provides support to the Food & Nutrition Security projects spread out in 6 States of India. She also provides need based capacity building support to the WHH Nepal and Bangladesh projects. Sweta has worked as Consultant to UNICEF, WB for the initiation of the IMSAM program in West Bengal. She has also worked for 12 years with the ICDS & NRHM in West Bengal under the Integrated Nutrition & Health Project of CARE. Sweta has an MSc in Nutrition, and a PGD in Public Health Nutrition from PHFI.

## **Vinod Paul, AIIMS**

Vinod Paul is a Professor and Head of the Department of Pediatrics at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi. He is also the director of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Newborn Health for South East Asia Region. Dr. Paul was instrumental in launching the neonatal resuscitation program in India, Bangladesh, the Maldives and Sri Lanka. He played a vital role in developing the maternal and child health strategy of India's Reproductive and Child Health program. He has been serving as a member of several high-level committees and expert groups coordinated by the Planning Commission and ministerial departments. He has also held





positions at the WHO, the UN, and other international organizations. Dr. Paul is currently coordinating the high level committee on child nutrition to draft the Neonatal and Child Health Policy document for the Government of India.