Staff Training Program on Water and Health

South Asia is marked with increasing population, rapid urbanization, unsustainable agricultural practices, industrial development and poor water management regulations. These factors have adversely affected the availability of safe water, posing public health hazard in the entire region. Realizing the seriousness of this issue, the CB Project proposed a course on Water and Health to be included in the curriculum of Partner Institutions (PIs).

The SaciWATERs organised a staff training program on Water and Health for faculty at PIs during 16-23 February 2009 at Hyderabad, India. This training program aimed to enable them to develop a course module on Water and Health under the existing Post Graduation Engineering Program in Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM).

The staff training consisted of 5 days of classroom sessions (16-20 February 2009), two days of field trip to the rural water supply and sanitation site in Warangal Dist (21-22 February 2009) and one day of discussion on developing a course module and a lecture on effective teaching style (23 February 2009).

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Sessions and Resource Persons:

Session 1: Introduction to Water and Health by Dr. Anjal Prakash, Senior Fellow- Research and Outreach, Crossing Boundaries Project, SaciWATERs, Hyderabad, India. (anjal@saciwaters.org)

Session 2: Status of Water, Sanitation and Health in South Asia: Key Challenges & Priorities by Dr. Jayati Chourey, Senior Fellow-Education and Networking, Crossing Boundaries, SaciWATERs, Hyderabad, India. (jayati@saciwaters.org)

Session 3: Agriculture, Water and Health: Geogenic Pollution in South Asia by Dr. Saravanan.V.S, Senior Researcher, Centre for Development Research (ZEF), Bonn, Germany. (s.saravanan@uni-bonn.de)

Session 4: Geogenic Pollution: Case Study on Mapping of Arsenic for Policy Intervention in Nepal Tarai by Dr. Dibya Kansakar, Project Director- Crossing Boundaries Project, SaciWATERs, Hyderabad, India. (dibya@saciwaters.org)

Session 5: Industrialisation, Water and Health: Anthropogenic Pollution in South Asia by Dr. Saravanan V. S, Senior Researcher, Centre for Development Research (ZEF), Bonn Germany. (s.saravanan@uni-bonn.de)

Session 6: Use of Recycled Water and Health Hazards by Dr. Priyanie Amerasinghe, Senior Researcher - Bio-Medical Science, International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Hyderabad, India. (p.amerasinghe@cgiar.org)

Session 7: Water-borne Diseases - Outbreaks, Investigations and Management by Dr. Rajib Dasgupta, Associate Professor- Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. (dasgupta_jnu@yahoo.com)

Session 8: Rural Water Supply, Sanitation, Hygiene and Health by Dr. Anjal Prakash, , Senior Fellow- Research and Outreach, Crossing Boundaries Project, SaciWATERs, Hyderabad, India. (anjal@saciwaters.org)

Session 9: Urban Water Supply, Sanitation, Hygiene and Health by Dr. Rajib Dasgupta, Associate Professor- Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. (dasgupta_jnu@yahoo.com)

Session 10: Disasters and Health Challenges by Dr. Ranjan R Patil, Asst. Professor- Division of Epidemiology, School of Public Health, SRM University, Chennai, India. (rajanpatil@yahoo.com)

Session 11: Slum Environmental Sanitation Initiative (SESI) by Ms Mamita Bora Thakkar, Regional Manager-Regional Office West, WaterAid, Bhopal, India. (MamitaThakkar@wateraid.org)

Session 12: Water, Poverty, and Health Linkages: A Special Reference to South Asia by Dr. Sajitha, O. G, Assistant Professor, Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR) Jaipur, India. (monisog@gmail.com ; sajitha@iihmr.org)

Session 13: Right to Health and Water by Prof. Sheela Prasad, Centre for Regional Studies, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad, India. (sheelaprasad@hotmail.com)

Session 14: Management of Water Resources and Health Safeguards in South Asia: The Present Scenario by Dr. Priyanie Amerasinghe, Sr. Researcher - Bio-Medical Science, International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Hyderabad, India. (p.amerasinghe@cgiar.org)

Session 15: Health Sector reforms and its implication for South Asia by Prof. Imrana Qadeer, Professor Emeritus, Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. (qadeeroy@bol.net.in)

Session 16: Provisioning of Drinking Water: The challenge of Planning, Implementation and Governance, by Prof. Imrana Qadeer, Professor Emeritus, Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. (qadeeroy@bol.net.in)

Session 17: Water, Health and Gender -1; Understanding the Linkages of Women, Water and Health by Prof. Lakshmi Lingam, Chairperson- Centre for Women's Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India. (lakshmil@tiss.edu)

Session 18: Water, Health and Gender -2; Understanding Gender, Water and Health Outcomes by Prof. Lakshmi Lingam, Chairperson- Centre for Women's Studies. Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India. (lakshmil@tiss.edu)

Session 19: Effective Communication, by Dr. Chanda Gurung Goodrich, Senior Fellow- Research, Crossing Boundaries Project, SaciWATERs, Hyderabad, India. (chanda@saciwaters.org)