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National Seminar
on
Population, Health and Environment

Venue: Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal
21-23 March, 2013

International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai

In collaboration with

Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal
Background of the Seminar

The issues of health, population, development and environment are closely and integrally related. Sustainable development and prosperity depends on human wellbeing and healthy environment. Sustained efforts are required to educate people about their health rights, to improve the quality of services, and to influence the direct and indirect determinants of health.

The population-health-environment (PHE) approach to development recognizes the interconnectedness between people and their environment. Humans and environment are inextricably linked. Population growth, size, fertility, mortality, migration, settlement patterns, and resource availability all influences the impact on the environment. Solving the complex challenges we face today demands a better understanding of how these aspects of population impact the environment, how the environmental change impacts our health and well-being, and what can be done to address these issues.

There is a complex connection between humans, health and their environment. By improving access to health services, we help communities to manage their natural resources that improve their health and livelihoods and conserve the ecosystem they depend upon. Large sections of our people have no access to improved water sources and sanitation. The effort to conserve the biological diversity in developing countries is successful only when local people perceive the efforts serving their economic and cultural interests.

Health and livelihood needs of poor and underserved populations need to be protected while ensuring the sustainability of the environment upon which they depend. In many places, population growth and migration place pressure on the environment, degraded natural resources impact the health and livelihoods of local communities, lack of effective health services, including reproductive health, threatens long-term prospects of sustainable development.

People’s health relies on the health of their environment. Surrounding ecosystem provides water, food, medicine, fuel wood and other resources. Damage and disruption of these natural goods and services can have severe consequences for human health. It is essential improve access to health services while helping communities to manage their natural resources in ways that enhance their health and livelihood even as they protect the environment. If we are able to successfully integrate these three effectively, then a range of development goals, from poverty reduction to food security to gender equity, can be achieved.

The focus of the seminar is to examine these complex issues in detail, its interrelationships with supportive evidence and also to identify thrust areas of further research and action. It is important to increase awareness among decision-makers, professionals, and academics about population, health and environment challenges and integrated solutions. The seminar would also try to sensitize researchers and policy makers about the priority areas from the perspectives of people’s changing needs and aspirations.
Instructions for Submitting a Paper or Poster
Researchers, academicians, NGOs, programme managers and those working in the areas of population, health, environment, gender and development are invited to contribute research papers. The paper must be based on empirical evidences, theoretical perspectives, methodological innovations, micro-level experiments, policies and programs relevant to the seminar themes. The individuals interested to contribute papers for the seminar should submit an abstract of 500 words in MS-Word format online at http://iipsindia.org/seminar.htm. The selection committee will review all received abstracts and identify the papers for oral and poster presentations.

Financial Support
The selected authors will receive financial support (lodging, boarding and travel) to attend the seminar.

Themes

- Sustainable Development and new challenges
- Public health and development linkages
- Mortality and Burden of Diseases
- Migration and Urban growth
- Population and Environment nexus
- Health Systems, Health sector reforms and health care
- Fertility, Family Planning and Reproductive Health
- Demographic changes and emerging family structure
- Gender Inequality and its dimensions
- Water supply and sanitation
- Forests and livelihoods
- Biodiversity and human health
- Displacements and rehabilitation
- Food security and conflicts over resources
- Governance of natural resources
- Population-health-environment (PHE) approach to development
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Important Dates

Last date for abstract submission: 26th January 2013
Notification of accepted papers: 5th February 2013
Full paper submission: 10th March 2013
National seminar: 21-23 March 2013

Coordinators
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Seminar Registration fee: Rs. 500/-

About IIPS
In 1956, the Government of India, the United Nations and the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, jointly established the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) to serve as a regional center for teaching, training and conducting research in the area of population studies in the ESCAP region. This is the only recognized Deemed University of its kind in the world completely devoted to teaching and conducting research on population related areas.

Vision Statement
"To position IIPS as a premier teaching and research institution in population sciences responsive to emerging national and global needs based on values of inclusion, sensitivity and rights protection."

Mission Statement
"The Institute will strive to be a centre of excellence on all population and relevant issues through high quality education, teaching and research. This will be achieved by (a) creating competent professionals, (b) generating and disseminating scientific knowledge and evidence, (c) collaboration and exchange of knowledge, and (d) advocacy and awareness."

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