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# **Brief Academic/Professional Biography**

Joined NILERD in 2015 as Deputy Director and since have been working with NILERD team members on varied funded research projects, beside's taking classes/lectures on range of M&E subject area for National and International course participants at the institute. She has more than ten years of rich experience in M&E sector.

Prior joining NILERD she has been associated with research institutions of repute namely NIHFW-New Delhi and IIPS-Mumbai besides working for major development partners. At NIHFW she worked on a collaborative project with Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) GOI as partners, to refine and suggest new estimation techniques for arriving at precise HIV estimate in India. She has worked extensively in preparation of successive HIV Annual Sentinel Surveillance reports. Richa was also involved in the management of Integrated Biological Behavioral Survey (IBBS) of the NIHFW and have been identified as lead trainer under IBBS by NACO GOI during her days with the institute. She lectured MD and Nursing students on epidemiology of HIV/AIDS at NIHFW.

She had also spent number of years providing M & E expertise to National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) programs of Government of Uttar Pradesh and has worked closely with senior bureaucrats and policy makers of the State. Besides providing technical assistance to range of NRHM programs Richa had received special mention in managing two flagship programs namely SALONI and Adolescent Girl Child Program under NRHM by the Mission Director-NRHM, GoUP. She was placed by USAID India at State Program Management Unit (SPMU) of NRHM, GoUP through Futures Group International India Ltd.

Richa had also worked with CARE-India as its Monitoring and Evaluations Officer under its RACHNA program in Uttar Pradesh. She had conducted Rapid Assessment Surveys to evaluate program progress and suggest mid course corrections. She also had a brief stint with the Save the Children as

its Knowledge Management Officer in Uttar Pradesh.

During her days with International Institute of Population Sciences (IIPS) Mumbai were-in she worked as Senior Research Officer under the institutes District Level Household Survey (DLHS) which was funded by MOHFW, GOI & the World Bank that she gained in-depth knowledge of sampling design and survey methodologies for conducting large scale population based household survey's. At IIPS Mumbai she was also involved with Master of Population Sciences course for distant learners. She provided academic inputs and research guidance to course participants who usually use to be from government and academia.

#### Academic/Professional Affiliation

1. Life time Member for IASP – Indian Association for Study of Population

# Research/Assignment/Project involved in

- 1. Evaluation of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs) for its Categorization into A, B, C,&D Categories
- Efficacy and Effectiveness of NATS Project of MHRD (Sponsored by BoAT Western Region Mumbai)
- Efficacy and Effectiveness of NATS Project of MHRD (Sponsored by BoAT –Northern Region Mumbai)
- 4. Efficacy and Effectiveness of **NATS** Project of MHRD (Sponsored by BoAT –**Southern Region** Mumbai)
- 5. Research study funded by Asian Development Bank on Skills Gap Analysis in Meghalaya
- 6. Research study funded by Veterinary Council of India to Assess the Manpower Requirements in Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Sector

# **Publications**

### A. Working Papers

1. 1. Pandey A, Nath D.C., and Sharma R (2017). Does the Availability of Community Health Worker/Mobile Health Van Unit within the community Impacts Neonatal Survival? Open Journal of Statistics 7, 803-814.

# Seminar/Workshops/Conferences

- 1. World Bank and UN Global Compact Network India on 'Collaborative Development of Smart Cities and Smart Villages', Hotel Shangri La, Janpath on Feb 15-16, 2018.
- 2. International seminar on "Population, Health, and Development: Global and National Policy Perspectives" organized by International Institute of Population Sciences at YMCA Delhi. Feb

15-17 2018.

- 3. Measurement and Survey Design Course, CLEAR/J-PAL South Asia (IFMR); May13-15, 2015 India Habitat Centre New Delhi.
- 4. Building Evaluation Capacity: Engendering Evaluations October 15-16, 2015, at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, Organized by ISS Trust in collaboration with NITI Aayog & NILERD
- 5. Consultation cum workshop on Strategies for Evaluating SDGs Equity and Equality. March 2016, Organized by NILERD in association with the ISS Trust and the Evaluation Community of India (ECOI)
- 6. BAS "Education Workshop II" (Biometric Attendance Information System) one day consultation cum workshop organized by NIC headquarters at CGO Complex, New Delhi March 2016.