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People Power

Ensuring a Healthy Future

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Strengths & Opportunities

- Large skilled health manpower
- Significant research capability
- Growing hospital infrastructure
- Mature pharmaceutical industry
- Democratic system and public discourse
- Increasing demand for health services
Strengths & Opportunities

- Willingness to pay for health
- Break through on population front (TN, AP etc)
- Effective military style campaigns (small pox, pulse polio)
- Wide network of RMPs
Challenges of the Future

Immunization coverage (TB: 68%, Measles: 50%, DPT: 70%, overall: 33%)

Four major infectious diseases: Malaria, TB, HIV/AIDS, RHD

Preventable blindness

Population control – large northern states

Public health expenditure share

Sanitation (70% households without toilets)
Challenges of the Future

- Accountability in public health care
- High out-of-pocket health expenditure
- Alternative systems - integration
- Unqualified PMPs
- Mounting cost of hospital care
- Decline in family care - overspecialization
- Ideal vs Optimal care
- Health manpower training - inadequacies
- Regional inequalities
Critical Issues

How to involve community in rural health care

How to provide effective and affordable family care to urban populations

How to promote public-private partnerships

How to extend tertiary care to poor
Lessons of past experience

More expenditure need not mean better health

Risk pooling necessary for private care: but not feasible without compulsion and large organized labour

Consumer choice and producer competition vital to reduce costs and improve efficiency

Public health and private health are complementary

Future health care should address demographic transition
Viable models

VHS Chennai

TB control – Public-Private partnership- Mahavir Hospital

Quality eye care for all - LVPEI
Governance and Health

Fiscal crisis

Redefining state’s role

Electoral reform

Decentralization

Public-private convergence