

Towards a National Health Service

Presentation to Prime Minister of India

on behalf of

National Advisory Council

2005, New Delhi

Interventions Proposed

Current Structure

District → 5

CHCs (3100) → 4

PHCs (23000) → 3

Sub-Centre
(137000) → 2

Village /
Community → 1

Interventions Proposed

District Health Board
+ District Health Fund
+ Integrate all vertical programs

7000 New CHCs
+ Funding only for services delivered

Supply of drugs
+ Improvement of facilities
+ Strengthening programs
Multipurpose Health Workers (Fill all
vacancies) + Drug supply

100 million household toilets
(50 million with government subsidy)
1 million VHWs / UHWs + Training + Kits

Total Funding Requirement for Health Care Interventions

The above five recommendations are in line with the commitments made under the NCMP in health sector. As stated earlier, they are in addition to the ongoing programmes and the Tenth Plan commitments. The total costs (excluding capital costs for sanitation and referral hospitals) will be of the order of Rs. 7000 crore per annum – about 0.23% of GDP

- The total estimated financial outlay of these proposals is as follows:
 - Community Health Workers (Recurrent cost) Rs. 1550 crores/year
 - Strengthening Primary Health care (Recurrent cost) Rs. 2828 crores/year
 - National Sanitation Mission (Capital cost) Rs. 2500 crores/year
 - First Referral Hospitals (Capital cost) Rs. 1400 crores/year
 - Risk-pooling and Hospital care financing (Recurring cost) Rs. 2600 crores/year
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- Total Rs.10878 crores/year
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National Health Mission – Issues to be Resolved

1. National or Rural ?
 2. Benchmarks and minimum standards of care and access all over India or in select states?
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 - a. Community health volunteers (ASHA) – 1 million (one per habitat) or 2,50,000;
 - b. Volunteers to be paid honorarium or not
 4. PHC impediments – specifics
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National Health Mission – Issues to be Resolved

5. First Referral Units at 1/100000 – how many to be built?

7000 or 2000? and in how many years?

6. Household toilets – part of health mission or separate?

7. Hospital care costs and risk pooling

– do we need more of the same

or

innovate ?

National Health Mission – Issues to be Resolved

8. District Health Board – its statutory status/role
 9. Monitoring and accountability of PHCs and hospitals –
What is the mechanism?
 10. Budgeting implications for health interventions –
current allocations adequate

or

do we need more (both Union and states), and if so
where is the money?
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