

## PREFACE

This is the second annual report since the Institute was renamed as National Institute of Medical Statistics (NIMS) from IRMS. The Institute organized a number of training programs for the students of statistics and public health of different Universities and Institutes on various aspects of medical statistics. A national workshop on developing protocols for morbidity field surveys was conducted for examining the morbidity patterns in the community. The other capacity building program was for International Statistical Education center (ISEC) Kolkata, The Institute also organized a training program for the WHO fellow from Myanmar.

During the year under report, this Institute handled sixteen scientific projects of which four were reported as complete. There were twelve ongoing programs. The scientific projects have been supported by the organizations like ICMR, NACO, UNAIDS, WHO, UNICEF, WFP, BMGM/FHI etc.

One of the studies by the Institute has assessed the impact of ICDS food fortification on child health in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh and has shown considerable improvement in the hemoglobin level among children. Institute has carried out data management and analysis of NACO's HIV sentinel surveillance & HIV estimation for the year 2005 and appraisal of the methodology for estimation of HIV burden providing epidemiological analysis and HIV estimate annually. Development of "Health Sector Policy Reform Options Database" was taken up by the Institute in collaboration and financial support with CBHI MoHFW and the European Commission Technical Assistance wherein more than 200 entries relating to health sector reforms have been compiled into a report and have been hosted on the website of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare [www.hsprodindia.nic.in](http://www.hsprodindia.nic.in).

Having been identified as the national nodal agency, the Institute has initiated the first phase survey of IDSP-NCD Risk Factor Survey under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. In the evaluation of Kishore Shakti Yojna of Ministry of Women and Child Development is another responsibility of the Institute. We are also involved in the statistical designing and data management of clinical trial of vaccine for the Japanese Encephalitis being held in Pune.

The scientists represented the Institute in various National and International Conference and presented scientific activities. The scientists as well as administrative staff were deputed to various training programs as a part of capacity building measure. The results of the studies carried out by this Institute have found a place in various books and journals of repute. The Institute has good infrastructure facilities for training, and scientific activities with excellent internet facilities.

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