**BISWANATH BASU**  
West Bengal Voluntary Health Association  
Project Director  
India  

Biswanath Basu is the Project Director at West Bengal Voluntary Health Association. As a part of West Bengal Voluntary Health Association (WBVHA), his primary focus area is working with rural poor and he is active in programme management of community-centric initiatives at the grassroots level. The initiatives range from mobilisation of community to constitute community-led mechanism for planning and organisation of local health care services. He will share experiences on the roles of Community Information Board and Community Health Fund as community participation approaches in Basic Health Care Programme. He will describe the approaches which relates to problem identification, decision-making, collaboration in planning for health care delivery and active participation in the implementation of health care programmers.

**CARLOS OSVALDO**  
CEGSS  
Guatemala  

Carlos Osvaldo is associated with CEGSS in Guatemala. He has a degree in business administration with a focus on finance. He is working with CEGSS for the since past eight years and he oversees the administrative coordination of all implemented projects. He will be presenting the photographic and audiovisual documentation of the work that CEGSS is carrying out at the grassroots level with the Community Defenders for the Right to Health.

**DR. BRENDAN HALLORAN**  
International Budget Partnership  
Head of Strategy and Learning  
United States  

Dr. Brendan Halloran is the head of Strategy and Learning at the International Budget Partnership and is associated with COPASAH through several learning activities. His engagement with IBP supports the work of SPARK, a program that seeks to support grassroots civic actors to engage around service delivery issues (including, but not restricted to, health) as an entry point to engaging deeper fiscal governance issues that constrain equitable and inclusive service provision. He will share IBP’s latest thinking about bringing community action together with fiscal governance tools for more effective action at the deeper causes of poor health care delivery. He would engage participants in a reflection on how to leverage citizen action most effectively to address the complexity of the health, governance and political systems.

**CLARA BENILDA BATZIN CHURUNEL**  
Social Worker  
CEGSS  
Guatemala  

Clara Benilda Batzin Churunel works as a tutor for the right to health at the Center for the Study for Equity and Governance of Health Systems (CEGSS) in Guatemala since 2013. Her work spans across on strengthening the capacities of the Community Defenders for the Right to Health and to support their work on accountability and health service improvement. She supports the Defenders in writing reports and proposals for health authorities, work that is not easily implemented. She will share the work on citizen empowerment, and the strengthening of capacities in human rights and in social development. She will showcase how citizen participation is the key to the work, as is the alliance between citizens, authorities at the local level, social organizations, the state and other stakeholders.
Chrisphine Owala is engaged with the Community Initiative Action Group in Kenya. His work focuses around health sector and social accountability. It involves facilitating communities to monitor health service delivery, conduct public hearings, encourage usage of social audit and to convene public forums to promote dialogue amongst stakeholders and establish health accountability forums. He also works with County Government of Siaya to initiate community health workers bill. He will present the findings from evidence based advocacy work of budget expenditure tracking project which ensures prudent and efficient utilisation of public resources. He will share how the project has contributed to increased citizen engagement in the budget processes and expenditure tracking in community through citizen accountability forums and committees established in the wards.

Dr. Diunugalage Lalith Senarathna is a senior lecturer with the Department of Health Promotion in Rajarata University in Sri Lanka. He is actively involved in community based health programs, and in collaboration with active groups, he addresses the determinants that lead to alcohol use and related behaviour. He has also studied the challenges faced by the primary health care workers in rural Sri Lanka while providing initial treatments for medical emergencies. He will be sharing the experiences of initiating community action through participatory approach, particularly using active groups in ongoing community based projects on alcohol prevention and non-communicable diseases prevention. In addition he will also be sharing experiences of use of Forum Theatre to facilitate community action on health issues and stigma.

Deepali Sudhindra is working as Research Officer at SATHI. As a part of SATHI team, she has been active in community based monitoring of health services. Among the many community based initiatives, SATHI’s SMS survey at the grass root is a noteworthy mechanism. She is actively involved in conducting and analysing the SMS surveys. The surveys are conducted by community on real time assessment of current health issues, which are used as effective tools in public hearings, and advocacy with government health officials. She will share the effectiveness of SMS surveys in policy advocacy and reflect on the experiences of community related work from different parts of the world and different methods used for engagement of community.

Denis Bukenya is a lawyer associated with the Human Rights Research Documentation Center in Uganda. His work focuses on Global Health Governance issues. He actively contributes on issues of health governance, effects of trade agreements, IP and counterfeit medicines on health to various publications and in peer reviewed networks. He will be presenting analysis of how global health is undergoing rigorous change and present a case study on how health is contemporarily viewed as a global public good. He will be sharing health rights success stories from the People’s Health Movement, Uganda Chapter. He will showcase how international organisations of health have exhibited that by providing integrated primary health care strategies, health systems are strengthened and gets more resilient encouraging community participation.
Fadil Dzemail is an accountability practitioner and working as a Project coordinator with the Initiative for development and inclusion of communities (IDIC) in Macedonia. He has been working with the NGO sector since the beginning of 2000 and has worked in several Roma and non-Roma organisations in various positions and has worked on several projects including health, social, housing and education. He will be sharing experiences of working with the Roma community and some significant projects like the Tutorial Support of Roma Children from the Brothers Ramiz and Hamid and the local Primary School; Greater participation of Roma Women in Politics; Information about Roma Decade 2005-2015 and Social Accountability and legal empowerment of locals from Shuto Orizari.

Fernando Jerez Pietropaolo is working with the organisation CEGSS in Guatemala. CEGSS primarily works with Defenders of Right to Health, leaders who have been elected by the communities. They are involved in conducting information campaigns, citizen monitoring of health services where the needs and problems that arise in the health services of the communities are identified. He will share examples of different strategies and advocacy initiatives used by the Community Defenders of the Right to Health associated with CEGSS to promote the right to health. He will further discuss strategies like preventive surveillance actions pursued by CEGSS for advocacy to negotiate with the health authorities so that a collaborative relation is fostered with them and the violation of health rights can be addressed.

Imelda Namagga is an economist with more than a decade experience in Policy Analysis, Evidence based Advocacy, Budget Analysis and Public Expenditure tracking in Uganda. She is working as a program manager with the Uganda Debt Network. Her work focuses on mobilising and empowering communities to monitor the quality of services delivered in the health sector to improve health care outcomes. She is involved in conducting research in the health sector on life saving commodities and in reviewing health sector budget impact on citizens. She will be sharing the work of UDN showcasing how it has championed its citizen-centered M&E model of Community Based Monitoring and Evaluation Systems (CBMES) to monitor service delivery. She will also share UDN’s initiatives that show how changes facilitated in the behaviour of local officials as well as how various districts have managed to recover some of the misplaced health equipment through this model.

Ismael Gomez Sanchez is associated with the organisation CEGSS in Guatemala. His work involves ensuring that the health rights of the marginalised communities are not violated; additionally his work involves advocating and negotiating with health authorities for the rights of those discriminated against as well mistreated in health facilities. He will share his experiences as a paralegal worker in the defence of the right to health and monitoring processes that are carried out from a citizen perspective. He will showcase examples of advocacy with authorities in his capacity as an advisory and as a citizen supporter and illustrate how paralegal advisory is an excellent tool for the defence of patients’ rights, when viewed from a citizen perspective.
Kabanda David is a human rights lawyer associated with the Center for Health, Human Rights and Development in Kampala, Uganda. His work focuses on health rights, Public Interest Litigation, legal advocacy and community empowerment as well on addressing health inequities and gender injustice. He will be presenting experiences of hybrid work of legal empowerment and social accountability. He will highlight examples of legal empowerment and social accountability work hand in hand, in the struggle for social rights particularly for the right to health. He will share lessons from his work, on how in some communities where only litigation was pursued, communities were not empowered and lower outcomes were observed in comparison to communities where both empowerment and litigation were pursued together.

Lavinia Chiburte is working as advocacy program manager with CeRe: The Resource Center for Public Participation in Romania. Her work involves one-on-one engagement with the community to discuss and debate health issues. Her work also entails advocating for access to health services using tools and mediums like petitions, open letters, lobbying and forum theatre etc. She will present experiences from her advocacy and empowering campaigns work focussing on the challenges they face. She will also share examples of the challenges of the communities who are dependent on the public administration for the services and who fear that they might be reprimanded for demanding their rights.

Leav Lina works at the Social Action for Community and Development (SACD) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The main goals of SACD are to raise awareness and build capacity, generate and share critical analysis through organised campaigns, workshops, forums and trainings for Cambodian people. She will share learnings from the workshops and public forums used to raise awareness and generate accountability from the government regarding citizens’ health and health rights. She will also share experiences of the campaign on Anti-Microbial Resistant (AMR), including a discussion on access to medicine under intellectual property rights and experiences from trainings on Comprehensive Social Protection and community forum experiences on Access to Public Healthcare in Cambodia.

Maithamako Mmolai Chalmers is the CEO of Lesbians Gays and Bisexuals of Botswana (LEGABIBO) organisation. She has been working towards raising awareness on the issues faced by LGBTI community, challenging criminalisation and conducting research studies for advocacy support to hold governments accountable to protect the LGBTI community. She will share the results of an intervention campaign themed "proud to serve", conducted by 3 CSOs in Botswana to raise awareness among healthcare workers on how they could provide services to the LGBTI community within their facilities in an environment where same-sex activities are criminalised. Further she will share how trained community health workers and peer educators worked together to change attitudes of healthcare workers and made facilities more accommodating of members of the LGBTI community.
Dr. Nitin Jadhav is a health activist, and associated with Anusandhan Trust- Support for Advocacy and Training to Health Initiatives (SATHI). He is involved with several community based health initiatives and is experienced in Community Based Monitoring and Planning (CBMP), in organising health services under the National Rural Health Mission. He undertakes participatory audit and planning exercise for Rogi Kalyan Samiti (patient welfare committee) funds in Maharashtra. He will share his experiences from the campaign on women farmers’ status on social security which comes from information collected from suicide affected households done among 505 women farmers from 11 suicide prone districts of Maharashtra. He is involved in the campaign for his association with the state wide coalition of women farmer called Mahila Kisan Adhikar Manch (MAKAAM).

Dr. Ravi Ram is the co-lead for Peoples’ Health Movement of Kenya and is a leading health activist. He is a Monitoring & Evaluation, Learning (MEL) and Strategic Planning expert. His effort to mobilise civil society for the betterment of maternal care and SRHR services are noteworthy. He tirelessly advocates for publicly financed model of primary health care for achieving UHC in Kenya. He is also associated with in the formation of Health Workers for All Coalition (HWAC) in East & Southern African to strengthen the health workforce.

He will share experiences in right to health campaign from Kenya. The advocacy for stronger health systems especially in providing SRHR and maternity health care, and public debates on social accountability in regards to health systems and Universal Health Coverage (UHC) will be discussed.

Owuor Otieno is the Executive Coordinator for Kamukunji Paralegal Trust (KAPLET) in Kenya. KAPLET is working with communities to hold duty bearers accountable for the loss of lives due to hunger during time of drought in semi-arid Kenya. KAPLET has also documented cases of human rights violations of the several women who were unlawfully detained in public maternity hospitals. He will share examples of using right based approach on health related issues from the work of KAPLET. He will also share about the importance of following a down-up approach through peaceful and non violent approach on politics of health and showcase the significance of training health activists on risks assessment and security management because some health advocacy activities come with risks or threats.

Dr. Roger Ciza is the Vice President cum CEO at the Health Healing Network Burundi and an active member of PHM Burundi. He is instrumental in project management at the grass root level, advocacy activity, and community mobilisation campaigns. Among the many types of community-based projects, the work related to tobacco control is remarkable as the World Health Organisation’ Framework for Convention for tobacco control (FCTC) was adopted as legislation by the National Assembly of Burundi in March 2018. He will share his experiences from the implementation of tobacco control project. The example is drawn from an advocacy project that built a tobacco control movement in order to accelerate the adoption of a national FCTC compliant Tobacco Control Bill and advocated for tax increase nationally.
Rosaura Dalila Medina Prado is engaged with the organisation CEGSS in Guatemala. Her work entails carrying out monitoring processes in health services in conjunction with the Network of Community Defenders for the right to health and look into violations that affect the right to health of vulnerable people. She will share initiatives of CEGSS that generate spaces for accountability and strengthening of health systems and also share how the implementation of campaigns has been an effective tool to encourage a culture of denunciations, generate evidence on violations of right to health, to create alliances with media and with the community. She will illustrate thorough her presentation that social participation is important and indispensable to achieve systematic and structural changes within the Guatemalan Health System.

Dr. Smita Bajpai is associated with CHETNA which is a women-led civil society organisation that works on health, nutrition of women, children and young people, education, communication, and gender. Previously she has worked to strengthen capacities of Hospital Based Management Committees or the Rogi Kalyan Samitis in Rajasthan. She is involved in advocacy activities for quality of care in Maternal Newborn Health Services to strengthen the local self-government. She would share her experience on the opening up of spaces of Gram Sabha (Village Assembly) of the local self-government (panchayats) for women and demonstrate how participation of women ensures regular conduct of village assemblies, and on the other hand mobilises women in large number to prioritise their demands in village assemblies on safe motherhood in Rajasthan.

Simran Sachdev is working as Justice Program Officer with the organization Nazdeek, India. Nazdeek is a legal empowerment organization committed to bringing access to justice closer to marginalized communities in India. She will present experiences of Nazdeek, on community monitoring project on maternal health in Delhi and Assam. She will also showcase the study of anemia and maternal health on Assam’s tea plantation areas. In addition she will share Nazdeek’s overall strategy in project management that consists of rights-based trainings, monitoring of service delivery, community meetings, grievance forums, complaint-filing, advocacy, and on some occasions litigation to as and when need be.
Theme 2: Indigenous and Vulnerable People

Sharon Renee Cano Chulim is allied with the Simone de Beauvoir AC Leadership Institute (ILSB) in Mexico. The Institute trains indigenous women in the use of transparency mechanisms, access to information and field research to monitor health policies and services in the communities where they are located. She will be showcasing the work of ILSB of capacity building of indigenous women leaders for advocacy and the work with networks of indigenous women. She will present how ILSB is contributing towards developing indigenous women leadership for advocacy by recognising their knowledge and accompanying them in the process. She will also share the experiences of the indigenous women who are involved in the advocacy processes and experience indigenous women’s network.

Bincy Mathew is a researcher at the George Institute for Global Health. As a part of the project that looks at the health burdens, health seeking trajectories and challenges of marginalised urban populations, he has examined the role of civil society /non-profit organisations/voluntary organisations and their engagement with vulnerable groups in improving their access to healthcare services. He is a part of an ethnographic study of health burdens and health seeking challenges of homeless women with regards to maternal and child health care. He will share experiences and challenges associated with stigma, lack of coordinated State action and the suggestions put forth by providers and the community along with the contribution of non-State actors in healthcare services for the marginalised.

Dr. Clara Juarez Ramirez is a lecturer and researcher at the National Institute of Public Health Of Mexico. He has worked previously with civil society organisations of midwives who provide health care to indigenous women. He is currently a lecturer of public health of medical students and teach the subject of equity in health. He is also working with indigenous women on the issue of sexual and reproductive health. He will share his experiences of field work with indigenous people in sexual and reproductive health rights, as well as the challenges that this work represents.

Dr. Danilo Paiva Ramos is an Anthropologist at the Universidade Federal da Bahia, Brazil. He has extended support to indigenous social movement of Rio Negro (Amazonia) Indigenous Organisations (FOIRN) to strengthen indigenous medicine and governance in health and for the development of Indigenous Health Observatory at Federal University of Bahia. His research is on indigenous health system accountability in partnership with SSL (Health Unlimited NGO), FOIRN and IDS (Institute of Development Studies). He will share experiences of collaborations with the Federation of Rio Negro Indigenous Organisations (FOIRN) and present the experiences about the interplay of different forms of accountability in the context of Indigenous Health Subsystem of Brazil’s Unified Health System.
Dr. Deepak Kumar is a Public Health Professional and an MPH scholar at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur, India. He took initiative to calculate the burden of (HIV) PLHIV in Jodhpur and is actively involved in improving the quality of life of people living with HIV in Jodhpur city of Rajasthan. He is also an advocate for appropriate health care for Silicosis (chronic respiratory fatal disease) associated with the mine workers of Jodhpur. He will share his experience of treating patients suffering with silicosis and impact on the family victims. He will emphasise how cultural practices and beliefs like early marriage invite diseases which compromise on their quality of life further.

Khaled Mosharraf Chowdhury is an Administrative Officer at the Gonoshasthaya Kendra, Savar, Bangladesh. He has been associated with PHM and has worked both as a participant and volunteer for Gonoshasthaya Kendra, and with the SDG mission by UNDP. He also worked with GVTTI in their vocational training and women skill development. Currently he is a research associate in the GK- John Hopkins University project on a book being documented about Gonoshasthaya Kendra. He will discuss his research about water preservation methods in the salinity bound areas of south Bangladesh. He will also present his project on the third gender and the social discrimination as well as stigma experienced by them.

Kannamedi Bheemappa Obalesh is an Activist associated with Thamate- Dalit Human Rights Forum (DHRF). His professional work experience is on ensuring accountability from ground (community) level to top (State) level through community-based monitoring activities. He is also involved in motivating and educating community, officials, and the public for implementing the Prohibition of Employment of Manual Scavenging and their Rehabilitation Act of 2013. He will share about Thamate’s advocacy strategies for implementing present legislation on manual scavenging, its initiation at ground level and implementation at State and National Level, along with the challenges faced. He will also highlight caste based atrocities and dehumanising conditions of the manual scavengers, both at the hands of State and citizens in India.

Mathew Sunil George is a doctoral candidate at the University of Canberra, Kottayam. He has been involved in research among people living with HIV including sex workers, focussing on determinants of access to care and community empowerment. He is currently involved with the tribals in Attapadi area of Kerala and widows to understand and document experiences of marginalisation in the context of Universal Health Coverage. He is eager to share and learn how the developmental discourse of the wider society doesn’t destroy the cultural social worlds of the indigenous communities, but instead takes cognisance of their healing traditions and rich heritage. He would how this would be feasible even at the micro-level and what are the lessons for the movement for UHC.
FRISHCHIKJ JASMINKA
Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women
Lawyer
Macedonia

Frischchik Jasminka is a lawyer with the Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women in Macedonia. Her work revolves around providing paralegal services to Roma community who face legal problems that cannot fulfill their health rights. These services are provided to specific Roma communities where Roma are empowered and informed about health services and then are included in their assessment. Findings from the assessment are used for drafting recommendations for improvement of health policies. ESE in cooperation with Coalition Margini has undertaken activities for promotion and assessment of the level of implementation of the SDG 16.3 goal related to access to justice. Jasminka will present experiences of combining social accountability and legal empowerment approach in case of protection of Roma health rights.

NAMNE MENA
Government of India
Lady Health Visitor
India

Namne Mena is an LHV (Lady Health Visitor) associated with the Government of India. She is a recipient of the National Florence Nightingale Award. Her experiences of poor facilities for treatment of patients serve as a motivation to work for the indigenous people and society. She will share the challenges associated with working as a nurse in rural areas with no adequate facilities and she would also suggest measures to improve upon them.

DR. VANDANA PRASAD
Public Health Resource Network
Community Pediatrician and Public Health Expert
India

Dr. Vandana Prasad is a Community Pediatrician and Public Health Expert associated with the Public Health Resource Network, Noida. She is actively involved in research on access to health among the vulnerable tribal groups, running community-based programmes and advocacy programmes for management of malnutrition and maternity rights for women. She will be sharing the experiences of initiating community management programmes on maternity entitlements, malnutrition, reproductive health and nutrition.

JAGDISH LAL
Programme Officer
Centre for Health & Social Justice
India

Jagdish Lal is working as a Programme Officer with Centre for Health & Social Justice (CHSJ), New-Delhi, India. CHSJ works on the issues of health rights and gender equality. He is involved in developing content and providing training on the issue of gender and health inequality and discrimination. He will be presenting issues related to denial of health rights and discrimination faced by the marginalized communities of Dalits and Adivasis. Based on the experience of his work of more than two decades he will showcase how the marginalized communities are bereft of health services and entitlements. Through various examples of Village & Health Nutrition Day (VHND), Anganwadi and immunization services, he will share how the community-specific people are discriminated and denied their health rights.
**Theme 3: Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights**

**ALFENUR ABU KUFA**
Health Poverty Action/
Peoples Health Movement
Public Health
Ethiopia

Alfenur Abu Kufa is associated with the Peoples Health Movement in Ethiopia. He is a part of the struggle for sexual reproductive health right of ethnic minorities in Ethiopia, as well as advocating the socio-cultural and physical barriers other than financial barriers in addressing Universal Health Care by the government. He will share his experience and lessons from margins project which benefited nomadic pastoralist mothers with a lot of innovative interventions to achieve broader socio-economic determinants of health.

**DR. ARUNA UPRETY**
Rural Health Education
Service Trust, Kathmandu
Medical Doctor
Nepal

Dr. Aruna Uprety is a Medical Doctor associated with the Rural Health Education Service Trust in Kathmandu. She has lobbied and advocated to legalise abortion in Nepal since 1986. She also advocates that only providing drugs for pregnant women is not the solution but the community should be informed about healthy nutritious food that should be consumed by the pregnant women to combat anaemia. She is also engaged with understanding traditional knowledge and its impact on community. She will share experiences of advocating and legalising abortion in Nepal; and how effective results borne through action-oriented research along with media can be used to disseminate the information to the community faster.

**ANTENEH ASEFA MEKONNEN**
Hawassa University
Public Health Researcher
Ethiopia

Anteneh Asefa Mekonnen is a Public Health Researcher at Hawassa University. He is a part of and intervention to promote human rights during facility-based childbirth in Ethiopia with support from the Ministry of Health, international partner organisations and the University of Melbourne. He had previously worked with various stakeholders to eliminate the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV. He will present some of the lessons on how to ensure human rights in health facilities, identify the gaps, and devise remedy actions. He will also discuss on health system challenges and how to overcome such challenges.

**BAYANO RAMADAN VALY JUNIOR**
Observatório Cidadão para Saúde
Social Worker
Mozambique

Bayano Ramadan Valy Junior is a Social Worker associated with Observatório Cidadão para Saúde, Mozambique. He is involved in training and ensures citizen’s participation in the provision of health services in Mozambique. He also works with men and boys to make them realise the sexual and reproductive health rights of their partners, and health rights choices by adopting positive sexual behaviours to help reduce the spread of HIV and STIs. He is a trainer especially for men and boys in the issues of consent and respect for choices of women. He will share experience about the engagement of communities in health co-management committees, especially the challenges such co-management committees face in their relationship with health authorities.
Bhavana Milind Jadhav is a Social worker associated with Streevani in Pune. She has previously worked in a project to improve maternal health in six states in India. As part of the organisation, she also conducts orientation program and training for the community to ensure social accountability on issues like malnutrition, maternal morbidity. She has also been engaged in community based monitoring of health set-ups and she is interested in learning from the symposium on the topic of reproductive health, the challenges faced by practitioners and the social accountability related to it.

Caroline Aruho is a Social Worker associated with the Coalition for Health Promotion and Social Development in Uganda. She is involved at the community level to raise awareness under the Access to essential medicines and commodities to prevent maternal mortality due to unsafe Abortion project. She is also engaged in the training of community monitors that HEPS Uganda conducts. She will share the community scorecard (CSC) approach that HEPS Uganda has been using in implementing the Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights projects implemented in Kamuli Eastern Uganda. Through the CSC approach involvement of community participants in SRHR issues that affect them in community will also be discussed.

Chaturvedi Rajdev is a Social Worker associated with the Gramin Punarniman Sansthan in India. He has been involved in comprehensive mobilisation and awareness activities to ensure access to quality family planning services. His organisation has also been working with women’s groups at the community who are trained in health and human rights. Recently, his organisation has also conducted activity in the domain of abortion rights, where the thrust of the activity was to assess the current status of abortion services through facility checklists and interviews with various stakeholders. He will share his experiences from his work on advocating for family planning services and change at the policy level for ensuring best quality care services that involves informed and voluntary choice.

Dr. Esnart Mwila is a Health Advisor with TALC in Zambia. He has been engaged as a community health advocate to ensure participation from the community regardless of their education level. He supervised youth and adolescent-led youth friendly corners to ensure a safer space to access health care without prejudice. He will share his personal testimony of how he got infected with HIV, his treatment journey fighting stigma and discrimination, and finally EMTCT.
Narasamma Kotnekal is associated with the Jagrutha Mahila Sanghatane in Raichur as the Co-convener. Her organisation is a part of the National Community Monitoring Programme under National Rural Health Mission, and they are involved in various community interventions like capacity building of women leaders with respect to health rights, use of pictorial tools to educate, holding public hearings and providing direct interface between communities and health care providers. The organisation has spearheaded numerous campaigns for economic and social justice such as for food, work, right to health and health care, proper functioning of PDS, violence on Dalit women, against discrimination and so on. The experiences related to maternal health rights campaign of the organisation would be shared by her.

Dr. Nilangi Narendra Sardeshpande is a Health Researcher associated with SAHAJ, India. As a part of her doctoral research, she has looked at the young women who have undergone hysterectomy, their access to reproductive health services in Maharashtra. Currently she is engaged in researching on reproductive histories of women from marginalised communities. She will be sharing her experience of SDG gender index and its value addition to SDGs. She will present the review of the five states of India which were selected for SDGs and targets as part of the organisation's work. She will stress on the need for a critical and closed monitoring of the process through which the Government of India is working to achieve the SDG.

Nyombi Jaffar Tazan is a Social Worker associated with Action for Fundamental Change and Development (AFFCAD) in Uganda. AFFCAD has trained peer educators who have conducted sexual reproductive health trainings in schools and secondary schools and messengers from the community as well as other stakeholders to discuss adolescent SRHR. In addition, they encourage parents to provide sex education to the adolescents and also put pressure on the government to legalise abortion. This is part of the Cultural Arts framework to promote advocacy for sexual reproductive health/rights. He will share his experience and expertise of founding a grass root organisation that has achieved and transformed peoples lives and the power of community ownership and development plus the power of music in advocacy.

Rudrakshina Bannerjee is the Program Officer at the Centre for Health and Social Justice (CHSJ), India. As part of CHSJ she has undertaken Community Monitoring of Family Planning services and the exercise included interviews with a sample of mixed respondents ranging from women users to medical officers. She was also a part of the Monitoring of Quality of Services being provided at the Sterilisation camps. She will present the findings and experiences from of access to family planning services and the need to constantly monitor different interventions under the family planning program to understand the various challenges. She will also highlight the law usage of contraceptive among men which makes the women victims of the coercive target oriented approach.
Subhasini Kumar Tharmalingam is a Human Rights Lawyer associated with Human Rights in Childbirth. She has been involved in a petition calling on the Government of India to stem inappropriate and dangerous use of medical practices in childbirth and also in legal battle against the State of Croatia on the issue of denial of birth certificates to women who reject coercive and abusive health care in childbirth. She will share the significance of “soft rights” - acts of kindness, compassion and preservation of human dignity. She will also share about contributions from women from every walk of life on the abuse and disrespect for women during childbirth and pregnancy and emphasise on directing policy design of maternity healthcare through the lens of human rights.

Sudhir Kumar Tripathi is a Social Worker associated with the Bundelkhand Development Foundation, India. As part of the organisation, he has studied the trend of early marriage and its adverse effects on the adolescent’s physical, mental, emotional development. To create awareness for better education and health among girls, he has also been part of the ‘my flight’ campaign which uses art forms like drama, songs, puppetry and painting as well as discussions. He will share about the role his organisation has played in highlighting the obstacles for basic rights such as education among children, especially girls. He will highlight how due to lack of quality education and absence of female teachers, adolescents do not get exposed to information regarding health.

Tina Ravi is a Consultant of Maternal Health at the Centre for Catalysing Change. She has been part of a qualitative research conducted by WRAI in four states of India on the disrespect and abuse faced by women. She was also involved with a social media campaign launched by RMC- WRAI called #IDemandRespectfulCare to create awareness on the different kinds of disrespect and abuse faced by women while availing childbirth. She will share the findings of the qualitative research on disrespect and abuse and its impact on overall maternal health outcomes. She will also share the media campaign to promote RMC in India and RMC Charter which places RMC as a legitimate right within human rights.

Ziyue Lin is the Editor of Women Health Watcher in China. She is part of a seminar which is being held on the theme of reproductive rights of women in China. To control the population, the State in China exercises very tight control over women’s bodies. The seminar discusses women’s physical autonomy in policy planning. Since 2012 she is also involved in the performance art of “occupying men’s toilets” to create awareness and generate government support for addressing the imbalance between the number of men’s and women’s toilets in public places. She hopes to share some of the efforts to protect women’s health in policy advocacy. Particularly, how to ensure women’s physical autonomy with regards to future policy changes in China.
**Theme 4: Private Health Sector**

**BRIAN ALEX KIIRA**  
Institute for Social and Economic Rights (ISER)  
Lawyer  
Uganda

Brian Alex Kiira is a Lawyer associated with Institute of Social and Economic Rights, Uganda. He is engaged in research on "Private Actors in the Health Sector in Uganda" which examines the place of private actors- ranging from Private For Profit, Private Not For Profit, as well as the Traditional Medicine Practitioners- in health service delivery. He is also currently pursuing a case before the Constitutional Court of Uganda, probing into the Constitutionality of Lack of sign language interpreters in health facilities. He will share about the place of Private Actors in the health sector, particularly he will draw in on Government's duty of regulating PPP and application of Access to Information (health information) law to facilities that receive subsidies from the State.

**DR. KAREN RUTH MATHIAS**  
Emmanuel Hospital Association  
Public Health Doctor  
India

Dr. Mathias is a Public Health Researcher at Hawassa University. She is part of a project of co-production of a resource for community mental health developed with people affected by mental health problems using a PAR framework. She will present some of the lessons from the project experience which highlight that majority of people with mental distress in India do not have access to care, and even those who seek care are pushed to attend private providers, given the weak and largely absent public mental health services. The study aimed at examining the experiences in help-seeking and unethical health service provision among people with severe mental distress in Saharanpur and Bijnor districts, Uttar Pradesh.

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Dr. Chrishantha is a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo. She has penned two journal articles with others- on the rise of health expenditure in South Asian region mainly contributing through unregulated private sector and deterioration of the public sector in the region, and on the status of primary health care in the south Asian Region where, main contribution comes from the private sector and the share of public sector is falling apart. She will share the Sri Lankan experience on right to health movement, particularly the work on access to medicines, private sector accountability, and the campaign for including right to health in the constitution.

**MEENA PUTTURAJ**  
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India

Health, India. She was involved as a researcher in a team at Institute of Public Health, Bengaluru investigating the evolution and the implementation of the legislation called the "Karnataka Private Medical Establishment Act" (KPMEA). As part of the MPH course at Belgium, she undertook an in-depth inquiry on the implementation of KPMEA. Currently she is working to develop a monograph on the "Basic Health Care Support Programme" implemented in West Bengal. She will share experience of her participation in the stakeholder consultation meetings held by the Karnataka state government in 2016-17, and the recommendations to the Karnataka Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
Ravinder Duggal is an Independent Researcher and Consultant and associated with the Peoples Health Movement, India. He has been involved in health services research, advocacy and training, especially related to health economics, primary healthcare systems, health policy, budgets, decentralization/governance, right to healthcare and reproductive health etc. He has recently completed a tenure with the IBP coordinating the India country program. Presently he is engaged in a global assignment for the WHO to develop training guidelines for UHC advocacy for parliamentarians, civil society organizations and media. He has researched and published extensively on private health sector in India and on Health Financing and Budgets. He will share his experiences and speak on how to rein in the private health sector in context of universal access to healthcare.

Shweta Neelesh Marathe is a researcher associated with SATHI, India. She has been involved in a study on transformation in private medical sector in Maharashtra, and in others related to health system research related to community nutrition and community monitoring of health services.
Theme 5: Health Care Workers

Fatima Lamishi Adamu is a Researcher associated with Women for Health, and DAI Global Health in Nigeria. She is actively involved in mobilising community to address shortage of female health care providers; she also engages in promoting education for young women to delay the age of untimely marriage among them and promotes sexual and reproductive rights issues that are considered sensitive in the community. She will share some of the experiences in mobilising community members towards accountability and other approaches to address health and gender issues. Along with this she will share the challenges in engaging with this work that come from the traditional and unchallenged power relations in the society.

Malathi Natarajan is a Staff Nurse associated with the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka. As the Kaykalpa coordinator, she actively engages in various training activities of the staffs related to swacchatha abhiyan and other laqshya training programmes. In addition, she holds a PGDHFWM under state sponsored deputation from SIHFW, wherein she also participates in attending to various pilot models of activities, of training sessions and in training others in the concerned field. She will share experiences as a clinical nurse working in the peripheral set-up under the department of health, the recognition of the service as a caretaker and a professional and the award she received of the Best Worker in the District.

Dr. Fidele Mukinda Kanyimbu is a PhD student at the University of the Western Cape and he is involved in Monitoring and Response Unit (MRU) which is a locally designed structure oriented toward preventive actions, clinical governance, training, and improvement cycles. He is also involved in Perinatal Problem Identification Program (PPiP) and Child Problem Identification Program (ChIP) which uses a clinical audit approach to address accountability directly not only at facility level, but also at individual level especially when gross negligence is identified. He will share experiences and importance of the need to involve local communities in the management of health care processes and also about the key challenges in the process of advocacy.

Man Singh Jat is a Nursing Officer at AIIMS, New Delhi, India. He is working on sensitisation of health care workers activities. He is also involved with the community on preventive aspects on especially preventing burn out of nurses when they work in tertiary care units which are highly specialised. He will share the experiences of health care workers especially nurses across the country who experience different forms of discrimination being in the position they are in and the structural issues that bring distress and dysfunctionality amongst health care workers.
Masuma Mamdani is a Public Health Specialist associated with the Ifakara Health Institute/EQUINET Africa. She is leading an ongoing collaborative research on informal practices in frontline health providers. To bridge the gap between reality and aspiration in building health systems that deliver for all, she is also leading a regional initiative under EQUINET-Africa umbrella in collaboration with East, Central and Southern African Community. Drawing on preliminary findings from an ongoing research carried out in Tanzania under the Anti-Corruption Evidence (ACE) consortium, her presentation will explore the most important forms, drivers and consequences of rule bending or breaking among frontline public health providers and explore system bottlenecks as well as catalysts for a efficient and accountable health system.

Satnam Singh is a Teacher and he is associated with the Jan Swasthya Abhiyan, India. He has been involved in Health Rights Campaigning under the Banner of Jan Swasthya Abhiyan, advocacy for better Health Policies and building the Health Movement in North India. He will share his experiences of building and leading Health Rights Movement, and the challenges and the opportunities associated with it.

Dr. Mubangizi Vincent is a Medical Doctor associated with the Mbarara University Of Science And Technology, Must. He has coordinated HURAPRIM (Human Resources for Primary Health Care in Africa) at MUST, an international collaborative research project that aimed at developing and assessing policies and key interventions to address the personnel crisis in the health sector. Since March 2018 he has been a principal researcher at MUST working on “Family Planning: Fact or Fiction” project. He will share how to conduct confidential enquiry in developing countries to reduce mortality through community participation. He will also share his experience while making health educational and promotional materials using a person-based approach in which a partnership between experts and the community is needed.
Sunandamma Shantappa is a Senior Community Convenor with the Jagrutha Mahila Sanghatane. The community health worker approach adopted by JMS has trained women from the Dalit community in community mental health approach as well as in use of medicinal plants effective for mental and emotional health. She has been a part of community monitoring practices at the grassroots as well as carried out advocacy with policy makers and legislators to improve the public health system. She will share the approach to primary health care, using local resources and skills, and the politics of alternatives that they as an organisation have practised. The approach is linked to their motto “our health in our hands”.

Wilson Damien Asibu is a Social Worker associated with CMPD Malawi and EQUINET in Malawi. He has been involved in implementing a Community Health Workers Networking Project and Access to Medicine Campaign through EQUINET to improve community health services delivery and access, availability and affordability of medicine to communities in Malawi and Africa. He is also part of implementing a regional Participatory Action Research (PAR) programme of work in ESA under the EQUINET to pilot and use an online participatory action research process. He will share experiences from Malawi in advocating for and strengthening community health services and Primary Health Care in Malawi. He will also share experiences from implementing Community Health Workers Networking Project and Access to Medicine Campaign.