

Profile

Sonam Sethi, MBBS, MD, is a fellow at the India Development Foundation and is involved in research in Public Health. Dr. Sethi has been involved in teaching and training of undergraduate and postgraduate students in B.J Medical College, Ahmedabad and Vardhaman Mahavir Medical College, Delhi. She has also worked with the Department of Rehabilitation at Safdarjung hospital on a disability project by the Indian Council of Medical Research. She has been working extensively in and with the community.

Education

M.D., Community Medicine: B.J. Medical College, Ahmedabad,, Gujarat 1999

M.B.B.S., Government Medical College, Nagpur, Maharashtra, 1994.

Experience

India Development Foundation (IDF), Location

- Fellow, June 2006- Present

Prepared the draft report for the World Bank on 'The Role of the Entertainment Communication Industry in fighting Stigma and Discrimination against HIV/AIDS', 2007. Currently working with Global Development Network as a member of the project management team on 'Promoting Innovative Programmes from the Developing World: Towards Realizing the Health MDGs in Africa and Asia.

Global Cancer Concern, New Delhi

- Sr. Medical Officer, Jan 2006-April 2006

Running the OPD, organizing cancer screening camps for early detection, home visits of the terminally ill cancer patients, coordinating with hospitals to ensure proper treatment of the poor cancer patients.

Department of Rehabilitation, Safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi,

- Research Associate for a project of Indian Council of Medical Research ,2004-2005

Studied the prevalence of disability among pre-school children in resettlement colonies of Delhi. Carried out situational analysis of presently available facilities for prevention of disability among pre-school children. Reviewed, adapted and developed training material for disability prevention for use in training of health care providers, empowering of community in self care for disability prevention. Delivered selected interventions. Involved in the study of epidemiology of disability prevention through retrospective case study method. Developed basic rehabilitative services in the study area. Further developed linkages between various government departments and non-governmental organizations within Delhi. Was also involved in coordinating with centres involved in the project in Jaipur, Rajasthan and Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

Vardhman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi

- Senior Resident and Demonstrator, 2001-2003

As founder faculty, actively participated in setting up the department of Community Medicine, Vardhman Mahavir Medical College, New Delhi. All through involvement in IEC activities and training of medical and paramedical personnel involved in health care (IEC activities i.e. Information, Education and Communication). These activities included health topics like STD and AIDS, Immunization, Nutrition in

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younger children, Diarrhea prevention in children, School health, disabilities type and early identification, emergency contraception etc.

B.J. Medical College, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

- Tutor, 1998-2001

Teaching and training of undergraduate and postgraduate students in B.J Medical College. Worked as Lady Medical Officer of the Urban Health Centre, and was responsible for initiating Well Baby Clinic and Family Planning Services, Diagnostic Camps. Was actively involved with the National Health programmes in the past. Was involved in monitoring and evaluation of Pulse Polio Programme in Ahmedabad, Health Services for the Poor in Sabarkantha district of Gujarat and School Health Programme in schools of Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Participated in Goiter Resurvey in Gandhinagar District, Gujarat and Maternal Mortality Survey in Banaskantha district of Northern Gujarat

Worked extensively with the community and was involved in IEC activities on STD and AIDS, immunization, nutrition in younger children, weaning practices diarrhea prevention in children, school health, disabilities type and early identification, emergency contraception, and early identification of refractive errors in school children.

Publications

Sonam Sethi & G.P Kartha “ A Study on Prevalence of Refractive Errors in School Children of Ahmedabad City “, Community Medicine, Oct-Dec 2000, Vol XXV

M.K Lala & Sonam Sethi “Effect of Iodisation of Salt on Goiter in non endemic area of Gandhinagar, Gujarat” Poster Paper in Annual conference at Rajkot Dec. 2000

Sonam Sethi, T R Rasaniya & T R Sachdhev “ E – Cards in Health Care an introduction to the concept”, IAE, Annual Conference, 9th to 11th November, New Delhi, 2002

Draft report for the World Bank on ‘The Role of the Entertainment Communication Industry in fighting Stigma and Discrimination against HIV/AIDS’, 2007