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CHORUS Research Consortium

Community-led Responsive & Effective Urban Health Systems

CHORUS research consortium brings together health researchers from West Africa, South Asia and the UK. We work with communities, health professionals and city level decision makers to co-design and co-implement urban health system strengthening initiatives that respond to the needs of urban populations, particularly the most vulnerable.

Now in the 6th and final year, we have interesting findings to share from our 8 large projects and 17 smaller projects, across our four research pillars

CHORUS RESEARCH PILLARS



LINKING THE PLURALITY OF PROVIDERS:

CHORUS research highlights the need for renewed and focused efforts to link informal and private providers to the wider health system, to create transparent governance structures and improve population data coverage. Such policy actions can accelerate the achievement of a more equitable urban health system.

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MULTI SECTORAL COLLABORATION:

Effective multi-sectoral action is critical to address wider determinants of health, and the growing health crisis amongst the urban poor. Our projects in Ghana, Nigeria, Nepal and Bangladesh offer evidence and policy action on addressing the current challenges and strengthening multisectoral action.

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RESPONDING TO THE DOUBLE BURDEN OF COMMUNICABLE AND NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES:

CHORUS highlights the need for urban specific, multi-sectoral approaches that recognise the role of local city governments, link providers and understand and respond to the diversity of urban populations.

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IDENTIFYING, REACHING AND ENGAGING THE URBAN POOR:

Urban poverty is wide ranging, hard to detect, and often overlooked or excluded from data used by decision makers. CHORUS outputs share evidence on how preventative and curative health services can better reach the urban poor.

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We are pleased to feature as a case study for strategic action in the new WHO Guide on Taking a Strategic Approach for Urban Health - (pg 81)





CHORUS PROJECTS

NIGERIA



1. Linking the informal health providers with the public healthcare system
2. Mainstreaming Health in All Sectors
3. Social determinants of health seeking school children
4. Mitigating the impact of urban crime on health and wellbeing
5. Multisectoral involvement in WASH for improving health
6. Antimicrobial dispensing and consumption in urban slums
7. Masculinity and sexual health among internal migrants

NEPAL



1. Strengthening service delivery of NCD programmes for the urban poor
2. Strengthening urban health systems through an urban health data hub
3. Ethnographic study of intersecting inequities
4. Improving adolescent mental health using a co-design approach
5. Assessing urban poverty and deprivation
6. How evidence is communicated by media to inform urban health policies

BANGLADESH



1. Strengthening NCD primary healthcare for urban poor populations
2. Strategic purchasing models in urban Bangladesh
3. Small area poverty estimation and urban health
4. Promoting physical activity for girls and women
5. Health vulnerability from heat waves in Dhaka
6. Public expenditure tracking for urban health systems
7. Drug sellers and AMR in urban Bangladesh

GHANA



1. Supporting promotive and preventive health services in urban poor communities
2. Implementing public-private networks of practice to improve health service coverage for the urban poor
3. Resourcing primary healthcare: An ethnography
4. Operationalising Health in All Policies
5. Effective health communications for urban slums

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