

5 th Annual Regional Meeting

Healthcare and ICT Initiatives

OneWorld South Asia

Millennium Development Goals

Goal 4: Reduce Child Mortality

Goal 5: Improve Maternal Health

Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and
Other Diseases

Thematic Areas

- ICTs in Maternal healthcare and countering malnutrition among children
- ICTs for improving access to and delivery of health services
- ICTs in combating epidemics: HIV/AIDS , Malaria, Tuberculosis and other diseases
- ICTs in disease surveillance and nationwide Management Information System (HMIS)

Suggestions and Recommendations

- **Community based ICT systems for disease surveillance and vital statistics to be encouraged by the government eg, unique ID at birth, e-health cards etc.**
- **Integrated (holistic) approach to health management and development with ICTs and appropriate technologies in government health systems at different levels should be encouraged**
- **The power of ICTs should be harnessed to enhance grass roots communication tools for achieving the MDG goals**
- **Involvement of ICT in quality data collection, monitoring and evaluation mechanism should be developed to review implementation and progress**

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- **Develop a system with quality checks and proper control by an expert committee before transmitting messages to people.**
- **Strong advocacy to ensure that MDG objectives are clearly reflected in the policy initiatives undertaken by the central and state governments and the NGOs (eg: IEC strategies)**
- **Appropriate, cost-effective and sustainable infrastructure for ICT should be developed at all level**
- **Develop software which is easily understood, accessible and maintainable at grassroots level**

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- **Training on IT for health service providers should be done for efficiency and effectiveness of the service (capacity building)**
- **Make an ICT platform for debating of health issues so that information exchange can be further promoted**
- **Experience sharing on health issues related to MDGs**
- **Establish strong multi stake holder partnerships which include community sensitization**