



Monthly Progress Report

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This monthly progress report entails RICPHI's activities/tasks' status for June 2022.

Workshops/Trainings

Mini-RAPS for Interdisciplinary Research: In continuation with the series of brainstorming workshops called Mini RAPS to foster an interdisciplinary research culture across all Ramaiah institutions which was initiated in April 2022, the third round was held on June 13th. The session saw participants deliberating on potential solutions to the top barriers and brainstorming on the resources available for executing them. The participants drew a set of recommendations to be submitted to the Ramaiah leadership for integrating into overarching policies of the organization for supporting innovation as a culture within all Ramaiah institutions.



Swasthya Samithi meetings: With the increasing rigour around the Ramaiah Community Outreach Program, a series of Peer Wellness Clubs/Swasthya Samithi meetings were initiated in different catchment areas under the ACE-ME program. RICPHI's Health Resource Officers, who are responsible for facilitating these meetings, dabbled in different topics for discussion including exercises on good nutrition practices, food pyramid and what to eat and what not to eat etc. Interactive hand gestures, created specifically for message recall around these topics, were taught to the community members for aiding conscious consumption. On June 20th, the SS meeting was conducted in Mylapura village along with a videography session to capture community feedback. Simultaneous SS meetings were also conducted in Baluvaneralu and Doddavallabhi on June 6th, 2022.

Photography and videography training: Capturing field activities and documenting them effectively is an important part of efficient data management. As the Health Resource Officers are the torch bearers of the ACE-ME program, the onus to capture important activities during field work relies heavily on them. To inculcate a culture of capturing good images and videos, just using their smart phones, a special session on photography and videography was conducted for RICPHI's staff, specifically the HROs by Mr. Balaraj Naidu, a well-known professional photographer from Bangalore on June 4, 2022.



Grants/New Projects

Dr. Nomita Chandhiok's visit: The month of June 2022 marked the visit of Dr. Nomita Chandhiok, Retd. Senior Deputy Director General/Scientist, ICMR, New Delhi and Advisor, RICPHI to provide her valuable inputs for commissioning of the Training Advisory Group (TAG) and Data and Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) for the ABC Prediabetes Trial project. RICPHI also arranged for an open discussion on potential opportunities and proposals around RMNCH+A with various faculty from Ramaiah Medical College and Ramaiah Memorial Hospital as well as Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences. Her visit culminated with the first meeting of the Data Safety and Monitoring Board (DSMB) for the Prediabetes trial RICPHI has been entrusted to conduct by Almond Board of California, commencing in Aug 2022.

On the Field

Cervical Cancer screening camp: A Cervical and Breast cancer screening program for teachers was held in association with the district surveillance Unit of Ramanagara District on 18th June 2022 at Chennapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District. It was organized via co-ordinated efforts of RICPHI, RMC and the District surveillance Unit. Around 20 suspected cases of Cervical cancer were identified with the average patient age of 47 years.

Events/Celebrations

RICPHI 3rd anniversary: On June 22, 2022, RICPHI completed 3 years as the newest member of the Ramaiah family of Institutions which was celebrated on June 27, 2022, with its stakeholders from sister Institutions within the campus and from communities within the Ramaiah Outreach geography that spans 5 surrounding districts. The



event was graced by dignitaries from the campus addressing the gathering which included keynote addresses by Mr. M.R. Sreenivasa Murthy, Chief Executive, Gokula Education Foundation (Medical), Dr. Medha Y. Rao, Principal and Dean, Ramaiah Medical College, and Dr. Shalini C. Nooyi, Vice Principal (Academics), Ramaiah Medical College and Sr. Technical Advisor, RICPHI. The highlight of the event was the open panel discussion with several rural community

representatives facilitated by Dr. Ananth Ram, Program Specialist- Health Systems, RICPHI on the impact of ACE-ME project in Ramaiah Outreach geographies. The panellists comprising of rural patients and front-line workers were all praises for RICPHI's effort towards improving chronic health care conditions via the community outreach program. The function ended with felicitation of the medical officers and staff nurses who were part of several health promotion and screening programs in multiple geographies in recent times, besides the rural community members who had come to attend the meeting.



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