

CommonHealth and CREA Institute for Capacity Building for Safe Abortion Advocacy

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Participant Selection

- Share a consolidated document with list of all AGRI Alumni. Document to include name, organisation and mail ID
- Decision taken to include Alumni as well as CREA partners as well as CommonHealth Members. CommonHealth to create a criteria for selection of members
- CREA will share draft mail with CH
- Need a plan to ensure non-Alumni participants have same level of understanding on issues

Advocacy Institute – Overall Design Related Considerations

- Plan 2 – 3 introductory sessions to ensure same level of understanding between Alumni and other participants
- Locate the Advocacy Institute within long-term plan and identify ways the Institute can link with the other pieces of work we are doing on decriminalisation and MTP Act Amendment. This might need to be included as part of the design and sessions so the linkages are clear and we also have ways to measure impact over time.

Advocacy Institute – Draft Agenda and Sessions

Overall

- Each session to be planned as 1.5-2 hour sessions. Plan inputs in a way that there is enough time for Q&A and discussions.
- Break out room options available as part of zoom can be used to plan smaller group discussions.
- Plan for 2 sessions per week 2 hours each (total 4 hours)
- Current agenda has 8 sessions (2 hours each) to be held over 4 weeks
- Share draft template for detailed sessions plan (as attachment)

Session I: Current Landscape (Resource Persons: Suchitra Dalvie and Alka Barua) (2 hours)

Include content related to COVID 19 and lockdown and other measure to contain the pandemic. Legal (PCPNDT, POCSO), policy (revived interest in 2 child norm as part of population policy and age at marriage and consent), program (Beti Bachao, FP program, ARSH, RKSK) related development.

Session II: Access to Services (Resource Persons: Alka Barua, Renu Khanna and Rupsa Malik) (2 hours)

Highlight key issues related to access to services drawing on latest research and evidence including access issues faced during current pandemic. Include a component of experience sharing by participants (case study method).

Share new and emerging trends with regard to service delivery – telemedicine, self use including debates on the same

Session III: Sex Ratio (Resource Persons: Alka Barua and Suchitra Dalvie) (2 hours)
Use similar design as used for earlier Alumni Advocacy Institute (case study based) ppt based presentation on key terms, definitions and other technical aspects related to how sex ratio is measured. Update on Census process.

Session IV: Technical Update (Resource Person: Suchitra Dalvie) (2 hours)

Session V: MTP Amendment (Resource Person: Suchitra Dalvie) (2 hours)
MTP Act – refreshers, past amendment, proposed amendment, advocacy on the issue

Session VI: Decriminalisation of Abortion in India (adapt from CH-CREA webinar series) (Resource Person: Rupsa Malik and Alka Barua) (2 hours)
Draw on webinar series to develop content. History, Provisions in law – unpack the various articles, key debates, current status.
Can prepare short videos of presentations by some of the speakers

Session VII: Abortion and Relationship with other laws (Nilangi Sardeshpande and Alka Barua) (2 hours)
How is abortion impacted by other laws – For eg, proposed increase in the age of marriage (the emerging issues). POCSO, overall process underway for Criminal Law Reform, etc.

Session VIII: Action Plan: Connecting to Long-Term Advocacy (2 hours) (Resource persons: All)

New Resources and Translation

Overall

- Upload all new articles and publications in shared drive
- CREA will facilitate translations. CommonHealth to support review of the translated documents.

List of new publications/articles

1. ARROW Position paper - Self Management of Abortion (shared by CommonHealth, added to NewReadings_English folder in drive)
2. SRHM – New Articles have been published in recent months
3. Articles in Media on MTP Amendment
4. FRHS/Pratigya Reports
5. Ipas Development Foundation Reports