



## Scope of Document

Primary Health care envisages attainment of healthy status for all. Being holistic in nature it is intertwined with diverse principles and components, to provide preventive, promotive curative and rehabilitative care services.

The present document presents the Indian scenario of primary health care. This piece of work makes an attempt to review the progress of primary health care in its totality. The entire document is divided into 6 sections. Each section does not stand compartmentalized on its own but is presented to cover all the dimensions of primary health care that are of relevance today.

Section 1 deals with origin and evolution of primary health care in India. It details the different stages of primary health care in India starting from Bhore Committee (1946) to Alma Ata Declaration to current time. It reviews different reports and policies commitment to endorse primary health care concept in India.

Section 2 describes primary health care resources in India- in terms of infrastructure, manpower and financial resources needed to implement the primary health care concept.

Section 3 outlines the manner in which principles of primary health care are followed in India namely - equitable distribution, universal access, community participation, inter-sectoral coordination and appropriate technology.

Section 4 reviews the current situation, progress made and programmatic response in respect to eight components of primary health care

in India- maternal and child health care including family welfare; immunization, nutrition, prevention and control of locally endemic diseases, treatment of common illnesses and injuries; provision of essential drugs, safe water and basic sanitation and health education.

Section 5 deals about current issues and contexts that confront primary health care in India. It reviews the need for expanding coverage of primary health care in regard to non communicable diseases, health needs of elderly, urbanization, privatization, disasters and emerging diseases. It mentions about the critical issues that warrant attention for provision of primary health care in India and presents the way forward.



## **Major Milestones in evolution of Primary Health Care in India**

### **Pre-Alma Ata Declaration**

- 1946 Bhore Committee Report on Health Survey and Development
- 1952 Community Development Programme
- 1962 Mudaliar Committee Report on Health Survey and Planning
- 1967 Jungalwalla Committee Report on Integration of Health Services
- 1973 Kartar Singh Committee Report on Multipurpose Health Workers
- 1975 Shrivastav Committee Report on Medical Education and Support Manpower
- 1977 Rural Health Scheme; Community Health Volunteer Scheme- Village Health Guides

### **Alma Ata Declaration and Beyond**

- 1978 Alma Ata Declaration for Health for All by Year 2000
- 1980 ICSSR and ICMR Report " Health for All- An alternate strategy"
- 1981 Government of India Report Health for All by 2000.
- 1983 First National Health Policy
- 2000 National Population Policy
- 2002 Second National Health Policy
- 2005 National Rural Health Mission