

National Alliance for Maternal Health and Human Rights (NAMHHR)



Towards Attaining Highest Quality of Maternal Health for the Marginalised in India

Invitation for CSO meeting Reviewing Maternal Mortality and Morbidity in Jharkhand 2.30- 5:00 pm, 20th November 2013

Members:

1. ACTION INDIA, New Delhi
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6. Centre for Health and Social Justice, New Delhi
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10. Healthwatch Forum, Uttar Pradesh
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16. Dr. Mira Shiva, New Delhi
17. PRAYAS, Rajasthan
18. Prerana Bharti, Jharkhand
19. SAHAYOG, Uttar Pradesh
20. Ms. Sandhya Venkateswaran, New Delhi
21. SODA, Orissa
22. URMUL Trust, Rajasthan

Dear friends,

Greetings from the Secretariat of NAMHHR!

High maternal mortality in Jharkhand has been an area of concern with an MMR of 261 estimated for Bihar/Jharkhand (SRS 2007-09). The UNICEF MAPEDIR report raised many issues on the social causes of high maternal mortality, and surfaced the question of social exclusion as an important determinant. Social activists have been documenting maternal deaths as well as exploring strategies for prevention; and have begun dialogue with government and other policy actors.

The National Alliance for Maternal Health and Human Rights (NAMHHR) is a group working towards the highest quality of maternal health for the marginalized in India. NAMHHR is working in collaboration with other groups and networks to highlight the issue of preventable maternal mortality and the lack of systematic review of causes in states with high maternal mortality.

During the course of NAMHHR's work over the past three years the Alliance has realized that there is a need to develop greater understanding of the condition of maternal health in tribal areas. In order to so, NAMHHR felt that it would be useful to conduct a Fact-finding Mission to Jharkhand to explore not only the maternal health situation but also the impact of related social determinants of health.

On behalf of the National Alliance on Maternal Mortality and Human Rights, we are very pleased to invite you to a meeting on 20th of November from 2:30- 5:00 pm to discuss the situation of maternal health and nutrition of tribal women in Jharkhand and to explore what alternative strategies would be effective for the maternal and child health and nutrition in tribal and conflict-ridden areas.

The agenda for discussion includes -

1. Discussion on the proposed questions for the fact finding team
2. Condition of service provision of the responsible line-departments
3. To understand why health facilities and providers continue to display discriminatory behaviour towards tribal women
4. Who will ensure accountability for getting changes done to ensure that the lives of tribal women are not lost needlessly.
5. Further updates from the districts and key areas for Improvement to prevent maternal mortality in Jharkhand
6. Outcome of the fact finding mission

Please confirm your participation with Ms. Kalyani Meena/NAMHHR Secretariat.

Looking forward to your engagement in this discussion,

Thanks and regards,

Jashodhara, Kalyani and Aditi
On behalf of NAMHHR and Prerana Bharti