

On field analysis of quantification and forecasting of IHMI drugs in Punjab state and capacity building of a cadre of CVHO's for drugs supply chain and forecasting planning and management



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The India Hypertension Management Initiative (IHMI) aims to reduce disability and death related to cardiovascular disease (CVD), the leading cause of death in India, by improving the control of high blood pressure (hypertension), reducing salt consumption and eliminating artificial trans-fats, leading risk factors for CVD. IHMI is a collaborative project between Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), State Governments, World Health Organization (WHO), and Resolve to Save Lives, an initiative of Vital Strategies.

The IHMI supported the adoption of standardized treatment plans for managing high blood pressure, regular and uninterrupted supply of quality-assured medications, task sharing so health workers who are accessible to patients can distribute medications already prescribed by the medical officer, and patient-centred services that reduce the barriers to treatment adherence.

Description of actual services provided within the assignment:

- Empower conducted a pre-training field visit to Punjab (Bathinda) to understand the field situation and build case studies upon Quantification and Forecasting
- Developed training materials including power points, hand-outs, case studies and MCQs based on real life situation for CVHOs with respect to quantification and forecasting of hypertensive drugs
- Trained a cadre of Cardio Vascular Health Officers on Drug Stock Management