

India

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The Foundation has been providing support for work in the population field since 1986, and opened an office in New Delhi in 1994. MacArthur has provided 274 grants over the past two decades totaling \$38.3 million. This includes \$25.6 million to groups and individuals in India and another \$12.6 million to international groups doing work in India.

Since the early 1990s, there has been significant change in the prevailing approach to population issues. Where concerns about population pressure once led to policies focused narrowly on incentives for the acceptance of fertility control technologies, typical strategies are now based upon a comprehensive view of reproductive and sexual health and rights.

Two themes form the core of the Foundation's grantmaking related to population:

- Reducing maternal mortality and morbidity; and
- Advancing the sexual and reproductive health and rights of young people.

Reducing maternal mortality and morbidity was selected as a focus for the Foundation's work because it is an indicator of much larger trends in the area of reproductive and sexual rights and health. Work related to young people is seen as important because the decisions made by young people about their sexuality can be significant in slowing the momentum of population growth. In India, the two themes are closely interconnected because it is a country where fertility begins early. Almost 50 percent of young girls get married well before the legal age of 18, which means there is a high risk of maternal mortality and morbidity at a young age.

Advancing National Policy

The Foundation has taken several factors into consideration in developing its work in population and reproductive health in India. The two main themes are consistent with India's National Population Policy 2000, which reaffirms the Indian government's commitment to achieve rapid stabilization of the country's population. That policy includes, as a goal, reducing the maternal mortality ratio to less than 100 per 100,000 live births, promoting delayed marriage for girls, achieving 80 percent institutional deliveries and 100 percent deliveries by skilled birth attendants, and addressing the unmet need for basic reproductive and child health services.

A Geographical Focus

In its grantmaking in India, the Foundation works at the national level by providing grants to institutions engaged in training, research, and policy-related information activities as part of an effort to encourage national discussion of population and reproductive health issues.

MacArthur also focuses on three states in India — Rajasthan, Maharashtra, and Gujarat. These states were selected because they all have a significant unmet need for reproductive health information and service; they are geographically contiguous; and there are nongovernmental organizations in place there with the structural and technical capacity to work effectively on relevant issues.

The Primary Themes

Concerning the theme of maternal mortality and morbidity, the Foundation provides grants for three types of projects. Those that:

- Develop innovative, community-based models that focus on strengthening birth preparedness, handling emergency complications, and piloting community health financing mechanisms in the three focus states
- Build the skills of health professionals, including Traditional Birth Attendants, nurse-midwives, and medical doctors
- Advance policy debate on critical issues related to maternal mortality and morbidity such as contraception, age at marriage, and access to quality maternal care.

Concerning the theme of the sexual and reproductive health and rights of young people, the Foundation's India office provides grants for work designed to:

- Improve the way young people, both in and out of school, receive information about sexuality;
- Develop innovative models to deliver reproductive health services for young people; and
- Support improved data collection and understanding of issues related to young people's sexual and reproductive health and rights in the three focus states.

The MacArthur Foundation also provides grants for projects that combine the two themes including support for national networks and partnerships among organizations in the three priority states. Grants also support research on topics related to the two major themes of the work in India.

Recent Grantmaking

ACADEMY FOR NURSING STUDIES, *Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India*

In support of a project to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity through skill building and gender sensitization of Auxiliary Nurse Midwives in rural Gujarat.

ACTION RESEARCH & TRAINING FOR HEALTH, *Rajasthan, India*

In support of a project to enhance the skills of nurse-midwives to provide a continuum of maternal-newborn health services in a primary care setting in southern Rajasthan.

CENTRE FOR BUDGET AND POLICY STUDIES, *Bangalore, India*

In support of a project to use budget analysis as a tool for reducing maternal mortality and morbidity in Karnataka.

CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND POPULATION ACTIVITIES, *Washington, D.C.*

In support of work to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity at the national level and in one of the Foundation's priority states in India.

CENTRE FOR ENQUIRY INTO HEALTH AND ALLIED THEMES, ANUSANDHAN TRUST, *Mumbai, Maharashtra, India*

In support of work to strengthen nongovernmental organizations working in the field of maternal mortality and morbidity and young people's sexual and reproductive health in India.

FEDERATION OF OBSTETRIC AND GYNECOLOGICAL SOCIETIES OF INDIA, *Mahapalika Marg, Mumbai, India*

In support of a program to train general practitioners in emergency obstetric care in rural areas of India.

FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT, *Japur, India*

In support of a reproductive and sexual health program for adolescents in rural Rajasthan.

GUJARAT INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH, *Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India*

In support of activities to document best practices for maternal mortality and morbidity, with a focus on promoting wider use of innovations.

INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, *New Delhi, India*

In support of a citizen's report on population issues and progress in India since the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development.

INSTITUTE OF HEALTH MANAGEMENT, *Pachod, Maharashtra, India*

In support of a program to increase access to maternal and reproductive health information and services among married adolescents in Maharashtra.

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON WOMEN, *Washington, D.C.*

In support of a project to strengthen adolescent reproductive health programs in India.

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION SCIENCES, *Deonar, Mumbai, India*

In support of a research program on young people's sexual and reproductive health in six states in India.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH ON CIVILIZATION DISEASES AND ON ENVIRONMENT, *Ahmedbad, Gujarat, India*

In support of a program on sexuality education for young people in Gujarat.

IPAS, *Chapel Hill, North Carolina*

In support of a program to expand access to safe abortion services in the state of Maharashtra, India.

JHPIEGO, *Baltimore, Maryland*

In support of a program to train general practitioners in emergency obstetric care in rural areas of India.

LAWYER'S COLLECTIVE, *New Delhi, India*

In support of a program on sex-selection, sexual violence, and their impact on maternal mortality.

MAHILA SEWA TRUST, *Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India*

In support of a program to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity among self-employed women in the Ahmedabad district of Gujarat.

MAJLIS, MUMBAI, *Maharashtra, India*

In support of a program to train young lawyers in issues related to young people's reproductive and sexual rights.

MAMTA-HEALTH INSTITUTE FOR MOTHER AND CHILD, *New Delhi, India*

In support of a project on early marriage and early pregnancy in the state of Rajasthan.

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, *Cambridge, Massachusetts*

In support of a project to develop the capacity of local organizations in India on monitoring and evaluation.

NAZ FOUNDATION, *New Delhi, India*

In support of a sexual and reproductive health program for young people.

NEHRU FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT, *Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India*

In support of a project to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity through Traditional Birth Attendants and Auxiliary Nurse Midwives in rural Gujarat.

POPULATION COUNCIL, *New York, New York*

In support of a program to develop leadership skills of individuals working in reproductive and sexual health, especially in areas of young people and maternal mortality and morbidity in India.

POPULATION FOUNDATION OF INDIA, *New Delhi, India*

In support of the scaling up of successful model interventions on reducing maternal mortality and morbidity and advancing young people's sexual and reproductive health.

PUBLIC SERVICE BROADCASTING TRUST, *New Delhi, India*

In support of the production of a series of documentary films for national public television in India related to population and reproductive health with a special focus on increasing awareness of young people's sexual and reproductive health and rights.

RITINJALI, *New Delhi, India*

In support of activities to train school teachers in a sexuality education curriculum in Rajasthan.

SAMUHA, *BANGALORE, Karnataka, India*

In support of a campaign to improve the reproductive health and rights of young people living in Bangalore slums.

SANGATH, *Alto Porvorim, Goa, India*

In support of a population-based, integrated model for young people's sexual and reproductive health in Goa.

SEVA MANDIR, *Udaipur, Rajasthan, India*

In support of a project to develop and evaluate community-based interventions to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity in the Udaipur district of rural Rajasthan.

SOCIETY FOR EDUCATION, ACTION & RESEARCH IN COMMUNITY HEALTH, *Maharashtra, India*

In support of a program to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity in Maharashtra.

SOCIETY FOR EDUCATION WELFARE AND ACTION-RURAL, *Dist. Bharuch, Gujarat, India*

In support of a research and intervention project to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity.

SOCIO LEGAL INFORMATION CENTRE, *MUMBAI, Maharashtra, India*

In support of a legal advocacy program on young people's sexual and reproductive health and rights with a focus on delaying the age of marriage in India.

SREE CHITRA TIRUNAL INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY, *Trivandrum, Kerala, India*

In support of a training program on reproductive health and rights, with a focus on maternal mortality and morbidity.

ST. JOHN'S NATIONAL ACADEMY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, *Bangalore, Karnataka, India*

In support of strengthening a community outreach and training center in the city of Bangalore.

LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND TROPICAL MEDICINE *London, United Kingdom*

In support of the production and dissemination of a special series in "The Lancet" on global mental health.

URMUL SEEMANT, *Rajasthan, India*

In support of an action-research program to improve reproductive health among young people.

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