

Training programme organized by FHS-India in Jaipur to build the research capacity of the Afghan Public Health Institute (APHI): June 1-19, 2009.

Strengthening the research capability of APHI was one of the key components of the Capacity Building commitments of FHS – India. To meet this goal, a three week training programme to strengthen the research capacity of the research staff of the Afghan Public Health Institute (APHI) is currently being organized by FHS-India. The program started on June 1, 2009 in Jaipur with five research officers of the APHI and five research staff of IIHMR.

In the war ravaged country of Afghanistan, the health situation is among the worst in the world. The health infrastructure is inadequate and services limited. There is a distinct shortage of skilled manpower. Hence, there is a huge dependency on external agencies to carry out routine tasks, especially those related to knowledge generation. The primary objective of this capacity building programme is to train and equip APHI to carry out research activities independently.



Over the three weeks, the participants will get an overview of health systems research, an intensive insight into writing a proposal, executing research study and data management, analysis and dissemination of research findings. Hands-on training in data analysis using Afghanistan NHSPA data and other primary data sets will be carried out. At the end of the programme, the participants will be able to refine and deepen their existing knowledge on health systems research, improve their proposal writing skills and be more competent in data analysis.

Dr Barun Kanjilal, country coordinator FHS – India is coordinating the course. Dr LP Singh and Dr Dharendra Kumar are the other two faculties involved in teaching the course.