

PRIYA NANDA
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SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Priya Nanda oversees research, policy and programmatic work on issues related to reproductive health, gender equality and poverty reduction, focusing on the intersections between economic and health issues. Her work includes research, measurement and evaluation of women's economic empowerment and access to health services including family planning, reproductive health and HIV.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- PhD** **Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore (1998)**
Health Economics
School of Hygiene and Public Health, Baltimore, Maryland
- MS** **Columbia University (1991)**
International Affairs
School of International and Public Affairs, New York, NY
- MA** **University of Delhi (1988)**
Economics
The Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, India
- BA** **University of Delhi (1986)**
Economics
Delhi, India

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2006-Current **International Center for Research on Women**
New Delhi, India

Health Economist and Group Director, Social and Economic Development Group

Business development on ICRW's work in South Asia on Social and Economic Development. Implements a cutting-edge research and measurement agenda with direct relevance for development programs and policies. Directs research studies on child marriage, women's economic empowerment, universal access to HIV services, medical abortion, urban reproductive health and family planning and son preference. Leads the measurement learning and evaluation project in partnership with University of North Carolina to evaluate the impact of a large Urban Reproductive Health Initiative in Uttar Pradesh India.

2005–2006 **World Health Organization**
Geneva

Global Data Analysis of Equitable Access to ARVS

Led a situation analysis of equity in access to ARV treatment in eight countries for improved gender sensitive indicators for monitoring treatment programs globally. Evaluated the patient monitoring and

tracking system in Uganda to better understand the collection and reporting of data from health facilities to national ministry of health. Conducted a rapid assessment, based on 4 facilities, of barriers and facilitators to HIV testing and ARV treatment for men and women in Uganda.

Evaluation Framework, Avahan, HIV Prevention Program in India

Developed a monograph on the evaluation framework and strategy for a large HIV prevention program, Avahan, funded by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in India. Developed a database and wrote a monograph on the district demographic and epidemiological profiles to understand the baseline trends in the intervention districts for Avahan. These two documents will be first of the several in the Evaluation Series for the Avahan Program in India.

1998-2005

**Center for Health and Gender Equity
Washington, DC**

Director of Research

Managed, supervised and provided technical guidance to the program staff for research and advocacy on PEPFAR funded programs in Africa. Monitored, tracked and analyzed funding for US donor policies and programs on HIV/AIDS. Monitoring PEPFAR funded programs on the ground Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania with a focus on equity in access, health system capacity, evidence based analysis of prevention programs and sustainability of treatment. Organized an international conference on “HIV Testing at a Crossroads” to bring the current debates on routine testing into a policy and programmatic context of different high and low prevalence countries. Designed, implemented and managed a multi-site, multi-country research program to monitor the implications of health sector reforms on reproductive health and rights. Overall coordination, oversight of the four studies through project appraisal, mid term assessment and final reviews of the projects.

1991-1993

**Voluntary Health Association of India
New Delhi, India**

Health Economist

Conducted assessment of community needs and community financing mechanisms in health care for three pilot community health projects in India. Coordinated and led training workshops on women's health as a part of technical support to member organizations throughout India. Designed, implemented and published a study on patterns of utilization of healthcare in the private medical sector in Delhi.

Conducted an analysis of the law banning trade of organs.

1990-1991

**Columbia University
Jamaica**

Project Management and Design Team

Designed a monitoring and evaluation system for a community development project in Jamaica. Designed and carried out a feasibility study and prepared a documentation of the project to be submitted to OXFAM and Caribbean Conference of Churches for their funding decisions on the project.

1989-1990

**PLAN International
Yogyakarta, Indonesia**

Monitoring and Evaluation Consultant

Conducted evaluations of small scale enterprises funded by PLAN in Indonesia. Developed business analysis of these projects for a training manual produced by USAID. Assessed the enterprise monitoring systems to better meet PLAN's reporting requirements.

1988-1989

**The Planning Commission, Government of India
New Delhi**

Public Policy Analyst

Monitored the budgetary expenditure of the Government of India's Strategic Plan. Measured the distributional effects of public and private sector investments and forecasted their budgetary implication for the Plan.

COUNTRIES OF PROFESSIONAL WORK

India, United States, Tanzania, Uganda

LANGUAGES

Hindi: Fluent

English: Fluent

CREDENTIALS

Population Council Dissertation Writing Award, 1997

PUBLICATIONS

Rogan M, Nanda P and Maharaj P. *Promoting and Prioritizing Reproductive Health Commodities: Understanding the Emergency Contraception Value Chain in South Africa*. African Journal of Reproductive Health Mar 2010; 14(1):

Nanda P. *Exploring the Transformative Potential of Medical Abortion for Women in India*. International Center for Research on Women, Asia Regional Office. February 2010.

Nanda P "I Would Pay, if I Could Pay in Maize: Trade Liberalization, User fees in Health and Women's Health Seeking in Tanzania." Chapter in a book titled "Trading Women's Health and Rights? Exploring the Role of Trade Liberalization and Development" eds. Grown, Malhotra and Braunstien. Zed Books. July 2006.

Nanda P *Moving towards the 'center': Decentralization and Reproductive Health and Rights. Development*. Society for International Development. December 2005.

Nanda P "Gender, AIDS, and ARV Therapies: Ensuring that Women Gain Equitable Access to Drugs within U.S. Funded Treatment Initiatives." Center for Health and Gender Equity, Takoma Park, MD. 2004.

Nanda P “*Exploring the Links between Health Sector Reforms and Reproductive Health and Rights: Implementation of the RCH Program in Tamil Nadu.*” Center for Health and Gender Equity Working Paper. Presented at the National Dissemination Meeting, *Global Realities Local Agendas: Implications of Health Sector Reforms on Reproductive Health and Rights*, New Delhi, March 2003.

Nanda P “*Political Decentralization and the Primary Health Care System: Examining the Potential for Improving Women’s Reproductive Health Care in Kerala.*” Center for Health and Gender Equity Working Paper. Presented at the National Dissemination Meeting, *Global Realities Local Agendas: Implications of Health Sector Reforms on Reproductive Health and Rights*, New Delhi, March 2003.

Nanda P “*Gender Dimensions of User Fees: Implications for Women’s Utilization of Health Care.*” *Reproductive Health Matters*. Elsevier Publications. 2002.

Nanda P “*Rhetoric and Reality of Health Reforms: Implications for Reproductive Health and Rights,*” in *Globalization, Health Sector Reform, Gender and Reproductive Health*. Ford Foundation, New York. 2001.

Nanda P “*Women’s Participation in Rural Credit Programmes in Bangladesh and Their Demand for Formal Health Care: Is There a Positive Impact?*” *Health Economics*, 8:415-428. 1999.

Nanda P “*Women’s Economic Empowerment through Participation in Micro-Credit Programs in Rural Bangladesh: Impact on their Demand for Health Care.*” *Seventh European Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics*, Helsinki, Finland. September 1998.