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Public Health Physician, Obstetrician & Gynaecologist with over 35 years of experience in South Asia, Eastern Africa and the United Kingdom. Areas of expertise include leadership in maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health; research, monitoring and evaluation; health policy and planning; program design and implementation; public health administration; resource mobilization; advocacy and partnership building.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Tanzania, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Chief - Health and Nutrition, Feb 2012 - July 2017

Led UNICEF Tanzania's health and nutrition programme and worked to ensure that survival, health, nutrition, protection and development of children, mothers and adolescents continue as important priorities in the development agenda. Was responsible for providing overall strategic leadership and technical, administrative and financial oversight to the entire UNICEF Tanzania portfolio in health and nutrition. It is rewarding to note that Tanzania exceeded the targets of the Millennium Development Goal 4 on child survival (under five mortality 49/1000 live births in 2014). Some of the key results outlined below also contributed to this excellent result.

Evidence based policy advocacy

UNICEF and partners supported the Government to develop the national Community Based Health Care Strategy and Policy Guidelines – which led to the establishment of community health worker (CHW) cadres within the national health system. UNICEF also introduced and procured dispersible amoxicillin and co-packaged Zinc and ORS for nationwide scale up. Also led a public expenditure review for nutrition through which an additional 97% of funds were invested for nutrition into Tanzania, from 65 million Tanzanian shillings in 2011/12 to 128 million in 2014/15. Represented UNICEF and led policy discussions around increased domestic resource mobilization, implementation of the Global Financing Facility (GFF) in Tanzania, piloting the results based financing, finalization of the health financing strategy. Contributed actively to the design of Health Sector Strategic Plan, National Reproductive, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Plan (One Plan), three annual joint annual health sector reviews, two national nutrition reviews and development of the action plan for the “Big Results Now” which is an equity focused initiative with plans for better human resource distribution, commodity security, performance improvement and maternal and newborn health service availability and quality.

Partnership and Coordination

Chaired the Development Partners Group for a year and served as troika member for another two years participating in all high level policy dialogues with the Ministry of Health. Also played a key role in internal communication across all sectors in UNICEF office and the UN agencies and externally with various line ministries of the Government structures to harness intersectoral collaboration between health, HIV, nutrition, water sanitation, protection including birth registration and early childhood development- resulting in greater intersectoral collaboration and better results for children.

Strategic planning and programme implementation

UNICEF engages both at the national and subnational level with the government of Tanzania and partners. In this role, led the strategic planning process for the development of annual plans and implementation of UNICEF supported programmes in 22 local government authorities in 3 regions of Tanzania with evidence based, equity focused health and nutrition programmes that reach up to the

household level for 4.5 million people, nearly 10% of Tanzania's population. Led the health team for the mid-term review of UNICEF Country programme and the design of the new 5 year programme (2016-2021) and the design of the One UN Plan (2016-2021) – the UNDAP.

Capacity building

Led efforts to support cold chain expansion for the dual introduction of Rotavirus and Pneumococcal Vaccine in Tanzania, including the installation of 35 walk-in cold rooms and 1000 refrigerators, covering all Regions of Tanzania, and worked with partners to develop the vaccine management information system (VMIS). Contributed to the strengthening of health facility infrastructure, ambulances, equipment and training for basic and comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care in 22 UNICEF supported districts which will benefit 683,113 women of reproductive age group, 37,000 pregnant women and 42 thousand children under the age of 5 years. Supported efforts to train 459 health workers on newborn resuscitation and 418 health workers on the distance learning for IMCI- using the WHO training manual, Tanzania being the first country to use this manual in eastern and southern Africa region.

Evaluation and monitoring

Provided leadership to monitoring and supervision of all UNICEF's health and nutrition programmes, District Health Information System strengthening and implementation/review of the RMNCAH score card and maternal and perinatal death reviews. Led the mid-term review of the One Plan, and evaluation of two community models to increase uptake of services to prevent HIV transmission from mother to child. Also led an assessment of implementation of lifelong ART for pregnant and lactating women living with HIV and rapid assessment of paediatric HIV treatment service delivery in Tanzania

Research and evidence generation

Seventeen studies were conducted under my leadership 4 years. Few of them include: Care seeking behaviour and supply-side constraints for treatment and prevention of diarrhoea and pneumonia among children under five; Knowledge, attitude and practice survey for introduction of pneumococcal and rotavirus vaccines; Assessment of service providers and caregivers' perceptions on multiple injections for immunization; Bottleneck analysis for the virtual elimination of mother to child transmission of HIV in Tanzania. Led the SMART survey for nutrition in Tanzania which showed reduced stunting from 42 percent in 2010 (TDHS) to 35% in 2014.

Resource mobilisation

The budget for the health and nutrition component for UNICEF in the One UN Plan (UNDAP) was approximately USD 48 million with a funding gap of USD 31 million. Led the design of various resource mobilisation strategies and submission of high quality technical proposals to generate an additional USD 24 million (nearly 49% of the planned figure), so that by the end of the country programme (June 2016) UNICEF had secured nearly 72 million USD for health and nutrition with significant amount secured for the next country programme as well.

Government of Nepal, Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) Secretary, October 2008 – December 2011

Leadership and administration

Provided overall leadership and coordination of MOHP for policy, planning, international cooperation; implementation, monitoring and evaluation of national health programs; financial and human resource management. Led the process of development of Nepal Health Sector Program Implementation Plan (NHSP-II) 2010-2015. I also led the process of development of the national compact following the Global Compact of International Health Partnership (IHP+). As the Chairperson of Health Sector Development Partners Forum, provided strategic guidance and overall support to the implementation of NHSP II.

Policy

Provided strategic oversight, technical and policy guidance to the process of the development of numerous policies, strategies and guidelines such as free essential healthcare policy, urban health care policy, gender and social inclusion strategy, draft health financing strategy for ensuring universal access to healthcare. Led the development of Technical Assistance Plan based on the capacity assessment of the health sector. Led the implementation of Governance and Accountability Action Plan (GAAP). Led the development of Population Perspective Plan (PPP), 2010 - 2030. Coordinated with other ministries and line agencies to implement the PPP. As Chairperson of the National Reproductive Health Steering committee, provided strategic guidance and oversight to all Reproductive Health programs. Guided Public Private Partnership to increase equitable and universal access reproductive health services.

Coordination

As the chairperson of the Country Coordination Mechanism for the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM); coordinated HIV, TB and Malaria programs in the country. I also coordinated the health sector response to Gender Based Violence as a member of the special committee formed under the Chair of Rt. Honourable Prime Minister. Through the mechanism of joint annual reviews and periodic meetings, and regular interactions, ensured coordination and harmonisation between various government agencies, and development partners. Also coordinated between different line ministries, national planning commission, professional bodies, academia and the civil society.

Government of Nepal, Paropakar Maternity and Women's Hospital (PVMH) Director and Professor July 2007 – Oct 2008

In this role, led a team of 800 staff at a 350 bedded hospital which is also a post graduate medical training institution. Key achievements include successful programmatic, financial and personnel management, delivery of high quality clinical care and teaching of post graduate students. I have supervised 25 students obtain their postgraduate specialisation in Obstetrics and Gynaecology; Doctor of Medicine (MD). During my tenure, I led the establishment of a midwife led birthing centre as a model for “task shifting”, established a Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) centre for the care of low birth weight infants, established PVMH as the premier national training site for providing trainings for Skilled Birth Attendants, Kangaroo Mother Care, Essential Newborn Care, Clinical Training Skills, Anaesthetic Assistants and Ultrasonography.

Government of Nepal, Paropakar Maternity and Women's Hospital Professor and Chief Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Jun 1997 – July 2007

- Led the academic and research unit of the hospital for the implementation of a post graduate training program, Doctor of Medicine (MD) in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.
- Led the unit in providing clinical care- including outpatient, emergency and surgical treatment; strengthened Maternal and Perinatal Death Reviews and audits.
- Conducted and supported several hospital based researches, and guided the MD residents' Thesis on several maternal, newborn and reproductive health related topics. Participated in national and international conferences of significance and presented papers
- Participated in and supported the Appreciative Enquiry workshops in collaboration with UNICEF Nepal.
- Received several trainings on post graduate medical education, Master Trainer's training, thesis writing and guide, test items construction.

Government of Nepal, Paropakar Maternity and Women's Hospital Specialist Medical Officer /Senior Registrar, Jan 1995 - Jan 1997

Led a team of medical officers, senior house officers for clinical care provision, outpatient and inpatient care, emergency and elective surgery, critical care, newborn resuscitation, participated in and supported the academic and research activities of the institution

United Kingdom, Tameside General Hospital
Senior House officer/ Team Leader, Jun 1993 - Dec1994

Initially appointed as SHO and soon promoted to Team Leader to work in the capacity of a Registrar – was responsible for antenatal, intrapartum and postpartum care of the woman as well as newborn care. Successfully carried out comprehensive care of pregnant women following standard clinical protocols. Assisted the consultant and also performed independently gynaecological surgeries, attended gynaecological outpatient clinics and special clinics like colposcopy and urogynaecology, family planning, wrote dissertation, attended courses and updated knowledge and skills

United Kingdom, Southmead Hospital
Honorary Clinical Observer, Apr 1993-May1993

Attached to a teaching unit under Mr. Phillip Smith. Learned clinical, investigative and other procedures practiced in the United Kingdom. Obtained clinical experiences in the United Kingdom and excellent references which enabled me to get a job in the Tameside General Hospital

Government of Nepal, Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital
Obstetrician & Gynecologist, Oct 1992 – Jan 1993

Worked as specialist in the obstetrics and Gynaecology department and contributed to teaching learning activities and clinical care provision

Government of Nepal, Various Hospitals
Medical Officer Feb 1983 - Sept 1992

Trained in the management of most obstetric and gynaecological morbidities and newborn care. Managed routine and emergency obstetric and gynaecological surgical procedures. Provided training to medical officers and nursing staff on relevant topics, including the use of partograph. Supported the introduction of the concept of maternal and perinatal reviews in the hospital.

EDUCATION

Master's in Public Health (MPH), Tribhuvan University, Nepal, 2001- 2002
Gold Medallist for Securing First Position in the Final Examinations

Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (FRCOG), Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, United Kingdom, 1994 –2008
FRCOG is awarded after at least twelve years of MRCOG and in recognition of outstanding achievements in the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Membership of the Royal College of UK (MRCOG), Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, United Kingdom,1990 –1994

Diploma in Obstetrics & Gynaecology (DGO), Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital, Kathmandu, Nepal, 1987–1988
Gold Medallist for securing the First Position in the final examination

Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBBS equivalent to MD), Rajendra Medical College, Ranchi, Jharkhand, India, 1974–1982
Received Colombo Plan Scholarship

RELEVANT TRAININGS

- Dynamic Leadership Certificate, May – Oct 2013, Harvard School of Public Health
- M&E: e-Learning on Development Evaluation, Jun – Dec 2012, UNICEF, UN WOMEN, the Rockefeller Foundation, Claremont Graduate University and IOCE, in partnership with IDEAS, OHCHR, UNEG Task Force on National Evaluation Capacities, UNDP, ILO, IDRC and PAHO.

- Childbirth and Pelvic Floor Trauma: British Society of Urogynaecology and Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, UK: 2-3, October 2008
- Advanced revision course for part 2 MRCOG, University of London, Royal Post Graduate Medical Schools Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecologists, 4.7.94- 15.7.94:
- Fetal Monitoring in Practice Seminar: King's College Schools of Medicine and Dentistry, Denmark Hill, London: 12 February 1994

LANGUAGES

Excellent command in **English, Nepali, Hindi**
 Conversational in **Swahili, Urdu, Newari**
 Knowledge of **Sanskrit**

HONORARY POSITIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Nepal Medical Association, President, Apr 2005 – Apr 2007

First elected woman president in the 50 years long history of NMA. Worked closely with specialist associations to improve and maintain the quality of care, successfully wrote proposals, secured funding from USAID and completed the development of training manuals for health care providers on minimizing stigma for HIV positive people and conducted training in 18 districts of Nepal with the support of WHO, FHI and MOHP. Was successful in having the Journal of Nepal Medical Association indexed in the Medline PUBMED system.

Contributed to the Democratic People's Movement of Nepal, and provided leadership to the activities of Professional Alliance for Peace and Democracy in Nepal (PAPAD), of which NMA is a member. Appointed by the Govt. of Nepal to work as the coordinator for the relief and treatment of people injured during the Mass Movement. Appointed by the joint talk's team of the Government and the Maoist as a member in the National Ceasefire Monitoring Committee (NMCC). Observed and monitored the situation of Human Rights and adherence to the 12- point Agreement and the Peace Accord signed by both the parties. Worked very closely with UNOHCHR.

South Asian Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology, President, Nov 2005- Nov 2007

Collaborated with UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia (ROSA) to develop the Maternal and Neonatal Mortality and Morbidity Reduction Network. Organized MNMM network meetings between the partners and UN agencies with the support of UNICEF ROSA in Kathmandu in Jan 2005, and at Lahore and New Delhi in 2007/8. These meetings were successful in identifying common issues and challenges, listing out a common agenda for action and for paving the way for regional collaboration and continued involvement of clinicians in efforts to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity. The lessons from Nepal in task shifting and the female community health volunteer programme was adopted by other South East Asian Countries, and that of Public Private Partnership for maternal care was adopted by Nepal.

Asia Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology (AFOG) Chair, Education Committee, Nov 2002 – Nov 2005

- Organized several CME sessions in various AFOG member countries in collaboration with the national societies. Developed guidelines for the Education Committee activities and for the submission of proposals by the member societies.
- Contributed to the PPH initiative-curriculum development, planning and implementing trainings in member societies of AFOG. Supported PPH workshops held in Bangladesh, Pakistan, India and Nepal. Coordinator and resource person, WHO Reproductive Health Library training workshop, NESOG, April 2004

Nepal Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (NESOG) President, Apr 2001- Apr 2003

- Advisor to WHO SEARO on Adolescent Health
- Led the establishment of an adolescent friendly clinic at Bir Hospital Kathmandu, with the support of WHO/SEARO. Led the training of more than 200 teachers and 3000 students and help establish students' clubs in schools for peer to peer education and support in issues relating to adolescent health and development.
- Contributed to develop training manuals and curricula for basic and comprehensive emergency obstetric care training to various cadres of health workers, in collaboration with the Government, UN agencies and other Development Partners.
- Collaborated with the Royal Thai College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists to train post graduate students in the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology- was successful in getting fellowship of the Royal Thai College for 11 Nepalese Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Nepal Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists President-Elect, Apr 1999 –Apr 2001

Developed training manuals for health workers on adolescent health and development with WHO SEARO support. Conducted several trainings to health workers, teachers and school students on adolescent health and development.

Nepal Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists General Secretary, Apr 1997 –Apr 1999

- Successfully organized the meeting of the Council of Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (AOFOG). This meeting brought together experts from 24 member countries of the AOFOG in Nepal for continuing medical education programs to Nepalese gynaecologists/obstetricians on several topics on MNCH.
- Led NESOG and provided technical inputs to the development of National Adolescent Health and Development Strategy in Nepal, 1998.
- Trained all medical officers and nurse midwives of Maternity Hospital, in collaboration with MOHP and AOFOG through workshops on Partograph, Maternity Hospital, Kathmandu, 1995.
- Trained 25 obstetricians/gynaecologists, senior midwives through NESOG/AOFOG training of trainers' workshop on reproductive health and safe motherhood. Kathmandu, 1996.
- Trained 300 district obstetricians/gynaecologist, nurses and front line health workers through NESOG/AOFOG level II and III reproductive health and safe motherhood workshops, Bhaktapur 1997, Pokhara 1998.

OTHER EXPERIENCES / CONSULTANCIES

UNFPA: Mid Term Review of Nepal EC/UNFPA Reproductive Health Initiative in Asia, June, 2000

DFID: Developing and Establishing EOC Monitoring System for the Government of Nepal/ DFID (Nepal Safer Motherhood Project/Options Consultancy Services) / NESOG, Feb - May 2002.

DFID: Developing a Manual for EOC Monitoring for the Government of Nepal/ DFID (Nepal Safer Motherhood Project/Options Consultancy Services) / NESOG, 15-30 Oct, 2002

UNFPA: Mid-term review of UNFPA's 5th cycle of assistance to Nepal (5th Country Program 2002-2006): Oct - Dec 2004

UNICEF: Development of training manuals and training of health practitioners at various levels on the management of child abuse and Child Sexual Abuse, Jan – Jun 2006

WHO: Developed training manual, provided MTOT, whole site orientation and training and program implementation along with operations research Providing Rights Based Care and Support to Clients affected with GBV, at Maternity Hospital 2006-2007.

Family Planning Association of Nepal: Training of health workers on reproductive health and sexuality education, Vision 2000 project, Baitadi & Kapilvastu, Nepal 15 Nov 1997-15 Jan. 1998

Doctors of the Word, USA:

Provided technical support to introduce a program of care and support to the survivors of trafficking and gender based violence in partnership with the Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare through two leading NGOs - ABC Nepal and Saathi in 6 districts of Nepal - Banke, Kapilvastu, Rupandehi, Morang, Bhaktapur and Lalitpur

Developed training manuals and guidelines and trained the health workers and relevant stakeholders on the care and support to the survivors of gender based violence.

In partnerships with UNICEF Nepal, developed training manuals and provided Master Trainer's Training (MTOT) to health workers and other stakeholders on the prevention and management of Child Abuse and Child Sexual Abuse

Margaret Sanger Center International of Planned Parenthood of New York City

Working in partnership with a leading local NGO- BP Memorial Health Foundation, implemented the Safe Youth Worldwide Program, with the financial support of UNFPA.

Contributed to develop a global compendium of resources on critical elements for programs on adolescent health and development – through a project to MSCI funded by UNFPA

PUBLICATIONS

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Sudha Sharma, Tadashi Yasuda, Asia Hussein, Felix Bundala, Georgina Msemo, Innovating to accelerate impact at scale: “dIMCI roll-out in South Western Tanzania; Submitted for publication

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Sharma, Sudha. "Legalization of abortion in Nepal: the way forward." Kathmandu University Medical Journal 2, no. 1 (2004): 1-5.

Sharma, Sudha. "Reproductive rights of Nepalese women: current status and future directions." Kathmandu University Medical Journal 2, no. 1 (2004): 52-4.

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- Sharma, Sudha. Experience of Using Magnesium Sulphate for Eclampsia in Maternity Hospital, Thapathali, Kathmandu: Souvenir 5th International Conference of NESOG, April 2001.
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- Sharma, Sudha. "Sharing our Experience." Journal of Nepal Medical Association 39, no. 136 (2000): II.
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- Sharma, Sudha. "Down staging of carcinoma cervix: a suitable approach for low resource settings." Journal of Nepal Medical Association 39, no. 134 (2000): 195-198.
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- Sharma, Sudha. Levels of Unplanned pregnancy in Maternity Hospital: Souvenir, NESOG, 2000. This paper received "NESOG Award" for the best paper in the NESOG National Annual Conference, 25.3. 2000 (presented by co- investigator Dr U. Shrestha)
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- Sharma, Sudha. Ectopic Pregnancy in Maternity Hospital: A Retrospective Study: The Journal of Reproductive Health, Nepal Family Planning Association, Feb 1999.
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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS AND FELOWSHIPS

- Gold Medal for securing the first position in Masters of Public Health
- First Position in the Final Examination of Diploma in Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Awarded Colombo Plan Scholarship for studying MBBS (International Technical Co-operation Scheme)
- Third in the Merit List in the final MBBS (Medicine and Surgery) examination
- Gold Medal based on the results of School Leaving Certificate Examination (Ratna Vidya Padak)
- ICRETT Fellowship, International Union against Cancer (UICC), Training in Colposcopy at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Sydney, Australia, Nov- Dec 2000.
- Young Gynaecologist Award, Asia Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, June, 1998
- President Prize for Excellent Paper. 51 St. Conference of Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, April 1999, Tokyo, Japan.

PARTICIPATION IN MEETING AND CONFERENCES OF SIGNIFICANCE

- Call to Action for MNCH meeting, New Delhi India in 25-29 August 2015 and participated in discussions around the development of Operational Guidance for the Global Strategy 2 for RMNCAH
- Joint GAVI-UNICEF_ WHO meeting in Geneva in February 2015, where integration of various health programmes and immunization was among the key topics of discussions
- Every Mother Every New Born- technical meeting on quality improvement for MNCH services , Tanzania 13-14 August 2014
- Consultative Meeting on Global Investment Case for Women and Children, WHO, Geneva, 24-27 February, 2013
- UN Inter country meeting on Life Saving Commodity Commission's recommendation implementation planning consultative meeting, Abuja, Nigeria 13-17 August.
- Inter country exchange visit on dual introduction of rotavirus and pneumococcal vaccines, Accra, Ghana 21-25 October 2012
- Early Childhood Development International Conference, Tanzania, 20-23 February 2012
- International Stillbirth Conference: A joint conference of ISA and WHO hosted by the Norwegian Society of Perinatal Medicine, November 5-7, 2008, Oslo, Norway
- Conference on Maternal and Newborn Health and Survival, The Hague, Netherlands, from 26 to 28 November 2008 Organized by the Staten-General (Parliament of the Netherlands), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Inter-Parliamentary Union
- 64th session of the United Nations General Assembly in 23-29 September 2009
- Innovative Health Financing Group, with Rt. Hon Prime Minister of Nepal, September 2009
- WHO South- East Asia 62nd Regional Committee Meeting Kathmandu in 7-10 September 2009
- WHO South- East Asia 27th meeting of Ministers of Health in Kathmandu in September 2009

- Round 9 Regional Meeting of the Global fund: New Delhi, India 8-10 Dec 2009
- Regional Meeting of the World Bank June 2-4 in Maldives, on Health Systems Financing. Paper presentation and session chair
- Preparatory meeting for UNGASS: UNAIDS, New York June 2010. Paper presentation
- WHO Regional Meeting on Strengthening Health Planning, Bali, Indonesia, 4-6 August 2010. Chair of all technical sessions
- WHO Regional Meeting on Strengthening International Health, Kathmandu, Nepal, 16-18 August 2010.
- 65th session of the United Nations General Assembly 17- 29 September 2010
- Member of Nepalese delegation under the leadership of Minister of Home Affairs of Nepal at the MDG Awards Ceremony. Nepal received the MDG 5 award for exceptional progress towards MDG5
- Panelist at a Special session on “Accelerating Progress in Achieving MDG 5: Trends and Lessons Learned from Countries”. Presented a paper on experience from Nepal on donor coordination and participated in the discussions at the event hosted by the H4+ group (UNICEF, UNFPA, World Bank, WHO, UNAIDS) at UNICEF House in New York.
- Side events at the UNGA- Roundtable luncheon discussion on “The Power of Vaccines and Partnership to Tackle Major Child Killers; 1000 Days: Change a Life, Change the Future: Partnering to Reduce Child Under nutrition, Champions of Global Health”- Financing the health related MDGs.
- Contributed for the write up of the commitments from Nepal on United Nations Secretary General’s *Global Strategy for Women’s and Children’s Health*, and participated in its launch on 22 September 2010
- Adviser to the Expert panel meeting on the Guidelines, Preventing too early pregnancies and poor reproductive outcomes among adolescents in developing countries, WHO/HQ, 2-3 November 2010.
- Panelist at the Open Forum on Health System Financing, organized by Partners for Health (P4H), 23 November 2010, Berlin
- Health Systems Financing – Key to Universal Coverage, International Ministerial Conference, 22 – 23 November 2010, Berlin
- Participated as a National team member with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nepal and presented the National Report of the Social Sector at the Universal Periodic Review of Human Rights- 25 Jan 2011, Geneva, Switzerland
- Chair and Panelist at various sessions at the Conference entitled Partners for Health in South East Asia, 16- 18th March, 2011, New Delhi, India.
- Attended 64th World Health Assembly, 16-20, 2011 as a member of the Nepalese delegation.
- Signed country report for Ministerial Leadership Initiative (MLI) event and made remarks, and participated as a panelist at the event organized by the Aspen Institute during the WHA in Geneva, May 2011
- Speaker at the WHO/RHR Policy Coordination Committee Meeting on “Country experience and collaboration with partners on improving reproductive health: the role of human rights-based policies”, Geneva, Switzerland, 16-17 June 2011.
- As a member of Nepalese delegation, presented Nepal’s combined fourth and fifth periodic report related to maternal, reproductive and child health and gender to the Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women at the 49th Session of the CEDAW Committee in New York on 11-29 July 2011
- Sanitation and Water for All Steering committee meeting and the World Water Week conference in Stockholm, August 2011, chaired a session on SWA issues for Post conflict and fragile states, representing South Asia.
- 66th session of the United Nations General Assembly 17- 29 September 2011, and high level meetings on Non Communicable Diseases and Nutrition 19th, 20th Sept. Presented a paper on Nutrition at the Scaling up Nutrition (SUN) workshop on 21 Sep, 2011
- Speaker at MDG Countdown 2015 hosted by DFID/USAID, side event during the UNGA, 21 Sept 2011

- WHO Reproductive Library Training Workshop WHO HQ/ Prince of Sonkhla University, Hat Thailand, 27-29 August 2003
- Annual Review Meetings on Averting Maternal Death and Disability (AMDD) Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation supported multi country project of Columbia University, USA/ and Women's Right to Life and Health Project UNICEF ROSA in Bangkok- 2002, and in Malaysia- 2003.
- Participated and presented paper on Nepal's achievements on Adolescent health and development in the WHOHQ/SEARO, inter country meeting on child and adolescent health, Bali, Indonesia, 9-14 March, 2000

MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Sanitation and Water for all Elected Steering Committee member representing developing Asian country governments; Sanitation and Water for All Secretariat, c/o UNICEF, 3 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017; April 2011
- Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary International 2008
- President, Rotary Club of Kathmandu North- East, 2007
- Member, South Asian Forum for Health Research, supported by WHO/SEARO 2007 - 2011
- Member, Editorial Board, Nepal Health Research Council from 2002-2004
- Technical Committee, Safe Motherhood Network Federation, Nepal 2004-2007
- Quality Assurance Committee: Family Planning Association of Nepal, 2001-2008
- Maternity Hospital Development Board since Nov, 1998-2000.
- Asia Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (AOFOG) Council, 2001-2003.
- Subject committee, Postgraduate M.D (Obs/Gyn) program, Post Graduate Medical Education Co-ordination Committee (PGMECC) Kathmandu, 1999-2004
- Post Legalization of Abortion Task Force on Policy and Planning, Govt. of Nepal.: June 2001-March 2003
- Technical Committee on Implementation of Comprehensive Abortion Care Services (TCIC) from March 2003.
- Advisor for the Editorial Board of the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecological Research, AOFOG 1998-2000, 2001-2003.
- Chief Editor of the Journal of Nepal Medical Association, 1999-2001
- Life Member South Asia Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology 2000
- Life member, Family Planning Association of Nepal 2000
- Founder Life Member: Perinatal Society of Nepal 2002
- Life Member Nepal Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 1989
- Life Member Nepal Medical Association 1982
- Life Member Asia Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology 1998

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- FIGO Award in Recognition of Women Obstetricians/Gynaecologists at the FIGO World Congress, Rome, Italy: International Federation of Gynaecologists and Obstetricians, FIGO, 2012
- Woman of the Year Award 2009 by Civil Voice for Peace & Development, Nepal
- National Personality Award 2006, National Development and Recognition Centre, Nepal
- Distinguished Service Award by Rotary Club of Kathmandu North East 2009
- Recognition for outstanding contribution by Bishalnagar Pustakalaya 2009
- Recognition for outstanding Services by Kapilvastu Samaj 2002
- National Recognition for service to Nepal (Sewa Padak) 2006
- National recognition for contribution in Disaster Response (Daibi Prakop Pidotoddhar Padak) 1990