2007 – 2011 Key Activities

1. **Appointed National Coordinator by ICOG/FOGSI for supporting ICOG/FOGSI, GOI and WHO for supporting “Establishing an Accreditation System for competency based trainings and health facilities offering reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health services in the private sector in India.”**
   - Goal of the project is to contribute towards enhancing access, availability, equity of reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health services.

2. **PHASE III - Building capacity in the field of Public Health in India “Oral Healthcare Providers and HIV/AIDS” 28th February - 14th March 2007. The workshops are a collaborative initiative of National and International partners.**
   - **National**
     M.M. College of Dental Sciences and Research, Mullana, Haryana,
     U.P Dental College & Research Center, Lucknow (UP), Subharti Dental College,
     Meerut (UP), M.P. Dental College & Hospital, Vadodara
   - **International**
     Dept. of Comprehensive Dentistry, University of Alabama School of Dentistry,
     The School of Dentistry, University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago.

3. **Building Capacities of Oral Health Care Provider for HIV/AIDS at National Level in 7 States. This was OUR own initiative (Phase I to III).**
   - **Program highlights:**
     - Workshops completed in 7 States with 1300 dentists from the Dental colleges, Indian dental association members, Private practicing dentists.
     - Follow-up with the trained dentists done to understand field issues and influence scale up of the program.
     - Information on the initiative disseminated at several forums like – American Public Health Association, International AIDS Society, AIDS Society of India, International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific, Boston School of Public Health, Sparkman center for Global Health seminar etc.
     - Partnership with the Dental Council of India to develop HIV/AIDS modules, to be incorporated in the dental curriculum.

4. **Enhancing involvement & delivery of PPTCT services in the private sector. Project to be implemented by FOGSI as per guidelines of NACO within the larger FOGSI – UNICEF – NACO initiative to fight HIV/AIDS Oct 08 to Feb 2010**
   - Formulated an HIV/AIDS policy framework for FOGSI members.
   - Sensitized and educated 24000 FOGSI members on the implementation of FOGSI HIV/AIDS policy.
   - Operationalized PPTCT services in 60 nursing homes of FOGSI members present in 33 high priority districts as per NACO classification.
   - Trained 240 doctors and paramedical staff.

The optimum operationalization of public health facilities remains a challenge in the country due to various reasons such as non-availability of skilled manpower and other logistical/infra-structural requirements. Private health facilities in our country are known to provide 30-50% of RCH services, thus are ideally suited to join hands with GOI to widen the network of facilities to meet the MDG’s and the goals of the NRHM program. The project aims to establish, implement, monitor and evaluate an accreditation program for specialists in Obstetrics and Gynecology with existing practices and nursing homes in the private sector so as to widen the availability of private health providers who offer standardized quality and affordable RCH services as per national guidelines.

A guideline for accreditation of private health care providers in delivery of Maternal, Child health and Family Planning services has been prepared to help program managers in the state and districts to accredit private health care providers leading to an increase in access of quality RCH services.

6. Setting up “Health Management Information systems (HMIS)” and capacity building of Medical Officers in “Leadership In public health management” for MOHFW-Govt. of Madhya Pradesh. 07 - 08

AVNI in collaboration with Health Information Systems Program - India, a unit of Department of Informatics, University of Oslo piloted the implementation of comprehensive HMIS and Leadership program implementation in Bhopal. The project thereafter was extended to 3 more districts of MP. The comprehensive HMIS, Leadership & management gaps amongst health care providers were identified based on a needs assessment carried out amongst the stakeholders. The software DHIS2 package was designed and health teams trained to effectively use the information in conceptualising and operationalizing the integration of all the activities/programs of the DHS and effectively plan programmatic interventions.

7. Leadership in Public Health Management Certificate Program was launched in collaboration with the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik. The course is successfully running in Seth G S Medical College and KEM Hospital, Mumbai, LTMMC & LTMGH (Sion Hospital) Mumbai and MGIMS, Sevagram. Program started in 2008.

This Comprehensive Course provides a stepping-stone for those who are already in the public health field and also for those who want to take up Public health as a career. It will be of immediate benefit to those currently engaged in public health field at senior and middle level managers. Specifically the aim is to build capacity by creating a cadre of public health professionals to play leadership roles in public and private Health sectors

8. Design and development of proposal for public health work in Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation is in progress.

10. Supported the design and development of the FIRST HIV/AIDS book for Dentists in India. The book was launched by President Dr A P J Abdul Kalam and Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh.

11. Supported the development and design of books and training materials for doctors and paramedical staff associated with delivering pregnant mothers with HIV/AIDS.

12. Organized 02 National Advocacy meetings on EmOC for FOGSI.


14. Developed Website for FOGSI-EmOC program.