



Sama Resource Group for Women and Health

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Sr. No	Event/Activity	Place	Date	Description
1	Dialogue with the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Delhi on strengthening Health System Response to Gender Based Violence (GBV)	New Delhi at the Delhi Secretariat	11 May 2016	Sama along with three other groups / organizations from Delhi met with the Health Secretary and discussed the status of health systems response and care at hospitals in Delhi for survivors of Gender Based Violence (GBV).
2	Training of Doctors from Delhi government hospitals organised by Department of Health and Family Welfare	Delhi Secretariat	14 May 2016	Sama conducted the training for representatives of about 20 Delhi government hospitals with other organisations. The session provided inputs and built capacities to address gaps in hospitals' response to survivors and differences in their understanding, knowledge and skills in responding to GBV survivors.
3	State Level Consultation on GBV with organizations	New Delhi	June 2016	Sama organized a state level consultation along with Aman Network. The objective of the consultation was to build a comprehensive understanding of the different services being provided to survivors by the police, judiciary, health, legal and other systems as well as strengthen existing inter-linkages, identify gaps in provision.
4	Panel Discussion on Surrogacy at SGT University	Delhi NCR	20 September 2016	Panel discussion on surrogacy with particular focus on rights of children born out of surrogacy and women who are surrogates.

5	Annual planning meeting of the National Commission for Women (NCW).	National Commission for Women, New Delhi	2016	Diverse groups working on women's issues were invited to participate in the meeting, convened by the NCW chairperson; Sama provided inputs with regard to the role that the NCW could play in advancing comprehensive response to GBV including health system response.
6	National Seminar on New Vaccines: How, when and Why organized by Sama, Forum for Medical Ethics Society (FMES) and Jan Swasthya Sahyog (JSS).	New Delhi - National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW)	20-21 October, 2016	The seminar was attended scientists, medical professionals from AIIMS Delhi, Maulana Azad Medical College, representative from World Health Organisation, public health researchers, officials from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and official from Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR).
7	Country Assessment in the Context of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, along with another women's legal advocacy organization Partners Law in Development (PLD), in collaboration with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)	New Delhi	April 2016 onwards	Sama focused on the assessment of reproductive health and rights, the data and indicators from demographic and health surveys and research carried out in India. Findings are organized in the report around some key thematic areas: maternal health, abortion, contraception, gender based violence, etc.
8	Expressive Arts Workshops: Workshops with young people from vulnerable communities	New Delhi	December 2016	The workshops used a combination of story writing, body movement and music to facilitate an expressive medium of interactions with the young people. The objective was to provide safe and creative spaces to express themselves about their selves, their dreams and aspirations, their lives and contexts.

9	Achutha Menon Centre Public Health Conference (AMCCON) 2017	Trivandrum Kerala	6-7 January 2017	Two persons from Sama presented on SRHR and Mental Well being: Narratives of Young Women from Rural India (2016) based on Sama's research on mental health of young women in select areas of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.
10	6th National Bioethics Conference (NBC) 2017	Pune, Maharashtra	13-15 January 2017	Four team members participated and presented in the conference which was on the theme 'Healing and dying with dignity: Ethical issues in palliative care, end-of-life care and euthanasia'.
11	Workshop with Healthcare Providers of Chhattisgarh Institute of Medical Sciences (CIMS)	Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh	11 February 2017	About 100 persons including Professors, Associate Professors, doctors and Interns of the Medical College; Medical officers from the District Hospital and community health centres (CHCs) of Bilaspur district participated in the one-day workshop facilitated by Sama and Chaupal.
12	Meeting with the Directorate of Family Welfare about implementation of Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK)	New Delhi	March 2017	Meeting with the Directorate (DFW) with particular focus on strengthening the peer education programme towards improved access to information, quality and adolescent friendly healthcare in Delhi.
13	Meeting with Organisations and Networks in Delhi on RKSK	New Delhi	22 March 2017	About 20 persons from 13 organizations were part of the discussions - these organizations work with young people in different districts of Delhi including those in the North East and North West which are the RKSK focus districts currently. Sama presented the updates on the implementation of the RKSK programme (DISHA clinics).

14	Conference by Asia Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development (APFSD), on United Nation's Sustainable Goals on Health	Thailand	23-25 March 2017	One participant from Sama engaged with Sustainable Development Goal 3 on health and well being and Sustainable Development Goal 5 on gender equality in the forum.
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