



Sama Resource Group for Women and Health

*Report of Activities
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Sr. No	Event/ Activity	Place	Date	Description
1	Workshops on health with girls and women	Banaras, Uttar Pradesh	April 2018 – March 2019	Workshops included topics such as reproductive system, menstruation as well as problems and myths concerning the same and menstrual hygiene; contraceptives methods like condoms (male and female both) oral pills, emergency contraceptive pills and IUDs, infertility, etc. Separate workshops (six with girls and women each) were conducted during this period.
2	Workshops on health with girls and women	Ranchi, Jharkhand	April 2018- March 2019	Five workshops were conducted with girls and women on topics including nutrition and menstrual health, reproduction, contraception, prolapse, etc. as well as health schemes on maternal health, adolescent health, etc.
3	Workshops for adolescents in Delhi	Delhi- North East District	April 2018 – December 2018	Sama organized several discussions on issues ranging from menstrual health, nutrition, sexual health, HIV, etc. Film screenings were organized for adolescent boys and girls who attended along with their parents and ASHA workers; issues such as taboos around menstruation, sexual abuse/harassment, gender inequality, etc. were discussed.
4	Capacity Building Workshop with groups on 'Odisha Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on Health System's Response to GBV'	Bhubaneswar, Odisha	19-20 March 2018	Sama along with Jan Swasthya Abhiyan-Odisha organized a one and half day state level workshop in Bhubaneswar with organizations from Odisha - representatives from community-based organizations, networks, women's groups, JSA members and individuals working on issues of gender, women empowerment, rural development etc. participated

5	Study on Infertility, childlessness, and healthcare-seeking in resource-poor settings in India	New Delhi	April 2018 – March 2019	In-depth interviews were conducted with those women who agreed to share their experiences, as well as with some of their mothers-in-law. The team also spoke to providers like ASHA workers and Ayurvedic practitioners regarding their opinions and perceptions around the issue of infertility.
6	Panel discussion on 'How to Approach Rape Survivors' at Lady Hardinge Medical College, Delhi	Lady Hardinge Medical College, Delhi	May 2018	A Sama representative presented on the medico-legal protocol by the MoHFW and discussed issues and gaps that are common in hospitals, especially Delhi hospitals based on Sama's work and experience. The panel was attended by students and faculty of the hospital, especially undergraduate medical students.
7	Three Day Course on 'Ethical and Legal Issues in 'New Frontiers' In Bio-Medical Research'.	Hyderabad, Telangana	13-15 July 2018	Sama conducted its 5th Institute on ethical conduct in biomedical research, post-trial access to medicines, regulation and Law. A three-day course titled "Ethical and Legal issues in 'New Frontiers' in Bio-medical Research".
8	Research Project- "Assessing the Status of Health System Delivery and Factors Determining Access to Quality Healthcare for Tribal Communities" by Sama in collaboration with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)	Select areas of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Odisha	April 2018- June 2018	Analysis of the data from the study was carried out and the report "From the Margins to the Centre" based on the study along with detailed recommendations to various government departments was sent to the NHRC. A presentation based on the findings was also made to the Chairperson and members of the NHRC.

9	National Consultation on Health Systems' response in addressing Intimate Partner Violence, organized by ICRW and CEHAT.	New Delhi	3 July 2018	A representative from Sama presented at the Consultation based on Sama's experience of working on strengthening health system response to Gender Based Violence.
10	Conference on Mental Wellness in Communities	Kolkata	15-16 September 2018	Two Sama team members attended a conference on "Mental Wellness in Communities" organized by Sangath and Anjali. The conference brought together organisations working on mental health care delivery across India and served as a platform for lay mental health workers to share their work and experiences.
11	Technical Workshop on Competition Issues in Healthcare and Pharmaceutical Sector in India organized by Competition Commission India	New Delhi	28-29 August 2018	Sama presented on clinical trial regulations and its impact on competition in the workshop.
12	Workshop on Medical and Reproductive Technologies from a Gender and Rights Perspective	Raipur, Chhattisgarh	22 September 2018	Sama conducted a workshop titled 'Medical and Reproductive Technologies from a Gender and Rights Perspective' at the National Health Assembly of Jan Swasthya Abhiyan. The workshop focused on Assisted Reproductive Technologies and Surrogacy.
13	Workshop on Access to Medicines Co-organized with Third World Network (TWN)	Raipur, Chhattisgarh	23 September 2018	The workshop included presentations on patents and accessibility of medicines, trends in research and development and its impact on access to medicines, ban on the manufacture and sale of oxytocin and its impact on maternal health and on snake bite and anti-venom, its availability and related issues.

14	14 th World Congress of Bioethics of International Bangaluru co-organized by Sama Resource Group for Women and Health, St John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Forum for Medical Ethics Society (FMES), Society for Community Health Awareness, Research and Action (SOCHARA)	St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bangaluru, Karnataka	5-7 December 2018; 3-4 December pre-Congress symposia & Feminist Approach to Bioethics (FAB) Congress	The theme of the Congress was Health for All in an Unequal World: Obligations of Global Bioethics. About 900 persons participated in the Congress. Sama also presented in the FAB on gender based violence and organized a workshop on mental health. In the World Congress Sama presented on its study on access to medicines.
15	National Short Course in Hindi for community based health workers, organizations on Gender Health and Rights.	Patna, Bihar	16-22 December 2018	The week long short course was designed with a focus on gender, equity and justice and aimed to provide a comprehensive conceptual understanding of health and health systems, develop strategic skills of participants in community awareness building and monitoring.
16	National Seminar on Violence Against Women: Rural Health Sector Response, organized by Society for Women's Action and Training Initiatives (SWATI) and Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR)	Ahmedabad, Gujarat	23-24 January, 2019	A representative from Sama participated in the seminar and presented on health sector response to gender based violence (GBV) drawing reflections on rural contexts and challenges based on Sama's work on the issue, and contributed towards developing appropriate recommendations on rural health sector preparedness and strategies to address GBV.

17	Meeting with organizations on addressing gender based violence in Jharkhand	Ranchi, Jharkhand	28 March 2019	The meeting with about 10 organizations and networks initiated discussion on the status of implementation of existing protocols for health system to respond to gender based violence. Planning for future activities was also done during the meeting.
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