

UNFPA assisted Integrated Population Development (IPD) Project

UNFPA's programme in India began in 1974 with an allocation of \$46 million. UNFPA has spent \$60 million, administered through its fifth country programme (CP5), reflecting the priorities and agendas of that period (1997-2002).

The Sixth Country Programme (CP6), covering the [period 2003-2007, is guided by the Programme of Action adopted by 180 countries at the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) held in Cairo in 1994. Among the Programme of Action's main goals is universal access to reproductive health by 2015. In line with this objective, CP6 promotes reproductive health for all age groups as means of improving the quality of life, establishing gender equity, stabilizing population growth and reducing poverty.

The CP6 builds on past experiences, expanding the scope of operations and partnerships in India. CP6 continues the work initiated during CP5. The Fifth Country Programme (CP5) adopted a decentralized programme approach through state-level **Integrated Population and Development (IPD) projects** in six states- Gujarat, MP, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa and Rajasthan. These projects included a package of reproductive health services and initiatives to give women access to information and a role in programme management. In Gujarat the IPD project is being implemented in Banaskantha, Dahod, Kutch, Sabarkantha and Surendranagar. These districts are known as IPD districts of Gujarat.

Under the CP6, activities (initiated under CP5) would continue in the same districts with a sharper focus on results and stronger mechanisms for creating community demand for quality health services. The programme elements of CP6 are designed to increase access to quality reproductive health services, prepare adolescents for adulthood, highlight concerns of women and advocate a rights-based approach in the health system.

The implementation of CP6 will involve several key partners. The Department of Family Welfare (DoFW) in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) will be the nodal counterpart for UNFPA assistance. It will also function as the coordinating body for activities to be implemented at the National, State and District levels.

Other key partners will be the Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MOYA&S), the Department of Education in the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Ministry of Rural Development, the National Commission on Women (NCW), the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and the Office of the Registrar General of India (ORGI).

The Gender Resource Centre (GRC), being one of the key implementing partners in CP6 in Gujarat, through Integrated Population Development (IPD) Project, aims to address issues related to Gender, Gender Based Violence (GBV), Reproductive Health (RH) and Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health (ASRH).

Objectives at State Level

1. To create an enabled environment to support policy formulation, revision, implementation & monitoring of population & social development policies in the State.
2. To enhance State & District level capability to integrate population & gender concerns into decentralized planning, implementation and monitoring of social sector programs.
3. To generate Political commitment to address key population, Reproductive Health and gender concerns at State and District levels.
4. To build Strategic coalitions/ partnerships to support & expand advocacy efforts on population, Reproductive Health, gender & adolescent reproductive health issues.

Objectives at District Level

1. To reduce current unmet need for family planning methods by 75 % of existing levels by 2007.
2. To increase the proportion of women with direct Obstetric complications. Delivering at EmoC facilities
3. To reduce incidence of high risk sexual behaviour in 15-49 yrs by 50% during the program period
4. To institutionalise Management of quality assurance in public systems in the districts
5. To enable Women & men to promote, uphold and restore their reproductive rights

6. To enable Institutional & community based mechanisms to address Gender Based Violence
7. To Improve knowledge on Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health (ASRH) and life skills of adolescent boys & girls (in school & out-of-school)

Of all the objectives at district level, GRC is responsible for no. 5,6 & 7.