**INCLEN: An Introduction**

INCLEN is a unique international network of healthcare professionals who conduct collaborative, inter-disciplinary research on high-priority national and global health problems, and train future generations of leaders in health-care research.

INCLEN began in 1980 as a project of the Rockefeller Foundation. INCLEN, Inc. was formally launched as an independent not-for-profit organization in 1988 with global headquarters in Philadelphia, USA. The current global head quarters are in New Delhi, India.

Presently, INCLEN is a network of 91 academic medical institutions/ universities in 34 countries around the world with over 1843 members who are academicians and researchers related to health and medical sciences. The core units of the Network are Clinical Epidemiology Units (CEUs) housed at apex medical institutions affiliated to universities. Almost 20% of these CEUs have been upgraded to Clinical Epidemiology Research & Training Centres (CERTCs) as next generation capacity building hubs.

In India, INCLEN has established a dynamic collaborative network known as the **INCLEN Program Evaluation Network (IPEN),** of 185 Indian institutes including 160 Medical Schools, 10 Public Health Institutions, 8 Research Institutions, 12 non-medical Universities and 9 Non-government Organizations across India**.**

**INCLEN: Achievements over the past decade**

INCLEN believes that research undertaken through our projects needs to translate into improved health and well being. At INCLEN, there is an incessant effort to translate this knowledge and evidence into action.

Therefore, this data needs to be presented to policy makers, healthcare managers and practitioners, the private sector and the public so that it can be turned into action. Some of the achievements and impacts of the network's endeavours are captured through the following policy translations:

**(Timeline pictorial representation to be made by BOD)**

* Injection Safety In India AIPI - Model Injection Centres - AD syringes
* Pulse polio campaign in India- Door to door pulse polio campaign strategy
* Household management of severe Pneumonia
* Antibiotic treatment of Pneumonia
* World Safe- Abuse of women in family environment
* Use of low osmolarity ORS and Zinc in children with acute diarrhoea
* Domestic violence against women
* Revised strategy for Vit-A supplementation to children
* Neuro Developmental Disorders in Children- RBSK
* Dengue Study
* Cold chain Study

(Global Studies)

**The INCLEN Advantage:**

**INCLEN: The Future Roadmap**

INCLEN continues to be a unique academic network with no similar example. In 2010, INCLEN started working on a new strategic plan for the revitalization of the organization. After extensive discussion, this strategic plan was adopted by the INCLEN board in 2012 and came to be known as the INCLEN Strategic plan 2012-21.

**INCLEN Strategic plan 2012-21:** The strategic plan is designed to usher INCLEN into the next decade as a vibrant and motivated network that can achieve the original mission and vision: **Improvement in global health by way of research and capacity building.**

**Guiding principles of the Strategic Plan 2012-2021**

**Strategic Objectives**

The Strategic Plan shall be a living document and continue to evolve as INCLEN works collaboratively with new partners and global health initiatives in a changing international scenario. The following five strategic objectives have been identified:

1. **INCLEN Institute of Global Health (IIGH)**

INCLEN will establish the **INCLEN Institute of Global Health (IIGH)** as a resource platform for research, training, knowledge translation and fund generation functions of the Network. It will serve as an umbrella structure to intensify, escalate and coordinate all the activities of the network.

1. **Expanded and re-aligned research portfolio**

The INCLEN Board in 2014 adopted five thematic areas to reflect INCLEN research priorities for multi-centric studies for the next decade.

**3. Revitalize research capacity building component of INCLEN**

* “Learning–by–Doing” with structured mentorship capacity strengthening program with focus on younger faculty members
* Capacity building programs of CEUs and CERTCs tailored to the requirements of global health to obtain international recognition and accreditation
* INCLEN is developing capacity building programs to develop the next generation of leaders in health research. The Leadership and Management Program, (LAMP) has been tailored for leaders in clinical and public health.

**4. Knowledge Translation & Policy Advocacy at national, regional and global levels**

* Focus shall be on the evidence generated by the Network

**5. Network consolidation and expansion**

* Constructive engagement of members, CEU and CERTC with the intensified research and capacity building programs
* Need-based expansion and invite new institutions and individuals who align with the organization’ s needs to join the Network

**INCLEN: SOMAARTH Demographic Development and Environment Surveillance Site (DDESS)**

INCLEN has established a surveillance site, SOMAARTH DDESS in Palwal, Haryana. (About 65 kms from Delhi) The surveillance area includes 51 villages with an approximate population of 200,000, making it one of the largest surveillance sites in the world. SOMAARTH has a dedicated field site office that includes a laboratory for instrument storage and calibration, data entry and protection areas, and training facilities.

**“SOMAARTH” is derived from Sanskrit: “Som” means the highest form of physical, mental, and spiritual health. “Arth” means money, wealth and resources. SOMAARTH envisions synergy between economic development, environment changes, social changes and health of the individual, family, and community. (Can be put in a highlight box)**

**SOMAARTH focuses on establishing an integrated surveillance system that is simple, feasible, affordable, and sustainable and addresses health in the context of environment. It also aims to provide a platform for multi-disciplinary policy- and program-relevant studies with multi sectoral collaboration in the same geographic area.** (Highlight box)

**Major components of Somaarth:**

Several community based projects are underway at the Somaarth DDESS site. We are tremendously excited about the potential of the Somaarth site to become the engine for growth of INCLEN’s India based research activities.

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**Our Collaborators:**

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