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Dr. Mahapatro is a social epidemiologist who is interested in understanding the influence of social-contextual determinants, especially policy determinants on health, particularly among vulnerable populations (i.e., women and children with abuse). She is also interested in the methodologies involved in social-behavioral interventions to promote healthy behavioral changes and enhance community well-being. Her research interests include health policies and standard guideline practice related to gender abuse/violence, sexual violence and mental health. She has been the Principal Investigator of various research projects and received grants from WHO, ICMR, NIHFW, MOHFW, and Uttarakhand State govt.

Present Position

Associate Professor, National Institute of Health & Family Welfare (NIHFW), Baba Gangnath Marg Munirka, New Delhi-67, 2009.

Administrative responsibilities:

Public Information Officer; Chairperson screening committee of group B and group C technical posts; Chairperson Liveries Committee; Member of Hindi Core Group, Member of Library Committee

Administrative responsibilities in the past:

Sub-Dean, Faculty In-charge National Documentation Centre; Chairperson Technical Evaluation Committee A member of sub-committee of experts for National Commission of Health Repository Centre; Member of Fact Finding Committee for Library, Member-secretary sexual harassment committee

Educational Qualification

Ph.D, Anthropology, University of Delhi, 1998.

Dissertation on Utilisation and availability of health care services among Bhattara tribal population of Orissa.

M.Sc, 1st Division, Anthropology, University of Delhi, 1994

Dissertation on Health equity among Brahmins and Schedule Castes of Garkhal, H.P.

Technical Qualification

Diploma (2 years) in Nutrition and Health. Indira Gandhi Open University, New Delhi, 1997

Certificate Course (1 year) in Child Survival, Uppsala University, Sweden 2011-12

Fellowships Received

World Health Organization Fellowship for "Community Health Care and Research", Khon Kaen University Thailand, 2009

Swedish International Development Agency Fellowship for "Child Survival Reaching the Target", Uppsala University, Sweden, 2011-12

Professional Experience

Total professional Experience 23 years.

- **Indian Council for Medical Research**, New Delhi, 2003
- **Population Foundation of India**, New Delhi, 2000
- Multilateral, **PMU "The Swajal Project"**: assisted by World Bank, Lucknow, 1999
- **International Foundation for AIDS Education**, New Delhi, 1998
- Bilateral, **JPS Associates, assisted by Government of Royal Netherlands**, New Delhi, 1998
- **Institute of Economic Growth**, University of Delhi, Delhi. in association with Institute of Economic Research, Hito Subhashi, Tokyo, Japan, 1997
- **Health Education & Learning Package**, New Delhi, 1996
- **Department of Anthropology**, University of Delhi, 1995
- **American Institute of Indian Studies**, New Delhi, 1994
- **TARU Leading Edge**, New Delhi, 1994

Articles Published in Peer Reviewed Journal

1. **Mahapatro M.** 2017. Qualitative Research in Public Health: A Cross-Cultural Methodological Issue Pertaining to Domestic Violence in India. *Asian Journal of Social Science* 45: 73–92.
2. **Mahapatro M.** and S. Kelkar 2017. Determinates of ANC in deciding place of delivery for marginalized women in rural Odisha, India-Women's Perspective. *Modern Clinical Medicine Research (accepted)*
3. **Mahapatro M.** 2016. Does women's empowerment increase accessibility to healthcare among women facing domestic violence? *Development in practice* 26 (8): 1–12. doi.org/10.1080/09614524.2016.1224815.
4. N. Chaurasia and **M.Mahapatro.** 2016. Self-satisfaction and self-esteem among urban youths: Role of material and non-material culture in India. *Research journal of social science & management (RJSSM)*. 6 (5): 18-24.
5. N. Chaurasia and **M.Mahapatro.** 2016. Gender Differences in Self Esteem among Young Adults of Raipur, Uttar Pradesh, India. *Austin Journal of Women's Health*. 3 (1): 1-4.
6. **Mahapatro M.** 2015. Equity in utilization of health care services: Perspective of pregnant women in southern Odisha, India. *Indian Journal of Medical Research* 142, August, 183-189. DOI:10.4103/0971-5916.164251
7. K. S. Nair, S. Raj, V.K.Tiwari, R.Gandotra, **Meerambika Mahapatro.** 2015. Are Patient Welfare Societies Effective In Strengthening Health Care Delivery Systems: Evidences from Uttarakhand State, India. *International Journal of Health Sciences and Research (IJHSR)*; 5 (10): 230-242
8. **Mahapatro M.** 2014. Mainstreaming Gender: A Policy Shift. *Vision*. Sage Publication. 18 (4) 309-315.

9. Shalini Kelkar and **M Mahapatro**. 2014. Community Health Worker: A Tool for Community Empowerment. *Health and Population – Perspectives and Issues*, 37 (1&2), 57-65.
10. **Mahapatro M**, R.N.Gupta, Vinay. K.Gupta. 2014. Control and Support Models of Help-seeking Behavior in Women Experiencing Domestic Violence in India. *Violence and Victims*, 29 (3).
11. **Mahapatro M** 2013. Barriers to utilization of Maternal Health services among rural women in Orissa –A qualitative assessment GSTF and indexed by EBSCO, CrossRef, ProQuest, Ulrichsweb, Singapore.
12. Kumar A., **Mahapatro M**. 2013. The cutting edge in the blunt space: An anthropological construct of ANM's social world in the community. *Healthcare in Low-resource Settings*. PAGE Press, Pavia, Italy. 1 (1):40-43.
13. **Mahapatro M** R.N.Gupta, Vinay. K. Gupta. 2012. Risk factor of domestic violence in India. *Indian journal of community medicine* 37 (3): 153-57.
14. **Mahapatro M**, R.N.Gupta, A.S.Kundu, Vinay. K.Gupta. 2012. Interpersonal violence as risk factor for women's sexually transmitted infection and reproductive health consequences in India: a community based study. *Journal of Public Health*. 20 (4): 399-403, Springer publication. DOI 10.1007/s10389-011-0455-x
15. **Mahapatro M**, R.N.Gupta, A.S.Kundu, Vinay. K.Gupta. 2011. Domestic Violence during Pregnancy in India. *J Interpersonal Violence*. Sage Publication. doi:10.1177/0886260510390948
16. **Mahapatro M**. 2010. eHealth Fostering Health Equity in Rural India, *Health Positive: Journal of Best Practices in Clinical Medicine and Public Health*; 2010; 2 (3), 38-40. ISSN 0975-7910.
17. **Mahapatro M**. & A. Kumar. 2009. Maternal Mortality among the Marginalized: A Case Study of a Schedule Tribe of Orissa. *Indian Anthropologist, Journal of the Indian Anthropological Association of India*, 39 (1-2):85-97
18. **Mahapatro M**. 2008. Reproductive health awareness among the tribal women in Manipur by Rose Nembiakim, book review in *Journal of the Indian Anthropological Association of India*, 38(2).
19. **Mahapatro M**. 2003. Determinants of fertility: An exploration among the Bhattara tribals of Orissa *Indian Anthropology*, 33(2), Dec.
20. **Mahapatro M**. 2001. Health and Privatisation in India, *Dharna*, Vol.6, NIHFWS, New Delhi
21. **Mahapatro M**. 2000. Health Seeking behaviour in a Tribal Setting, *Health and Population: Perspective and Issues*, 23 (4).
22. **Mahapatro M**. & A.K.Kalla. 1999. A study of demographic profile of the Bhattara tribe, Nowrangpur District, Orissa". *The Anthropologist*, March Issue.
23. **Mahapatro M**. & A.K.Kalla. 1998. Knowledge, Attitude and Practice of Birth Control Devices among the Bhattara tribe, Nowrangpur District, Orissa. *Human Ecology*, Nov. Issue.
24. Kumar A., L. Cutinoh & **M. Mahapatro**. 1997. The Blood, Paper published in "The International Newsletter on HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care", *AIDS Section, Asia Pacific edition*, Hain publication, 34, January-March.

Books/Edited Books

1. Mahapatro M. & Kumar A. 2016. Between Culture of Empowerment and Entitlement: A Case of Domestic Violence in India. In Women Empowerment and inclusive Growth (Eds) S. Garg, R.Kothari, A. Sharma. pp 34-53. Jaipur: RBSA Publisher
2. Mahapatro M. 2016. Domestic Violence in India—A Decadal Shift in State-Society Paradigms. In Eva Buzawa (Eds.) Global Perspectives on Domestic Violence. USA: Springer International Publishing (forthcoming).
3. Mahapatro M. 2015. Domestic Violence and Health Care in India. New Delhi: Springer. (contract has been signed with Springer- forthcoming)
4. Kumar A. & M. Mahapatro. 2010. Narrator and the Narrative: Understanding Scientific Realism of Chronic Diseases in the Field. In Health, Illness and Medicine ed. Arima Mishra. New Delhi: Orient Longman.
5. Mahapatro M 2011. Gender Based Violence and Health. Health Promotion (eds.) New Delhi: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Nirman Bhawan

Proceedings/ Monograph Published

1. **Mahapatro M** 2015. Between Culture of Empowerment and Entitlement: A case of domestic violence in India. IIS University, Jaipur.
2. **Mahapatro M** 2010. Treatment Seeking & Support in response to Health Consequences of Battered Women in India: A Community Based Study. IIM Bangalore.
3. **Mahapatro M** 2010. Methodological Challenges in Understanding Domestic Violence Centre for Emerging Areas in Science and Technology, Punjab University, Chandigarh.
4. **Mahapatro M** 2010. Domestic Violence in India- The Social Determinants and Risk Factors: A Community Based Study. Indian Society for Medical Statistics Organised by NIHFW, NIMS, ICMR New Delhi

Reports

- **Mahapatro M.** Impact of Behavioural Intervention Package on the health status of married abused pregnant women aged 15-45 years attending antenatal clinic of LNJP hospital, New Delhi A randomised controlled trial - A pilot study
- **Mahapatro M.** 2015. A Monograph on Gender-Based Violence and Health Care in India, New Delhi: NIHFW.
- **Mahapatro M., R.M. Triphy** 2014. A Qualitative Study of Utilisation of MCH Services & Care Seeking Behaviour among Rural Women in Southern Orissa.
- Nair KS and **M. Mahapatro** 2013. Evaluation of Rogi Kalyan Samitis (RKSs) under NRHM in Uttarakhand.
- **Mahapatro M.** 2009. Domestic Violence & Health Consequences with special reference to Reproductive Health Consequences, A Multi-centre Study, ICMR.
- **Mahapatro M. & Deoki Nandan.** 2009. Second Global eHealth Survey. NIHFW.
- **Mahapatro M., P.L.Joshi, S. Bute, Deoki Nandan.** 2011. Draft Guildline for Multi Purpose Worker (M). New Delhi: NIHFW.
- **Mahapatro M., P.L.Joshi, Deoki Nandan.** 2011. Draft guidelines for Assessment & Accreditation (not published). New Delhi: NIHFW.

Research Conducted as Principal Investigator

1. Impact of Behavioural Intervention Package on the health status of married abused pregnant women attending antenatal clinic of LN hospital, New Delhi. A randomised controlled trial.
2. Domestic Violence & Health Consequences with special reference to Reproductive Health Consequences in India-A Multi-Centre Study
3. A Monograph on Gender Violence and Health Care in India
4. A Qualitative Study of Utilisation of MCH Services & Care Seeking Behaviour among Rural Women in Southern Orissa.
5. Evaluation of Rogi Kalyan Samitis under NRHM in Uttarakhand. The study was completed and Report was submitted to Uttarakhand govt.
6. 2nd global eHealth Survey supported by WHO.
7. A Study of Psychosocial and Service Dynamics of Illegal Abortion in Rural Areas of India.
8. A Study of factors affecting acceptability of Microbicides among different population groups in India.
9. Evaluation of the District Mental Health Programme Component/Scheme of National Mental Health Programme-MOHFW
10. National Health Information Collaboration-WHO

Professional Service

- Member of Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of Epidemiology, National Institute of Malaria Research, ICMR
- *Expert for conducting spot study for "Prime minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration" for 2013-14.*
- *Member of 6th and 9th Common Review Mission for Uttarakhand and Manipur, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.*
- *Member of Sub Group-III: Behaviour change and communication including promotion of IYCF and IMS ACT, Working group on Nutrition for 12th Five year Plan, 2012-17.*
- Member of Rajasthan AFP Surveillance & UIP review team, visited Jodhpur district from 3-7 December 2012, associated with WHO.
- National Consultation on Social Determinants on Health, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, 27 Feb 2012.
- Evaluation of proposals on Disability and Gender, Barriers to Care Seeking in Childhood Pneumonia in Urban, Rural, Tribal Areas of Gujarat for ICMR 14th March 2013 and 2015.
- Contributed for development of Gender, Equity Social Inclusion Tool and Quality Assessment Indicator with Institutional and Technical Support assisted by European Union 2013.

Invited Talks

- Domestic Violence: Silent within the four walls at Gender Unit, Uppsala University, Sweden on 13th April 2011.
- Utilisation of MCH services & Care seeking behaviour in South Odisha, India on 30th January 2012 at Hanoi.
- Case management of victims of domestic violence and Gender related issues, National Training Centre, Dwarika, New Delhi on 28th April and 16 July 2015.

- *Orientation programme on social science research scheduled for research scholars and teachers belonging to Scheduled Castes/Tribes and other Marginalised Groups during 24-29 March 2014 at Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID).*
- 'Gender Sensitization for the senior govt. officials on 28 December 2012, 11 January 2013, 14 and 16 May 2013 at ISTM.
- Public Health and Methodological Challenges, IP University, New Delhi, 2013
- A review chapter of World Bank draft report on 'Health and Climate Change Strategy' for South Asian Civil Society Consultation, Kathmandu, Nepal, and March 2009.
- Domestic Violence and Health Consequences for the Health Professional on 'Increasing Human Capacity to Address Gender Equity in Health and Development' from 7-11 September 2009
- Research Methodology' for the Nurse professionals working in the area of Nursing Education and Services, Trained Nurses Association of India, 23 August 2010
- Methodological Challenges in understanding Domestic Violence in the Seminar on 'Societal Aspects of Public Health: Emerging Issues', Punjab University, 22-23 March 2010

Training Imparted as Coordinator/Co-coordinator

- Gender Violence, Health and Human Rights, 2013, 2014 and 2015
- Prevention of Human Trafficking & Violence against Women and Children, 3-5 October, 2012.
- Prevention and combat of human trafficking with special focus on children and women, 28-30 Sept, 2011
- Increasing human capacity to address gender equity in health & development, 12-16 September 2011.
- Leadership Development in the Health Sector, 25-29 Nov. 2013
- Scientific writing' for health professional, July and September 2011
- Orientation workshop of Medical Officers and Surgical/Orthopedic Specialists from District hospitals on National Programme for Health Care of Elderly (NPHCE), 18-20 August 2011.
- Ten weeks Professional Development Course, 2010.
- National consultation on India adaptation of training package on who child growth standard (integrating mother & child protection card) in collaboration with WHO, and UNICEF and the Ministry, 13-14 July 2009
- National Health Information Collaboration workshop for collaborating partner institutions, 2009
- Health System Research, 16- 20 November, 2009.

Training Received

- Child Survival, Uppsala University, Sweden under SIDA fellowship 2012
- Community Health Care and Research, 2009
- Cochrane Systematic Review, April 2009, and 2012.
- Report writing & publication workshop, MCH-Star, Aug. 2009,
- Core trainers training on new WHO child growth standard, Hyderabad June 2009.
- Gender and Development, 1999
- Leadership to improve MNCHN" funded by MCH-Star, April 2010

- Impact Evaluation of HIV Intervention in India funded by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation at Mumbai, 17-20 Jan 2011.
- Blue Print for Success (on attitudinal change), Shiv Khera, 1999
- Shri Shri Ravi Shankar (Basic and Advanced course), 1999

Awards/ Distinctions

- IDRC finalist for paper on equity in health 2009
- All India Scholarship 1992-1994, University of Delhi
- Stood second in the University of Delhi, M.Sc 1994
- Stood second with distinction in Berhampur University, Orissa, B.Sc 1992
- Qualified University Grant Commission-NET

Honours

- Passed Sangeet Bhushan Part III (Final) in Odissi Classical Dance
- Mess Secretary, University Hostel for Women, University of Delhi.1995-97
- Awarded as President Guide, 1986

Membership of Academic/ Professional Organisations

- Member of Science Congress
- Member of Anthropological Association of India
- Member of Indian Association of Public Health
- Member of Sexual Violence Research Institute Forum
- Member of Ranbaxy Science Foundation

Member of board in Journal

- APG-Austin Journal of Women's Health, Austin Publishing Group
- Amity Journal of Healthcare Management

Students Advised

- A Study of developing a model by introducing pre-hospital & ambulance care in Kashmir to reduce mortality & Morbidity among the spatially excluded community, Dr .N.A.Jan, for Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Health Management, 2010.
- A Study to Assess the Quality Health Care at the level of Public Health Facilities (CHC,PHC,SC) w.r.t Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) in Akhnoor Block, J&K. Dr. Narender Sing Bhatial for Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Health Management, 2010.
- Study the functioning of RKS in Rishikesh, District Dehradun of Uttarakhand for Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Health Management, Dr. Dharmendra Uniyal, 2011.
- A Study of Facility Based New Born Care in Kota, Rajasthan" for Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Health Management, Dr. R.N.Yadav, 2012
- A Study of gender differential on self esteem among young adults age 20-25 year in Ripur, Noida, Dr. Nupur Chaurasia, MPH Amity University, 2014-15
- A Study on depression and sleep disorder among 3rd year B.Tech students of Amity University, Ms. Banani Bharali MPH, Amity University.
- A comparative study on son preferences in Vietnam and India, Tran Thi Huong Giang under PGDPHM program for the year 2014-15.
- The determinants of HIV infections among women in Liberia-A critical review of LDHS report 2013, Dr. Hawa M. Kromah under PGDPHM program for the year 2015-16.
- Orientation to the B.Sc, M.Sc Nursing/ MBBS, and MD students.

Conferences Presentation

- Between Culture of Empowerment and Entitlement: A case of domestic violence in India at National Seminar on Women Empowerment and Inclusive Growth at IIS University 13-14 March 2015, Jaipur.
- Barriers to utilization of Maternal Health services among rural women in Orissa –A qualitative assessment at '2nd Global Healthcare Conference (GHC 2013). The proceedings is published by GSTF and indexed by EBSCO, CrossRef, ProQuest, Ulrichsweb, 8-9 July 2013, Singapore.
- Public Health Access and Utilisation among women: A case of health seeking behaviour in South Odisha, India under panel 9: Health and Gender: Policy and Practices at World Council Association of Anthropologist, 1-3 April 2012 Delhi University, Delhi.
- Treatment Seeking & Support in response to Health Consequences of Battered Women in India: A Community Based Study” at Fifth Annual International Conference on Policy and Management, Indian Institute of Management(IIM), 8-11 August 2010 Bangalore.
- Domestic Violence in India- The Social Determinants and Risk Factors: A Community Based Study at 28th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Medical Statistics, November 11-13, 2010 NIMS-ICMR, New Delhi.
- National Orientation workshop on Rural Drinking Water and sanitation and Health: Priorities & Practices, from 11-12 April 2013, NIHFW, New Delhi.

Attended Workshop

- National Orientation workshop on Rural Drinking Water and sanitation and Health : Priorities & Practices, 11-12 April 2013.
- Two days workshop on Pedagogy Skills by the Institutional and Technical Support (ITS) for the Sector Policy Support Programme at NIHFW, July 2012.
- *Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana*- Conditional Maternity Benefit workshop, 10th January 2011, IIC, New Delhi.
- National meet on ensuring the specific rights of women living with HIV in Rajasthan on 3rd Nov., 2010, NIHFW, New Delhi
- Dissemination of findings of the project on Bay Friendly Community Health Initiatives, Lalitpur District, UP, 31 July 2010, IIC, New Delhi.
- Prenatal sex selection in India: issues, Concerns and Actions organized by National Human Rights Commission, 12 October 2010, IIC, New Delhi
- Indo-US joint working group on Maternal and Child Health and Human development research programme, 27-29, 2010, NIHFW.
- Pre-National Consultation on Service Delivery Improvement and Management of ICDS, October 2010, National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development, New Delhi.
- National Rural Health Mission and community based Health System in India for the Kenyan Delegation 29th June, 2009, NHSRC, NIHFW, New Delhi
- India Country Adaptation Module for training of ICDS functionaries and trainers based on the Global Training Module on 2 July, 2009 at National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development, New Delhi.

Reviewed Articles for Journals

- Social Science & Medicine
- Development in Practice
- Asia Pacific Family Medicine
- Annals of Medical and Health Sciences Research
- Journal of Family Violence
- Journal of Public Health
- Indian Journal of Community Medicine
- Austin Journal of Women's Health
- Indian Anthropologists, Indian Anthropological Association
- Health and Population: Perspective and Issues