



Guideline for Panel Discussion Role of NGOs in Public Health



Objectives

1. To understand the experiences of nongovernmental organizations in public health in the form of health promotion, disease prevention, screening for diseases, treatment and rehabilitation.
2. To understand the experiences of nongovernmental organizations in health advocacy and activism.
3. To reflect on potential scope for engagement of nongovernmental organizations in various aspects of the health system of the country.
4. To discuss issues of funding availability and sustainability of public health work by nongovernmental organizations.

Moderator:

Dr. Mala Ramanathan, Additional Professor, Achuta Menon Centre for Health Sciences Studies, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum, Kerala

Panelist

1. Dr. Pavitra Mohan, Founder, Basic Health Care Services, Udipur, Rajasthan
2. Fr. Paul Moonjeli, Assistant Executive Director, CARITAS India, New Delhi
3. Dr. Vijaya Srinivasan, Research Director, Global Health City Hospital, Chennai
4. Dr. Sabu George, Civil Society Activist, New Delhi
5. Mr. Rajapandian, Chief Executive, Sustainable Health Enhancement, DHAN Foundation, Madurai

General Guidelines

1. Moderator starts the session with a brief introduction of the session and setting the ground rules for the discussion.
2. Moderator takes 10 minutes to introduce the panelists and to give a brief introduction to the topic and the objectives of the panel discussion.
3. The panelists present their views keeping with the objectives of the discussion in about 5 minutes for each speaker.
4. There is a round of open discussion among the panelists for about 10 minutes.
5. Based on time availability, the moderator can allow an open house where audience can interact with the panelists. The moderator takes the questions from the audience and directs it to the appropriate panelist.
6. The moderator concludes the session with a brief summary and her/his own insights.