



Dr. Allen P. Ugargol, BDS, MPH, FHI (UK), (PhD)

Dr. Allen P. Ugargol is a public health professional from Bangalore, Karnataka. He completed his Bachelors in Dental Surgery from M.R. Ambedkar Dental College in 1999 and his Master of Public Health (MPH) from the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology (SCTIMST) in the year 2007. He has been a Visiting Research Fellow at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), United Kingdom, in 2005 and during the period completed his Fellowship in Health Informatics where he also managed a three-country 5-year evidence-based research collaboration in health informatics. He is shortly completing his PhD from the University of Groningen (RUG), The Netherlands where his research focus is in the area of Ageing and Exchange of Care in Emigrant Households of India. He holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Health & Hospital Management as well as a Certificate in Pain and Palliative Medicine.

Dr. Ugargol has earlier had a long stint at St. John's Research Institute (SJRI), Bangalore both prior and post his MPH postgraduation where he held the position of Senior Resident & Lead Manager - Health Informatics Research. He has worked as the State Programme Manager for UNICEF's C4D programme in Karnataka that aimed to improve MCHN (Maternal, Child Health and Nutrition) outcomes through SBCC interventions. He helped develop the Comprehensive IEC/SBCC Strategy for the Directorate of Health and Family Welfare Services (DHFWS) in 2012. He then also worked as Senior Research Associate (SRA) at the Institute of Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore. Recently, Dr. Ugargol held the post of Consultant-Medical at the Collaborative Training Institute Unit, SIHFW, Bangalore under the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW), New Delhi. He has been associated with multilateral and development partners and has been the Evaluation Coordinator and local Principal Investigator (PI) for the World Bank supported Impact Evaluation of Results-Based Payments for Hospital Care for the Poor in Karnataka State, the Vajpayee Arogyashree Scheme (VAS) in Karnataka, India and the Karnataka Nutrition Multi-sectoral Pilot Project.

He has served as a member of the Working Group from St. John's Research Institute that conceptualized the National Health Portal (NHP) as per the recommendations of the National Knowledge Commission (NKC), Govt. of India and as a member of the NSQF Technical Advisory Group for Healthcare, Govt. of Karnataka. In 2011, he was awarded the Karnataka Knowledge Commission's prestigious Jnana Fellowship where he researched and submitted a report on the IEC services in the Directorate of Health and Family Welfare Services, Govt. of Karnataka. Dr. Ugargol has been actively engaged in teaching public health, health communication and public health informatics at many Institutes across India. He also has numerous publications in international peer-reviewed indexed journals to his credit apart from chapters in books and project completion reports.

Research Interests: Health Systems, Social and Behavioural Change Communication (SBCC), Ageing, Geriatric Health, Qualitative Research Methods, Demography, Maternal, Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN), Mental Health and Public Health Informatics.

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