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### **EXPERTISE ON RESEARCH, POLICY ANALYSIS, EVALUATION & TRAINING**

My applied and policy-oriented research projects, in collaboration with community agencies, have directly contributed to improving the health of marginalized communities such as sexual and gender minorities, and people living with HIV. Over the past two decades, my studies among hijras/transgender women and men who have sex with men (MSM) have covered a range of health-related issues: contextual and structural influences on HIV risk; social/sexual networks and HIV risk; barriers to HIV prevention and treatment services, stigma/discrimination and structural violence; syndemics and HIV; impact of sexual/gender minority stigma on mental health and HIV risk; legal gender recognition for trans people, and acceptability of new HIV prevention technologies like pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

I serve as the Chair of Indian National AIDS Control Organisation's Technical Resource Group (TRG) on trans people and a member of TRG on MSM. In 2013/14, I served as a member of the 'Expert Committee on the issues relating to Transgender Persons' for the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. I have published 80+ peer-reviewed research articles and five book chapters. Furthermore, as part of individual or agency consultancies, I have prepared 90+ policy/technical reports for NACO, UNDP-India, UNAIDS, WHO-SEARO, WHO-Geneva and other national and international organisations (e.g., IPPF, IAVI, FHI360, India HIV/AIDS Alliance) – especially on the issues of sexual and gender minorities and people living with HIV. I have been part of the evaluation team (both as lead consultant and as co-consultant) of several HIV projects of national (e.g., NACO, FHI, FPAI) and international organisations (RFSU/SIDA). I have conducted several trainings, including training of trainers, for a range of healthcare providers (see the list of modules in the last page). Some training videos are available online: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3YLiyNfiMbrq8hQlh0PrjQ/videos

Institution and Location	Degree	Year of Completion	Field of Study
Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh	Ph.D.	Jan 2019	Public Health
Institute of Venereology/STD,			Sexually
Madras Medical College and Research Institute, Govt. General Hospital, Chennai	M.D.	2001	Transmitted Infections (STIs)
Madurai Medical College, Govt. Rajaji Hospital, Madurai, Tamil Nadu	M.B.B.S.	1998	Medicine & Surgery

### EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

### **RESEARCH/TRAINING EXPERIENCE**

### **Positions and Employment**

2011 to	Chairperson, Centre for Sexuality and Health Research and Policy
present	(C-SHaRP), Chennai, India
Nov 2023 to	DBT/Wellcome Trust India Alliance CRC Grantee, The Humsafar Trust,
present	Mumbai (Host Institution that manages the grant)
Apr 2019 to	DBT/Wellcome Trust India Alliance Senior Fellow, The Humsafar Trust,
Dec 2022	Mumbai (Host Institution that managed the grant)
April 2017 to	DBT/Wellcome Trust India Alliance Senior Fellow, Department of
March 2019	Community Medicine and School of Public Health, PGIMER (Host Institution)
2006 - 2018	Research Advisor [Hon.], The Humsafar Trust, Mumbai
2004 - 2010	Policy and Research Adviser [Consultant Position], Indian Network for People
	living with HIV and AIDS (INP+), Chennai
2002 - 2003	Country Director, Solidarity and Action Against the HIV Infection in India
	(SAATHII), Chennai
2001 - 2003	Consultant Physician (STI/HIV), Social Welfare Association for Men
	(SWAM), Chennai

### **Other Experience and Professional Memberships**

- 2000 Member, Indian Association for STD, HIV and AIDS (IASSTD and AIDS)
- 2006 Associate Member/Adviser, Integrated Network for Sexual Minorities (INFOSEM)
- 2007 Member, International AIDS Society (IAS)
- 2015 Member, World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH)
- 2015 Member, Subcommittee on New HIV prevention Technologies (NPTs) Task Force, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- 2015 Member, Technical Resource Group on 'Men who have Sex with Men and HIV', National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), Govt. of India
- 2016 Chairperson, Technical Resource Group on 'Transgender People and HIV', National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), Govt. of India
- 2020 Member, 'Committee of Experts' constituted by UNDP-India to provide inputs to Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE), Govt. of India, on the Draft Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules, 2020

### <u>Honors</u>

- Scholarship to attend training on 'Research Design in Qualitative Social Inquiry', La Trobe University, Australia
   NIH Fogarty International Centre's AIDS International Training and Research
- Program (AITRP) award, Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on HIV/AIDS (CIRA), Yale University, USA
- 2005 IASSCS training fellowship, International Association for the Study of Sex, Culture & Society (IASSCS)
- 2005 Fund for Leadership Development (FLD) fellowship, The John D. and Catherine T. Mac Arthur Foundation, New Delhi
- 2010 Samudhram award for service towards marginalized [transgender] people, Transgender Rights Association, Chennai

- 2016 IAS Educational Fund Scholarship to attend IAS 2017 conference in Paris
- 2017 ongoing Senior Clinical/Public Health Research Fellowship, DBT/Wellcome Trust India Alliance
- 2018 Selected for Dr. R. V. Rajam Endowment Oration in 42nd National Conference of Indian Association for the Study of STD (IASSTD) & AIDS

### **RESEARCH SUPPORT Ongoing Research Support**

### NACO. Ref. No. T-11020/21/2022-NACO (R& E).

05/08/2022 - 31/07/2024

(NACO = National AIDS Control Organisation).

Development and assessment of a comprehensive and holistic intervention package to reduce HIV vulnerability and to maintain viral suppression among transgender women in India.

Goal: To develop a comprehensive and holistic HIV prevention and care package for TGW to reduce HIV vulnerability and to sustain viral suppression (through qualitative formative research) and to implement and evaluate (quasi-experimental design) that package among TGW in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.

Role: PI

### DBT/Wellcome Trust India Alliance, IA/CRC/22/1/600436 11/01/2023-31/10/2028 **Project 'CARET: Consortium for Advancing LGBTQ+ Health Research, Policy Engagement & Training**

To advance the health of LGBTQ+ people in India through generation of research evidence for action, policy engagement and communications to advance positive changes in health policies and programs for LGBTQ+ people and training and capacity building to increase skilled researchers and LGBTQ+-affirmative healthcare providers t Role: PI / CRC Grantee

### SSHRC, Canada, File No. 895-2019-1020

(SSHRC = Social Science and Humanities Research Council)

### MFARR-Asia (Mobilizing for a Research Revolution to Ensure LGBTIQ Inclusion in Asia)

Goal: MFARR-Asia aims to advance the inclusion of LGBTIQ people in all spheres of life. Objectives are to engage diverse communities in identifying and mobilizing model programs of LGBTIQ inclusion; and to evaluate/monitor progress in LGBTIQ rights and inclusion. Role: India PI

### IAVI. Ref. No. A10548.

Understanding digitally-driven risk networks to inform user-centric target product profiles (TPP) for next-generation HIV vaccines.

Goal: The study aims to understand the nature and characteristics of HIV risk networks (digital and physical spaces) to inform strategies for engaging potential end-users; and to understand their preferences through elicitation research to inform target product profiles of HIV vaccines. Role: India PI

04/01/2019-03/31/2026

01/04/2022 - 31/12/2024

### **Recently Completed Research Support**

### DBT/Wellcome Trust India Alliance, IA/CPHS/16/1/502667 04/01/2017-12/30/2022 Reducing Health Inequalities among Sexual Minorities in India: Generating Evidence for Action

Goal: To develop a model of syndemics production among sexual and gender minorities in India, and to develop and evaluate a multi-level intervention to address syndemic conditions and their negative consequences, especially HIV transmission risk behaviors. Role: PI / Fellowship holder

### National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), T-11020/48/2019 10/01/2020-7/31/2022 Reducing discrimination faced by MSM and Transgender Women in public hospitals: A pilot multi-level intervention using a quasi-experimental design

Goal: To design and test the efficacy of a multi-level theory-based intervention (Intergroup Contact Theory and Popular Opinion Leader) to reduce discrimination faced by MSM and TGW in health care settings in two Indian cities. Role: PI

### **IDRC Ref. No: 109555**

### 07/01/2020-08/31/2022

Effect of an eHealth intervention on COVID-19 knowledge, behaviours, and mental wellness of LGBT+ people: #SafeHandsSafeHearts randomized trial

Goal: The goal of this project is to adapt, test, and disseminate a community-engaged eHealth intervention to reduce COVID-19 infection risk and psychological distress among LGBTQ+ people in Canada, India, and Thailand.

Role: India PI

### IAVI. Ref. No. A09952.

### 01/04/2021 - 31/12/2021

## Community Engagement (CE) towards HIV biomedical research preparedness in India: Phase 1.

Goal: The study aims to identify solutions for improving community engagement in HIV prevention research and understands how communities including key populations and general populations have been engaged in HIV prevention research. Role: PI

### IAVI. Ref. No. A10548.

### 01/04/2022 - 31/12/2022

### **Community Engagement (CE) towards HIV biomedical research preparedness in India: Phase 2.**

Goal: To create a CE competency assessment framework, co-design socio-cultural contextualization and engagement tools to help bridge the CE translational gaps and understand emerging challenges in engaging Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) in HIV prevention research.

Role: PI

# Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) - IMPRESS09/1/2019-03/31/2021Development and Evaluation of an E-Health Intervention to Promote HIV PreventionBehaviours & Mental Health of Transgender Women in India

Goal: To develop and pilot-test an e-health intervention for transgender women in India to promote safer sex and mental health.

Role: Co-PI

### 14/09/2020 - 31/12/2021

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### Acceptability and feasibility of broadly neutralizing antibodies (bNAbs) as HIV prevention products in India: Exploring the perspectives of potential end-users, service providers and policymakers.

Goal: A multi-site research study that aims at understanding the perspectives of potential endservice providers and policy makers on the factors influencing users. the acceptability/feasibility of bNAbs as HIV prevention products among key populations. Role: PI

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), SBR/Ad-hoc/9/2018-19 10/1/2018-3/31/2020 Periodic (semi-annual) voluntary HIV testing among MSM: A randomised controlled trial of multi-level intervention

Goal: To conduct a qualitative formative research to understand barriers and facilitators of semi-annual HIV testing among MSM, and to design, implement and evaluate a theory-based pilot intervention to promote semi-annual HIV testing among MSM in Chandigarh. Role: Consultant

### **International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, Grant No. 8025** 04/11/2018-11/30/2018

Evaluating the acceptability, feasibility and optimal modes of delivery of HIV Self-testing (HIVST) to Key Populations in India

Goal: To explore the current HIV testing practices among key populations (MSM, transgender people, sex workers and injecting drug users), to understand their willingness in use of new HIV testing technologies including HIV self-testing and to design individual and community level interventions to promote self-testing.

Role: Consultant

IAVI. Ref. No. A09238.

### **Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR)**

CHVI Team in Social and Behavioral Research on HIV Vaccines Goal: This research program addresses key challenges in ensuring fully informed consent among HIV vaccine trial participants; and in engaging the preferences and concerns of vulnerable community end users throughout HIV vaccine development in order to bridge the science-to-practice gap.

Role: PI

### Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

Multi-level Intervention among HIV-positive MSM in India: A Pilot Study Goal: This study seeks to develop, implement, and assess an innovative multi-level intervention for HIV- positive MSM in India to promote their health, safer sex, and disclosure of HIV status. Role: PI

EVALUATION EXPERIENCES (SELECTED LIST) (Contact information of nodal persons

### are available, if needed)

1. Part of the Mid-term Appraisal team for evaluating targeted HIV interventions of India's National AIDS Control Programme (NACP-IV)

http://www.naco.gov.in/nacoevents/mid-term-appraisal-mta-nacp-iv-aug-2016

- 2. Lead evaluator in several projects among MSM and transfeminine people (examples):
  - Pehchan (Global Fund-supported project) of India HIV/AIDS Alliance, New Delhi
  - Project implemented by AIDS Prevention and Control Society (APAC) and Tamil Nadu AIDS Initiative of Voluntary Health Services, Chennai, India

## 10/01/2014-08/01/2016

01/01/2012-01/01/2017

- HIV prevention program among MSM in Andhra Pradesh project of India HIV/AIDS Alliance, New Delhi
- MSM/TG programs supported by USAID/Family Health International (FHI)
- 3. Part of the evaluation team of an LGBT project in South Asia (<u>https://www.sida.se/contentassets/fc0394c5066a48f98d17fc0e9ff487fa/15367.pdf</u>)
- 4. Evaluator for JTF-supported e-MTCT project of Family Planning Association of India (FPAI)

### PEER-REVIEWED ACADEMIC JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

(*SELECTED LIST from 80+ articles*) Orcid ID: <u>http://orcid.org/0000-0001-9998-9135;</u> Scopus Author ID: 24437208400; ResearcherID: P-8056-2014.

- 1. **Chakrapani, V.**, Loganathan, V., Saha, P., Bose, D. L., Khan, N., Aurora, T., . . . Dewan, C. (2024). Engagement of vulnerable communities in HIV prevention research in India: a qualitative investigation. *Research Involvement and Engagement, 10*(1), 12. doi: 10.1186/s40900-024-00542-w
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- Chakrapani, V., Kershaw, T., Kaur, J., Shunmugam, M., Nelson, R., Vijin, P. P., . . . Subramanian, T. (2022). Associations between sexual stigma, enacted HIV stigma, internalized HIV stigma and homonegativity, and depression: testing an extended minority stress model among men who have sex with men living with HIV in India. *AIDS Care*, 1-9. doi: 10.1080/09540121.2022.2119467
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- Chakrapani, V., Newman, P. A., Sebastian, A., Rawat, S., Shunmugam, M., & Sellamuthu, P. (2021). The Impact of COVID-19 on Economic Well-Being and Health Outcomes among Transgender Women in India. Transgender Health, doi: 10.1089/trgh.2020.0131. <u>https://www.liebertpub.com/doi/10.1089/trgh.2020.0131</u>
- 9. **Chakrapani, V.**, Scheim, A. I., Newman, P. A., Shunmugam, M., Rawat, S., Baruah, D., . . . Kaur, M. (2021). Affirming and negotiating gender in family and social spaces: Stigma,

mental health and resilience among transmasculine people in India. Culture, Health & Sexuality, 1-17. doi: 10.1080/13691058.2021.1901991

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