



Community-Led Responsive and effective Urban Health Systems (CHORUS)

The growing numbers of urban poor around the world face several health challenges including the double burden of diseases, exposure to environmental and human-made hazards and limited access to quality and affordable health care. Services are not sufficiently planned and integrated across multiple public, private and NGO providers and have frequently not kept pace with the changing disease burden or composition and needs of the urban poor. Due to the informality of their living and working conditions, the urban poor are frequently overlooked in data, programmes and policies. In this context, a Community-led Responsive and Effective Urban Health System-CHORUS, a Research Consortium Program (RPC) funded by UK Aid, envisions to improve urban health and reduce health inequities of urban communities. The RPC is implemented in Bangladesh, Ghana, Nepal and Nigeria. HERD International is responsible to implement two research projects in Nepal.

Why is this project important?

We are implementing policy-focused, implementation research to identify cost-effective and sustainable Health System interventions that can be delivered in urban area in Nepal. We will conduct research programme in two municipalities of Kaski and Kathmandu districts. Our research programme will contribute to urban health system to be accountable and responsive to the needs of the urban poor.

What are the Research Themes?

Our research focuses on these four pillars:

- i) Linking the plurality of private, NGO and government providers,
- ii) Building collaboration across sectors to address wider determinants of health
- iii) Strengthening systems to prevent and respond to the double burden of non-communicable (NCDs) and communicable disease (CDs) and identifying and
- iv) Reaching and engaging the urban poor.

Partners

This programme is a collaboration between the University of Leeds, University of York, HERD International Nepal, ARK Foundation Bangladesh, University of Ghana and University of Nigeria