**Title:**  Course Director – India HPSR Fellowship Programme

**Scope of Work**

One of the strategic areas of work for HSTP & its partners is enhancing capacities of Indian researchers on health policy and systems research (HPSR). India Health Policy Systems & Research (HPSR) Fellowship program was launched in January 2021 & aims to build capacity of mid-career public health professionals for strengthening health systems through evidence-based policymaking. Anchored by the Health Systems Transformation Platform (HSTP), the fellowship is organized in collaboration with WHO Alliance for Health Systems and Policy Research, Institute of Public Health Bengaluru, Achutha Menon Centre for Health Systems Studies, The George Institute of Global Health - India, Nossal Institute of Global Health, Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp, & India Health Systems Collaborative.

This blended course aims to expose Indian researchers to health policy and systems research, build their skills in approaching health problems with a health systems and equity lens, use appropriate methods to answer the research question and successfully conduct an HPSR research project. Currently, the fellowship is designed in three phases – an online phase (6 months) to orient fellows to the HPSR approach, a face-to-face phase and the final mentorship &implementationphase where fellows are facilitated to execute their HPSR project.

At present,the course is in the second year and by the end of 2022, 36 fellows will be engaged in conducting HPSR across India. The Course Director (CD) of India HPSR Fellowship Programme will work closely with the CEO, HSTP, Specialist and Secretariat of India HSPR fellowship program and the partners.He will be responsible for successful conduct of the course.Hismain responsibility will be to ensure that the course’s stated learning outcomes of producing quality HPSR researchers in India will be met. For this, the course director (CD) will be expected to

* **Ensure that course meets the standards set**, which will include:
  + That there is a clear alignment between different phases of the fellowship
  + That the course material is pedagogically sound maintaining coherence between learning outcomes, teaching materials, and assessments
  + That the course contents are updated regularly in keeping with the science of HPSR
  + That the assessments validate the required competencies
  + That there is regular communication with the faculty and the academic committee
* **Ensure that the course is being conducted as planned**, which will include
  + That classes, assignments, and feedback are on schedule.
  + That there is regular supervision of the fellows during all phases of the course.
* **Ensure that fellows acquire required competencies to conduct HPSR**
* Monitor progress of the fellows for the duration of their engagement in the program, including at least one visit to study site of fellow as per requirement
* **Oversee selection of participants for future cohorts of the fellowship program**
* **Develop India specific case studies to be used in course content**

**Reporting**

The CD will be report directly to the CEO of HSTP and will be supported by the HPSR Secretariat at HSTP. The deliverables at the end of each quarter would be a report apprising the CEO HSTP about the progress of the course.