

## **ABOUT SHSRC-K**

### **Background**

State Health Systems Resource Centre Kerala (SHSRC-K), in line with the NHSRC (National Health Systems Resource Centre, the technical support arm of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GoI) at the national level, is giving technical support to the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Kerala, through scientific evidence generation. Having said that, health system research and policy development for decision-makers are the two key activities SHSRC-K is engaging in. Health system research helps to generate scientific evidences for the development of strong policies which in turn can contribute better health outcomes.

SHSRC-K established in 2008-09 and registered as a society in 2014 is an autonomous institution. The institution's Governing Body (GB) is chaired by the Minister of Health & Family Welfare and the Executive Committee (EC) is chaired by the Secretary, of the Department of Health & Family Welfare. The last meetings held for GB and EC were on 09-01-2017 and 13-12-2023 respectively. The institution is headed by the Executive Director, deputed from the Health Services department and the office is located in the first floor of the Kerala State Institute of Health and Family Welfare (KSIHFW), Thiruvananthapuram.

SHSRC-K was successful in the overall launch & implementation of the Aardram Mission including developing G.Os related to the Aardram Mission, module development, policy documents, and team training. During the COVID-19 pandemic, SHSRC-K took a lead role in the State and district-level surveillance activities. SHSRC-K has re-oriented to health systems research by strengthening the research wing and collaborating with multiple organizations and premier research institutions. SHSRC-K has its own Institutional Research and Ethics Committees for vetting research protocols across the State.

### **VISION**

To assist the Health System in Kerala to provide equitable, affordable, accessible, and quality health care services to all with accountability and responsiveness.

### **MISSION AND OBJECTIVES**

- To undertake research and evaluation while providing technical support in various aspects of the health system aimed at improving the state health system.
- To develop operational guidelines for the implementation of various health programs at the State and District level.
- To develop appropriate policies and guidelines on the basis of evidence-based research.
- To evaluate and assess various health schemes/programs operational in the state of Kerala.
- To publish journals, reports and working papers in various domains of health systems aimed at improving the state health system.