

National Rural Health Mission(NRHM)

The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), launched in April 2005, aims to provide accessible, affordable and accountable quality health services to the rural poor. The objectives of the Mission include reduction in child and maternal mortality, universal access to public health care services, prevention and control of communicable and non-communicable diseases, population stabilisation, revitalisation of local health traditions, mainstreaming AYUSH and promotion of health life style.

The targets set to be achieved under the NRHM by the end of the Mission i.e. 2012 are as follows:

- IMR to be reduced to 30/1000 live births
- Maternal Mortality to be reduced to 100/100,000 births
- TFR reduced to 2.1
- Malaria Mortality Reduction Rate – 50% upto 2010, additional 10% by 2012
- Kala Azar Mortality Reduction Rate – 100% by 2010 and sustaining elimination until 2012.
- Filariasis / Microfilaria Reduction Rate – 70% by 2010, 80% by 2012 and elimination by 2015
- Dengue mortality reduction rate - 50% by 2010 and sustaining at that level until 2012
- Cataract operations increasing to 46 lakh
- Leprosy Prevalence Rate to reduce from 1.0 per 10000 in 2005 to less than 1 per 10,000 thereafter.
- Tuberculosis DOTS series – maintain 85% cure rate through entire Mission period and also sustain planned case detection rate.
- Upgrading all Community Health Centres to Indian Public Health Standards.
- Increase utilisation of First Referral Units from bed occupancy by referred cases of less than 20% to over 75%.
- Engaging 4,00,000 female Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs).