

Dr Upasona Ghosh

Designation: Senior Lecturer, Indian Institute of Public Health, Bhubaneswar

Qualification: MSc (Social Anthropology), MPhil (Women Studies) PhD (Social Anthropology)

Expertise: Social Health, Environmental Health (Climate change and disaster), Public Health Nutrition, Gender and Health system, Health system Research, Qualitative and Participatory Research Techniques

Dr Ghosh has done PhD in Social anthropology from West Bengal State University and has done MSc.in anthropology from the University Of Calcutta, India. She has also done MPhil in Women studies from the University of Burdwan, West Bengal, India. Her doctoral research was on social determinant of child health in the Indian Sundarbans- a globally known climate change hotspot as a part of health systems research to improve access, affordable and quality health services for the poor under the aegis of Future Health Systems Research Program Consortium funded by DFID. Her decade long research experience has a focus on socially determined pathways of impacts of climate change on community health and health care delivery system. Her research aims to understand social vulnerabilities of the communities experiencing climate change and also throws light on the political-economic dynamics impacting transformational changes towards climate resilient health system.

In her current capacity as a senior lecturer at IIPH, Bhubaneswar, Upasona is involved in various academic and research activities. This includes teaching environmental health and gender and health system in the public health management diploma (PGDPHM). Besides teaching, she is involved in researching on climate change impacts with national and international universities. Upasona has authored significant number of articles in international journals like Lancet Planetary Health, BMJ South Asia and British Medical Journal.

Prior to joining PHFI, she was a senior researcher with IIHMR University and has done various international research projects which include funding from DFID, Norwegian Research Council and Oak Foundation, UK. She was received DFID's Young Research Grant through Future Health System consortium. Upasona has also be an awardee of Emerging Voices for Global Health programme, in which she is a mentor now.