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**Experience:** Ten years (post MD) experience in community/public health and operational research. This includes three years as a teaching faculty in public teaching hospitals and more than six years with an international NGO (Centre for Operational Research, The Union). I facilitate (as a senior mentor) in the WHO TDR endorsed Structured Operational Research Training Initiative (SORT IT) courses, regional as well as national courses. I have mentored more than 60 participants from low-middle income countries from Asia and Africa on public health programme based operational research. I have initiated more than 130 research projects, facilitated in more than 60 operational research SORT IT course modules and reviewed more than 50 manuscripts for peer-reviewed scientific journals (academic editor for PLOS One and PLOS Global Public Health). I have led a series of research papers on the benefits of [active case finding](#) for TB and delays and losses in the [MDR-TB](#) diagnosis and treatment pathway in India. I am currently supporting studies in national TB programme setting in India (Karnataka, Gujarat) to determine the burden of severely ill TB at notification and feasibility of assessing severe illness.

**Current Research Interests:** Active case finding for TB, Severely ill TB at notification, Building capacity in operational research, Using operational research to improve primary health care and programme performance, Community action for health

**Current implementation interest:** SORT IT courses focusing on disease programme specific priority research questions in India; Implementing a mentorship model for in service public health cadre working at district level in India. The focus is to i) build capacity of in service public health cadre for strengthening implementation of services through Primary Health Centres and carrying out operational research ii) generate local evidence for programme to improve quality, effectiveness and coverage of primary health care.

**Publications:** I have around 130 research publications in peer reviewed scientific journals of which more than 30 are as first author. Cited more than 1100 times in other research papers (h-index 19, i10-index 41).