

Indo-German Programme On Universal Health Coverage (IGUHC) Research, Monitoring, Learning and Evaluation

Evidence is key for policy formulation, IGUHC leverages on research and evaluations to ensure evidence based policy decisions.



Supporting evidence-informed policy making for Universal Health Coverage (UHC) ...

The **effectiveness** of strategic policy decisions depends heavily on timely evaluation, research and monitoring. To guide the strategic design and implementation of the world's largest health assurance scheme, Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY), GIZ conducts **research and evaluation tailored to the policy makers' needs** and ensures a gender lens in all IGUHC research projects.

... through research, monitoring, learning and evaluation

IGUHC's research and evaluation component uses a **policy-driven approach, focused on research utilisation**, to advise the government on strategic planning and the implementation of PM-JAY. This means that the national and state **policy makers and**

implementation partners are the primary target group for utilising the research findings. Through a **participatory approach**, relevant stakeholders are constantly involved in the research process to identify research areas that are most relevant to them.

Further, PM-JAY has monitoring and evaluation systems in place to potentially make mid-course adjustment and to provide information for future strategic directions of the scheme.

The **strong research capacities and structures allow IGUHC to respond to unforeseen challenges** and developments, the latest example being the COVID-19 pandemic.

Objective

To establish a strong evidence base, through **policy-driven and utilisation-focused research**, monitoring and knowledge management, to **transform findings into strategic policy decisions**.



Capacity Building
of Health Systems
Researchers



Design of first **PM-JAY monitoring dashboard**
with NHA



Knowledge hub for joint
learning and knowledge
sharing



Best practice
documentation through
peer-reviewed journal entries
and research reports



International Research
collaborations



Global exchange
workshops and
south-south cooperation



IGUHC's collaborating partners:

- John Hopkins University
- Kings College London
- The German Development Institute
- University of Heidelberg
- Indian Institute of Management Indore
- IQVIA



IGUHC's research products:

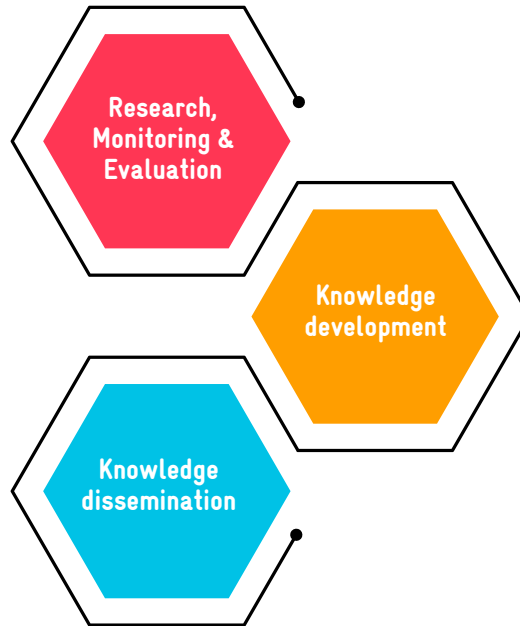
- Household and hospital study report on the performance and impact of PM-JAY State Scheme
- Policy briefs and fact sheets evaluating the demand and supply of PM-JAY
- Brochure on advancing gender equality based on lessons learnt from RSBY
- Knowledge video on PM-JAY for policy communication

Core topics

IGUHC performs research and evaluation on cross-cutting issues. Core research areas include Universal Health Coverage, Health System Strengthening, Social Health Protection, Gender and Pandemic Preparedness.

Research approach

IGUHC applies a policy-driven, participatory, and highly user-oriented research approach, such as mixed method studies. Further, a Pan-Indian research scope and transparency of findings is ensured.



Target groups

- Policy makers and Implementers
- Civil Society Organizations
- Multilateral & Bilateral Organizations
- Private Sector
- Health Insurance Companies/ Institutions
- Beneficiaries

Knowledge products for policy communication

- Policy briefs
- Research reports
- Communication materials (videos, booklets, posters)
- Peer-reviewed journal articles
- High relevance for strategic and reflective decision making

Facilitation of South-to-South cooperation and Global Knowledge Exchange

IGUHC supports collaboration and learning processes, in which international stakeholders discuss experiences with social health protection, pandemic preparedness and universal health coverage. Thereby, innovative solutions and technologies are shared, transferred and co-created across countries.

Dissemination of evidence-based information and promotion of learning and collaboration between stakeholders through:

- Policy dialogues
- Webinars and workshops
- Conferences
- Website and knowledge hub
- Informational material

Building research capacity

As research is a cross-cutting field on the way to reach universal health coverage, **research capacity on all levels is needed:** from international to local and from research to implementation level.

IGUHC assists in creating this capacity. For example, IGUHC has:

- created a knowledge hub which supports evidence-based information sharing, learning and collaboration among health care financing practitioners, policy makers and researchers. Objectives of the knowledge hub are: know/explore, capacity building/learn, collaborate/connect and knowledge creation.
- created a PM-JAY knowledge video for policy communication

In all research activities of IGUHC capacity building is considered.

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