

National Rural Health Mission- An Evaluation of UP, MP and Jharkhand States

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Abstract

The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) is an initiative undertaken by the government of India to address the health needs of under-served rural areas. It was launched in April 2005 to address the health needs of 18 states that had been identified as having weak public health indicators. As per the 12th Plan document of the Planning Commission (now NITI Ayog), the flagship programme of NRHM will be strengthened under the umbrella of National Health Mission. The focus on covering rural areas and rural population will continue along with up scaling of NRHM to include non-communicable diseases and expanding health coverage to urban areas. Accordingly, the Union Cabinet, in May 2013, has approved the launch of National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) as a sub-mission of an overarching National Health Mission (NHM), with National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) being the other sub-mission of the National Health Mission.

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