

India Epidemic Intelligence Service

The India Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) is a two-year, on-the-job training programme in applied epidemiology. Unlike other public health programs, EIS officers spend majority of their time under close mentorship in the field, responding to outbreaks, doing studies and research, and learning how to address public health issues with evidence-based solutions.

The National Centre for Disease Control, with support from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, launched EIS to fill the growing need for field epidemiologists across India. At the state level, EIS offers a unique opportunity to invest in your local public health workforce; while the programme offers valuable training to your candidate it simultaneously attempts to assign EIS officers to your state to learn as they work on disease surveillance and outbreaks. At the end of the programme, skilled officers return back to their state's public health system to share the benefits of their training.



Why sponsor an officer from your state?

- ➔ **PREVENTION:** officers learn to uncover and address the root cause of problems to prevent future outbreaks
- ➔ **DETECTION:** graduates return with stronger surveillance skills, in order to detect more outbreaks, more quickly
- ➔ **RESPONSE:** builds a workforce that's trained to handle health emergencies

Since 2012, EIS officers have investigated

MORE THAN 100 OUTBREAKS IN 26 STATES

Including

Anthrax Hepatitis Diarrhea Malaria
Encephalitis Measles Dengue Cholera
Chikungunya Acute Encephalopathy



EIS Graduates: in their own words

**Dr. Arghya Pradan, State Surveillance Officer/
Deputy Director of Health Services, IDSP**

Odisha: "IEIS training has changed my entire approach toward public health...This programme ensures that the public health system in India will be able to get highly skilled public health professionals."

Dr. D Somashekar, Additional Municipal Health Officer, East Delhi Municipal Corporation: "I



learned the importance of keen observation, listening to others, comprehensive documentation...working in public health is a dynamic process and there is no end for scope of improvement."



Dr. Rajesh Yadav, Public Health Specialist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, India: "This training programme will help in strengthening our public health systems to respond to any health emergency".

EIS Programme at a Glance

Field based, hands on practice

Close mentoring from experienced experts

Officers graduate with two years of practical experience

Officers respond to outbreaks & conduct valuable research throughout the programme

Focused on how to collect, analyze & interpret data to inform public health decisions

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