WHAT ARE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

These are:

- Structural Systems and/or
- Conditions of daily life

That have direct or indirect effect on health.
WHY SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH ARE IMPORTANT

- Poor health of our people is the outcome of unequal distribution of:
  - Power
  - Income
  - Goods & Services
  - Social Policies, Gender require legislations

- Multisectoral linkages needed.
WHY SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH ARE IMPORTANT

- It will be difficult, if not impossible, to achieve and sustain UHC without addressing the Social determinants
  
  - UHC needs to address these social determinants simultaneously; not one by one.
  - Multisectoral linkages are needed.
GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF UHC: REFERENCE TO SOCIAL DETERMINANTS

• Universality
  – across urban/rural e.g. 60m urban poor
  – remote and migrant communities
  – tribal populations

• Equity
  – Gender, race, caste

• Non-exclusion and non-discrimination
  – region, performance rating (?)

• Financial protection
  – employment, social security

• Community participation
Right to food under the proposed National Food Security Bill: 75% of rural and 50% of urban households to be covered. **National Debate**

Reforms in Public Distribution System (PDS): local procurement, local storage, local distribution, include nutritious food like millets. **Challenging task**
SOCIAL DETERMINANT: EMPLOYMENT & WORK SECURITY

- Decentralise MGNREGA, National Rural Livelihood Mission, National Skills Development Corporation.

- Occupational safety. Doable/ lot being done

- Disaster Management. Lot being done/National Authority
• Safe drinking water and sanitation. Doable

• Affordable housing. Doable/ Challenging

• Environment. Lot being done
SOCIAL DETERMINANT: GENDER SENSITIVITY

- Improve access to health services for women and girls (beyond MCH). **Doable**

- Women’s central role in healthcare provision. **Doable**

- Build capacity of health system to address gender concerns. **Doable**
SOCIAL DETERMINANT: COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

- People and communities are not just recipients of care.
- They have powerful potential and capacity to create and promote health. Doable
- Establish National Health Promotion & Protection Trust, an autonomous national body embedded in MoHFW, and having matching institutions at state level.
SOCIAL DETERMINANT: COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

• Participation at people’s own speed and according to their needs. Doable

• Requires sustained investment and support. Doable
SOCIAL DETERMINANT: COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

- Enhancing role of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in delivering information about health-related entitlements. Doable
- Enabling community participation in health governance. Doable
- Capacity-building of community-based platform and community health workers. Doable