

Report on Urban Health Sector for Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation under NUHM

Project Name: Detailed Project Report on Urban Health Sector under NUHM for AMC
Client Name: Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation
Country: India

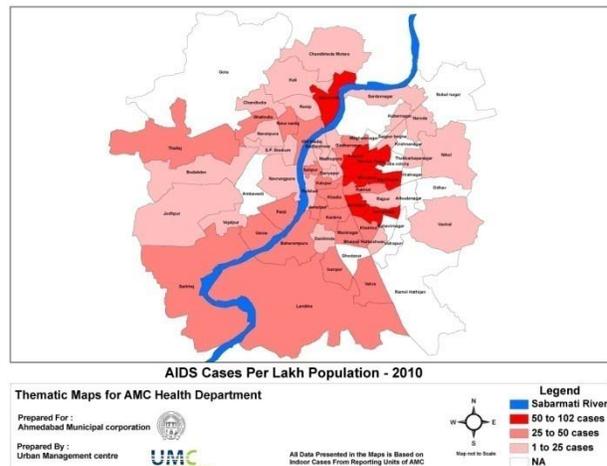
Project Brief

To meet the health service demands of the population in quality and quantity and to effectively address health concerns of the urban poor, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India proposed to launch the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM). The Mission's duration was to be the period of the 11th Five Year Plan (2008-2012). Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) felt a need to upgrade its facilities available at its urban health centres and to provide second tier facilities like community health centres. The newly merged areas and some of AMC's earlier wards requires additional sub-centres to help the Corporation effectively provide health out-reach services to its population.

Detailed Description of the Actual Services Provided by UMC

UMC provided the followed assistance to AMC's Health Department:

- Review of existing urban health infrastructure and identify gaps between existing and proposed health infrastructure
- Prepare detailed report including:
 - a) Required physical resources for upgrading urban health facilities in AMC jurisdiction
 - b) Required manpower, Sample design of urban health centres, community health centres and sub centres; Measures to improve quality of health infrastructure like health information systems, training provision to health officials and financial resources.



UMC worked hands on with AMC health staff to identify required data on the existing urban health infrastructure and to collect data regarding spatial distribution of health facilities and slums across Ahmedabad. UMC staff also visited AMC's existing UHCs and CHCs to understand their functioning and to understand the requirements for upgrading facilities. UMC developed a methodology which involved meetings and interviews with health staff including medical officers, pharmacists, lab technicians, multi-purpose workers (MPW) etc. Separate SWOT analysis was conducted with medical health workers and with pharmacists, lab.

UMC with assistance of AMC staff identified slum pockets and communities on the base map of Ahmedabad and also marked existing health facilities provided by the AMC. These maps were later transferred to a GIS environment to analyze the accessibility of health facilities by slum dwellers. This assisted in locating newer health facilities as proposed under the NUHM.