

"Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane" -Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

"Participatory Action Research (PAR) is a collaborative approach to research, that equitably involves all partners in the research process and recognizes the unique strengths that each brings. PAR begins with a research topic of importance to the community with the aim of combining knowledge and action for social change to improve community health and eliminate health disparities" - W.K. Kellogg, 2001



"No research without action, no action without research"

#### Venue

AMC Seminar Hall, Achutha Menon Centre for Health Science Studies, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology, Trivandrum—695011

### Registration

Early bird registration fee is Rs 1000/- per participant. Registration fee will cover the costs of course materials, lunch and refreshments during the conference.

After December 20<sup>th</sup>, registration fee will be Rs 1250/- per participant. Payment has to be made as DD/ at par cheque payable at Trivandrum in favor of "The Director, SCTIMST". The DD/ cheque should be furnished along with a covering letter stating your full name, designation and institutional affiliation and should be sent to the following address:

> Dr. Biju Soman, Additional Professor AMCHSS, SCTIMST, Trivandrum -695011.



# AMCCON-2017 Post-Conference Workshop

on "Participatory Action Research for Health Equity"

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## Background

Research creates new knowledge that gives us insights into the root causes of the health inequities and guides us to formulate the policies to reduce these inequities. Conventionally, policy formulation and actions follow knowledge creation. However, Participatory Action Research (PAR) is a research paradigm which seeks to integrate the process of knowledge creation and action.

Rooted in the ontological assumption that the reality is subjective and co-created, PAR creates new knowledge through shared experiences, participatory analysis, and practical problem solving. By actively engaging the people in the process of praxis, it helps to develop critical consciousness and collective power in the affected communities to confront and the change power dynamics that perpetuate health inequities. Hence, PAR provides public approach health professionals, researchers and activists a cutting edge tool to bridge the equity gap in health.

## **Objectives:**

- To provide an introduction to the use of PAR in health equity research
- To encourage a critical approach to the use of PAR
- To provide practical skill to engage in PAR

## The facilitator:

Mr. Sam Joseph is a development consultant and trainer in aid & development work for creating community managed local systems, using causal loop analysis, soft systems methodology, participatory methods, organizational design, and institutional design. Currently he is the Secretary and Coordinator for SOCHARA. He is the recipient of UN Public Service Award for 2008 for his work in Africa. He has 44 years of work experience in Asia (India, Nepal, Bangladesh, China), Africa (Somalia (Somaliland), Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Liberia, Ghana, Gambia,, Sierra Leone), UK (Action Aid International Office, DFID, IDS) & USA (Indiana University, WB meetings).

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