

For the IIPS website under the Project **MNH Exemplars**

Subject: Brief note on the National Stakeholder meeting of the MNH Exemplars Study, India held on 25th June 2021

The first National Stakeholder Meeting of the MNH Exemplars Study, India was organized on 25th June 2021. The main objectives of the meeting were to present an overview of initial results on mortality trends, intervention coverage, and policy analysis and seek reflections of the national experts on what made India succeed to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality, with a focus on policy and health system initiatives at national as well as high and low mortality state clusters. The national experts were from various fields including Government, Technical, Development Partner, Non-governmental, Academic and Finance. After a brief introduction and welcome note by Dr. Himanshu Bhushan and Dr. Ties Boerma, the study collaborators presented an overview of the initial results on MMR and NMR trends, intervention coverage, policy analysis. This helped set base for the discussion. The national experts provided their valuable insights on various initiatives, policy decisions, financial flexibilities, health system reforms and technical initiatives which helped in accelerating the decline and debated lucidly. The study team immensely benefited from the insights given by the national experts. These would facilitate future data compilation/collection and analysis for the study. The meeting concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Bhushan.

