

Prof. Manoj Kar
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Prof. Manoj Kar is having 24 years of professional experience in contributing to academic, research, training, consultancy, educational programmes, project management and advising governments, WHO-UN and international organizations and NGOs in the field of Public Health, Health Systems, and Social Policies using Interdisciplinary Research in India and in the field of Global Public Health, Internationally.

Prof. Kar, has been actively involved in coordination of Joint UN Team in developing UNDAF (United Nations Development Assistance Framework), UNDMT (United Nations Disaster Management Team) initiatives in Gujarat disaster, reviewing of National HIV/AIDS strategies, coordinating UN Theme Group on “Gender and HIV/AIDS”, contributing to WHO-Country Cooperation Strategy; which has got adequate mentioning for strengthening evidence for policy reforms in generating multisectoral partnerships for development of Public Systems Governance, especially for health policies & programmes in Strengthening of Health Systems, HIV/AIDS strategies and Public –Private Partnerships in India. His involvement with NACP III Planning Team in shaping of National Technical Support Unit strategies for Capacity Building, Research and Technical Assistance to NACO, inclusion of Human Rights and Gender issues in 2nd National Health Policy and National Implementation Plan for NRHM are worth mentioning in Public Health policy development in India. Prof. Kar, has been involved in completing several of UN systems coordinated and Government Published Policy documents, Advocacy Research Briefing by PFI-PRB Washington D.C. and Evaluation Research on ‘Midwifery and Nursing Systems in India’ are well recognised by academia, researchers, policy makers and practitioners of Public Health professionals Internationally.

Prior to his joining at the Centre for Educational Studies, Indian Institute of Education, as Professor in Public Policy and Governance areas, he has served as Chief of Programmes, Aga Khan Health Services India, Mumbai and National Health Systems Resource Centre, MOHFW, New Delhi, as Public Health Advisor on Coordination of Technical Assistance and Capacity Building in Health Systems Development. Policy, Research, Training and Management of Technical Assistance for “Community Participation” were core areas of “Policy Development for Health Systems Strengthening under National Rural Health Mission” for the Ministry of Health and Departments of Health from the NRHM focused states in India. At, IIE, Prof. Kar, is pursuing several of the strategic areas of ICSSR focused research initiatives, research seminars, Capacity Building for Faculty Development and Research Methodology courses. Also, he is working for collaborative research in ‘Health Policy, Health Education & Public Systems Governance’ addressing various dimensions of “Health for All & SDGs”.

Academically, Prof. Kar, is having an M.Phil. and Ph.D. degree in “Social Policy and Public Health – Interdisciplinary” from the Centre for Social Medicine and Community Health, School of Social Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. His research work was based on the study of ‘donor-government cooperation in sustaining impact of Private Voluntary Organisations in Health Services Management and Sustainability of Health Policy outcomes’. As per his academic and research strengths, he specialises and apply methods in Interdisciplinary skills and approaches involving conceptual framework, research development design, monitoring & evaluation, promoting analytical skills, strategic planning, project cycle management using multiple partners from multidisciplinary background. Nominated by WHO, recipients of East West Centre, Hawaii Fellowship for ‘Public Health Policy & Population Studies’, IIM Bangalore EDP Fellowship, ICSSR Doctoral Fellowship and WHO Award for ‘Extraordinary Dedication during the Emergency and Rehabilitation’ in Gujarat Earthquake are worth mentioning credentials.

Prof. Kar, has served for multicultural professional Team and demonstrated Leaderships in selected countries of South Asia, Eastern Europe & Central Asia and the Pacific in assisting Ministries of Health and advising Governments in Health Systems, Health Policy and Governance Research areas as Lead Consultant and Strategist for Decentralized Health Planning and Policy Development. Professional development in Higher Education and Interdisciplinary Research skills as reflected and applied in addressing cross-cutting issues of Gender, Human Rights, Inequality and Human Development in hastening strategic outcome and Policy results through his academic research, teaching, training, consultancies and advisory services in Indian Institute of Education. He has been heading Ph.D. Programmes and ICSSR Fellowships since after his Joining in the Centre for Educational Studies, IIE, and Pune.

Prof. Kar has contributed to a great extent in other higher education assignments and management of institutions. He has been an active member of Planning and Monitoring Board, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, ICMR-Project Review Committee on NCDs and Research & Thesis Evaluation Panel of Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai, ICSSR-TISS Review Committee on Tribal Studies and NIHF Expert

Group on National Study Team – Tribal Immunisation, Scientific Committee Member at the 3rd World Conference on Education, 2019 and performed as active members of several of committees & studies organised by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI and institutions of national and international importance.

His Professional expertise and research interest include but not limited to;

- *Leadership Development in Higher Education and Health Sector*
- *Social Determinants and Social Policy*
- *Public Policy and Governance Studies*
- *Interdisciplinary skills and approaches in Social Science*
- *Policy Development and Decentralised Planning in Health*
- *Professional Development in Higher Education*
- *Mental Health and Behavioural Studies*
- *Education and Training of Health Workers*
- *Human Resources Planning for Education and Health Policy*
- *Health Systems Strengthening and Research*
- *Training in NGO Management in Health, Education and Social Sector*
- *Youth Development and SDGs*
- *Research in “Education for Health”*

Countries Served/Institutions Exposed Internationally:

WHO-SEARO, Bangkok (Thailand), East West Centre, Hawaii (USA), UNESCO Regional Centre for Life-Long Learning-Bangkok, Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore, Indian Institute of Health Management Research-Jaipur, Ministries of Health and Family Welfare in New Delhi, Solomon Islands, Maldives, Aga Khan Development Network-Istanbul, UNDP-Turkmenistan, UNDP-Ukraine, ACTIONAID-Nepal, WHO – UNAIDS in India and WHO-SPC in New Caledonia (Pacific).