

A workshop on capacity building for Regional Coordinators to Strengthen the National Birth Defect and Stillbirth Sentinel Surveillance System in India was held at Hotel Taj Lands End, Mumbai, India on 7 - 8 December 2017. The meeting was organized by WHO CC network Secretariat, National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health (NIRRH), India in collaboration with WHO – SEARO with the help of the Technical Partners namely Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi; AIIMS, New Delhi and PGIMER, Chandigarh. The objectives of the workshop were to discuss and finalize the roadmap for the establishment of Birth defect and Still birth surveillance in India with Technical resource centres and Regional Coordinators, Capacity building of Regional Coordinators for implementation of Birth defect and Stillbirth surveillance, and to discuss the current challenges and to plan the strategies to overcome them. The participants in the workshop were faculty from WHO; AIIMS, Delhi; PGIMER Chandigarh; Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi; Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh; Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad; ICMR headquarters, New Delhi; ICMR-NIV, Pune and ICMR-NIRRH, Mumbai. Overall it was a fruitful workshop in that; it will be immensely important in establishment of Birth defect and Still birth surveillance in India with Technical Resource Centres and Regional Coordinators.