



# RISE Third E-Grand Round at NEIGRIHMS Shillong

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The third E-Grand Round on Clinical Challenges in COVID-19 Management was organized by RISE and conducted by North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS), Shillong in collaboration with NHM Meghalaya on November 04, 2020.

Reaching Impact, Saturation, and Epidemic Control (RISE), a global project funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and led by Jhpiego, works with countries to achieve a shared vision of attaining and maintaining epidemic control, with stronger local partners capable of managing and achieving results through sustainable, self-reliant, and resilient health systems. The goal of RISE in India is to improve and standardize intensive care of severely ill COVID-19 patients by identifying potential areas of improvement. The project is providing technical assistance to the 29 recipient health facilities in 15 states and 3 union territories, creating an ecosystem for efficient utilization of the 200 ventilators donated by USAID. The project also plans to utilize a hub-and-spoke model, in collaboration with National Health Mission and the regional intervention facility in a few states to build the capacity of various other facilities in critical care management for COVID-19, based on their need.

E-Grand rounds for the critical care providers intend to improve the care giving skills of the doctors using a virtual platform for case presentation and discussion by a panel of experts and for sharing updates on treatment and management protocols, share experiences, promote knowledge sharing; and as the pandemic evolves, review new evidence and changing epidemiology.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> E-Grand Round on Clinical Challenges in COVID-19 Management was attended by 130 participants with around 109 critical care providers from 15 RISE intervention facilities and spoke facilities of NEIGRIHMS from five North East states. Ms. Sangita Patel, Director, Health Office and Mr. Vijay Paulraj, RH/FP Advisor represented USAID India. 19 RISE team members of Jhpiego from across the country also attended this event.



*Shri Ram Kumar, IAS, Mission Director NHM Meghalaya*

Giving the keynote address, Shri Ram Kumar, IAS, Mission Director NHM Meghalaya shared his experience of combating COVID-19 both as a patient as well as an administrator. Talking about the E-Grand Rounds, he appreciated the initiative taken and expressed interest in sustaining such efforts. Director NEIGRIHMS, Prof (Dr) Prithwis Bhattacharya, shared a brief scenario of management of COVID-19 at NEIGRIHMS and also shared his interest in the training of the nurses in critical care units across the state for improvement of their knowledge and skills. This was followed by a message from Ms. Sangita Patel, Director Health Office who shared about USAID India's support to Government of India's COVID-19 respond and appreciated the efforts undertaken RISE India through collaborations with facilities like NEIGRIHMS. Dr. Bulbul Sood, Country Director, Jhpiego India introduced RISE in India and the capacity building interventions undertaken by the project including the E-Grand Rounds.



*Ms. Sangita Patel, Director Health Office, USAID India*

Dr. Laltanpuii Sailo Assistant Professor, Anesthesiology and Critical Care, Dr. Kaustuv Dutta Assistant Professor Anesthesiology and Critical Care from NEIGRIHMS presented the case study on management of an 87-year-old patient with COVID-19. Dr Baphira Wankhar Assistant Professor, Department of Radiology NEIGRIHMS, also presented the X-Ray imaging of the patient. After the presentation, the forum was opened for discussion and queries from participants were addressed by Dr Prithwis Bhattacharya and NEIGRIHMS faculty. The event was concluded by an address from Mr. Vijay Paulraj, RH/FP Advisor, USAID India Mission and felicitation of presenters by Prof (Dr) Prithwis Bhattacharya, Director NEIGRIHMS. The virtual event was moderated by Ms. Nanuka Thapa, Program Officer, RISE India.



*Team from NEIGRIHMS presenting the case study*



*Mr. Vijay Paulraj, RH/FP Advisor, USAID India Mission*