

# AMALTAS

Amaltas Consulting Private Limited

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# Mission

The mission of Amaltas is to work in the development sector to provide high quality research and consulting services directed to accelerate improvements in the lives of people.

# Scope of work

Amaltas has been set up as an effort to develop intellectual capital and innovative approaches for development in the global South.

# Monitoring & Evaluation

**BMGF:** Process review and stakeholder perception of the BMGF funded Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security

**WHO SEARO:** Evaluation of the contribution of the World Health Organization to maternal health in the South East Asia Region

**BMGF:** Evaluative Assessment of phase II of the Gates funded Avahan Program: Transition and Influence

**UNICEF:** Evaluation of Weekly Iron and Folic Acid Supplementation program innovations in India

**International Development Research Centre:** Evaluation of the Ecohealth Emerging Infectious Diseases Research Initiative in South East Asia-China

**Ministry of Rural Development, Cambodia:** M&E of the ADB funded Second Rural Water Supply and Sanitation project, Cambodia

# Implementation Support

**International Development Research Centre, Canada:** Providing Cohort Support to IDRC for implementation Research in MENA and West Africa

**BMGF:** Process Review and Stakeholder Perceptions of the Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security

**BMGF:** Supporting BMGF contribution to leadership and ownership of health and nutrition goals by the Bihar government

**BMGF:** Episodic Assessment of phase II of the Gates funded Avahan Program: Transition and Influence

**UNICEF:** Documentation of the Integrated MIYCN-FP, 'One Full Meal' program of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

**Wellcome Trust/ PHFI ::** Episodic review of a Capacity Building grant to PHFI and a Consortium of 10 UK Universities

# Management Advisory

**International Development Research Centre, Canada:** Documenting IDRC's work with private sector to inform its future approach and strategy for greater private sector engagement.

**BMGF:** Supporting BMGF contribution to leadership and ownership of health and nutrition goals by the Bihar government

**BMGF:** Development of a web-based Critical Path Tracking Tool to track investment progress in Government of India's health goals

**WHO:** Developing a Proposal including Logical Framework for a Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights program in India

**Save the Children:** Developing a Monitoring and Evaluation framework for a Child Sensitive Social Protection Program

**World Bank:** Charting a Programmatic Road Map for Sexual Minority groups in India

# Research

**Amrit Foundation of India:** The Patang Project: Survey on the Situation of Children with Intellectual and Developmental Challenges

**UNICEF:** Documentation of the Integrated MIYCN-FP, 'One Full Meal' program of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

**World Vision:** Formative Research on governance and social determinants of persisting poor child health in India

**Nordic Trust Fund for Human Rights- World Bank:** Discrimination and its relationship with socio-economic status and life chances of sexual minorities in India

**International Development Research Centre, Canada:** Strategic Evaluation on Research Excellence: Perspectives of the Global South

**World Bank:** Resilience of LGBTQIA students on college campuses in Delhi

# Evidence based Policy Advice

**International Development Research Centre:** Learnings from a cohort support team for a cohort of projects across 10 countries in the Middle East and West Africa.

**Abt Associates/ USAID:** Political Economy Analysis of Tuberculosis in India

**UNICEF:** Documentation of Nutrition Missions in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh: Pushing the Nutrition Agenda Forward

**UNICEF:** Documentation of Facility Based Management of Severe Acute Malnutrition in Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres in Odisha

**JHPIEGO:** Scoping the Landscape for HIV and AIDS Work in India

**RCUK:** Mapping of Researchers, Institutions and Funders in India on Sustainable Cities and Urbanization



# Country Proposals & Transaction Advisory

**WHO:** Development of India's application to the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations for Health Systems Strengthening for the GoI

**UNICEF:** Development of India's application to The Global Fund for Prevention of Parent-to-Child Transmission for the GoI

**WHO:** Development of Proposal from the WHO Country Office India to WHO HQ for Providing Technical Assistance to Government of India in the area of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

**Grant Thornton:** Transaction Advisory for development of models for private sector participation in management of diagnostic services in public private partnership mode for the GoUP.

**WHO Maldives:** Background paper for a policy on public private partnerships for health and family services in Maldives.

# Documentation Support

**UNAIDS:** Develop the Country Progress Report India 2010 to the UN General Assembly Special Session on HIV and AIDS

**UNDP:** Documenting growth of community collectivization and mobilization among sexual minority groups in India

**International Food Policy Research Institute:** Support to a Stakeholder Consultation on the Agriculture and Health Research Platform of the International Food Policy Research Institute

**Plan India:** Prepare “The State of the Girl Child” report 2009 for Plan India

# Global Footprint

Amaltas has worked widely with international clients delivering to the standards demanded of international work.

# Clients

The World Bank, BMGF, IDRC, UN agencies, WHO, USAID, governments etc. are among our 29 clients.

The organization has a portfolio of over 55 projects to date.



# Clients

## **Governments**

- Government of India
- Government of Uttar Pradesh
- Government of United States of America
- Royal Government of Cambodia

## **Funding Bodies**

- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- DFID
- Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust, UK
- PHFI-UK Consortium/ Wellcome Trust

## **UN Agencies**

- UNAIDS
- UNDP
- UNFPA
- UNICEF
- UN Women
- WHO India
- WHO-SEARO
- WHO Maldives
- World Bank

# Clients

## Research Bodies and Institutes

- Research Councils UK
- International Development Research Centre, Canada
- Johns Hopkins University, USA
- International Food Policy Research Institute
- Abt Associates
- Access Health International

## NGOs

- Jhpiego
- Tata Trusts
- Save The Children, Finland
- Traidcraft Exchange, UK
- Centre for Advocacy and Research
- Partners for Law in Development
- World Vision India
- Plan India

# Geographies



Apart from India, our work spans countries such as Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Lao PDR, Thailand, Togo, Vietnam, Senegal and Sri Lanka and global work on issues of worldwide concern.

# Domains

Domains on which we have worked include:

Infectious diseases	M&E systems
Adolescent, Reproductive and Sexual Health	Social development
Maternal and Child Health	Rights of sexual minorities
Nutrition	Ecohealth
Health Systems Strengthening	Research quality
Intellectual & Developmental Challenges	Sustainable Textiles
Women's rights	ICT in health
	Water and sanitation
	Urbanization



# Expertise

Areas in which Amaltas excels include:

- Evaluation across a number of domains
- Qualitative research including formative research
- Quantitative research studies
- Management advisory
- Political economy analysis
- Scoping exercises
- Landscaping
- Bibliometric analysis
- Documentation

# Impact

Our work has had substantial impact on policy and strategies of organizations and countries.

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The Political Economy Analysis of Tuberculosis in India is being used by **USAID** to examine how partnerships with the private sector can be leveraged to meet the goals of its TB programs in India and other countries.

Recommendations from the documentation of the Management of Severe and Acute Malnutrition in Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres in Odisha were used by **the Government of Odisha** to consider the introduction of community based management of SAM cases.

Recommendations from the documentation of the Nutrition Missions in **Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh** are being utilized by UNICEF and the state governments to strengthen the State Nutrition Missions.

Mapping of researchers, institutions and funders in the urbanization space was used by the **Ministry of Urban Affairs** to direct its attention to little resourced areas.

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Work under the **Rural Water Supply and Sanitation program of Cambodia** has led to adoption of an Amaltas-developed monitoring system for progress tracking.

An application for **funding in HIV** has yielded substantive funding from a multilateral donor organization to the Government of India.

Findings of the formative Research on persisting poor child health were used by **World Vision India** to design the advocacy document for child health intervention.

Research and documentation on inclusion of the sexual minorities **for the World Bank** has found attention from communities in other countries, as well as the National Human Rights Commission of India.

**Partnership with IDRC** has led to greater understanding of the meaning of 'research excellence' and is informing their systems to measure the quality of research for development, funded by them.

# Select Publications

- Seeking Insights. Palgrave Handbook of Data for Global Health Policy. (forthcoming)
- The Patang Project: Survey on the Situation of Children with Intellectual and Developmental Challenges (2017)
- USAID/ Abt Associates: Political Economy Analysis of Private Sector Engagement to end TB in India (2017)
- Nourishing Wombs: the 'One Full Meal' program of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for Unicef (2017)
- Documentation of the Facility Based Management of SAM in Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres in Odisha (2017)
- Mid Term Evaluation of The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust and PHFI supported Diabetic Retinopathy and Retinopathy of Prematurity Initiatives in India (2017)

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- UNICEF Policy Briefs: Lessons from the State Nutrition Missions of Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh (2016)
- Public Health and Wellbeing: mapping of institutions, researchers and funders in India 2015
- Making Evaluations Matter : Writings from South Asia (Sage) 2014
- Charting a Programmatic Roadmap for Sexual Minority Groups in India for The World Bank 2012
- A People Stronger: The Collectivization of MSM and TG groups in India for UNDP (Sage) 2010

# Working Papers by Amaltas

- From Donor-run to Country-owned - transition of development programs
- From the Fringes to the Fore - redressing marginalization
- From Facility to Community - treating undernutrition in india
- Unwanted and Unwelcomed - Undernourishment in the Girl Child in India
- Recognizing and Tackling Vulnerabilities - Responding to HIV-AIDS in India
- Human Resources for Health - Pragmatic Solutions for a new India
- An Unequal Gender - Gender, Society and Movements
- More than Equal - Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice
- Excluded from Life - Intellectual Challenges of Childhood
- Quiet Transformation - ICT and Public Health
- Justice Denied - Women and the Law

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# The Organization

Amaltas is an organization born and located in India.  
We have a fine-grained understanding of constraints and opportunities of Low and Middle Income Countries.



# About Amaltas

Amaltas Consulting Private Limited was set up in Delhi in December 2006.

It has over 12 fulltime staff. Top management has substantial experience with careers spanning more than 30 years each.

Staff at Amaltas has substantial experience in executing research and consulting assignments.

Multidisciplinary team with postgraduate qualifications in domains such as medicine, public health, international relations, medical anthropology, economics, business administration, etc.

Receive interns from US and UK universities as well as from Indian management institutes.

Access to reputed international and national consultants across domains.

Amaltas has an Ethics Review Board for timely clearance to undertake research studies.

# International Partnerships

Amaltas has worked with multiple partners. For example:

For the Evaluative Assessment of phase II of the Gates funded Avahan Program, we worked with the **Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health**.

For the Documentation of Nutrition Missions in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh: Pushing the Nutrition Agenda Forward, we worked with **Results for Development (R4D)**.

For the WHO-SEARO evaluation, we took on board **local individual consultants** in each of five countries.

As the international M&E consultant on the ADB Water and Sanitation program in Cambodia, we worked with a local NGO – **Golden Hall Services**, to successfully deliver a 5 year project.

# National Partnerships

Amaltas has worked with institutional partners in India. For example:

Worked with **CESS and NIN Hyderabad** on the One Full Meal study on maternal nutrition.

Partnered with **Indicus Analytics** for documenting experienced discrimination and its relationship with life chances and socio-economic status of sexual minorities in India.

Worked with **Grant Thornton** to undertake transaction advisory for development of models for PPP in management of diagnostic services in Uttar Pradesh.

**Xtage Labs** was our technology partner for development of the critical paths tracking tool for BMGF.

Partnered with **CSOs in 5 cities** to collect data for study on life chances of sexual minorities.

# How we Function

A team is designated for each assignment that Amaltas takes up. The team is carefully chosen to ensure that the strengths, work experience of and qualifications of Team Members fulfill the needs of the assignment.

The designated Team Anchor is responsible for timely delivery of the assignment deliverables.

At every stage, Quality Assurance is ensured through various mechanisms including project tracker, protocol for data collection and management, fortnightly project review meeting, use of document and data collection logs and standard protocol for management of consultants.

All information used and generated in the assignment are saved in the etaskdatabase.

The Ethics Review Board at Amaltas is responsible to ensure that its research practice is ethics-assured.

# Reputation

The organization has developed a reputation for high quality support that is delivered on time and to the satisfaction of the commissioning agencies.

This is reflected by a number of repeat clients such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, IDRC, the World Bank, Unicef, UNAIDS, USAID with whom we have done multiple projects.