

Dr Mahesh Puri

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Dr. Mahesh Puri (PhD in Demography, from Southampton University, UK and MSc. in Reproductive & Sexual Health Research, from Centre for Population Studies, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, University of London, UK) is a Nepali national and has been actively involved in the areas of reproductive and sexual health and rights including gender-based violence related research studies and programme for more than 15 years in Nepal. Currently, Dr. Puri is Associate Director of Centre for Research on Environment Health and Population Activities (CREHPA). His areas of expertise are on mixing of qualitative and quantitative research methods in researching sensitive topics of reproductive and sexual health and rights. His current research focuses on maternal health, gender-based violence, sexual behavior, unintended pregnancy and abortion.

Dr Puri has participated in several international workshops and conferences. He has published quite a good number of papers in international peer reviewed journals and written several study reports. Dr. Puri is a recipient of project grants from several national, international donor agencies including WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF, ILO, Population Council, Save the Children etc. He has also received several fellowships such as International Fellowship the Wellcome Trust, UK Social Science Faculty Fellowship, Junior Scientist Fellowship from IUSSP, Visiting Fellows fellowship from British Academy and ESRC, Erasmus Fellowship to be based in Institute of Child Health, University Collage London and Bixby leadership Fellowship etc.

Dr Puri has served as the member of Scientific Panel on Qualitative Research in Population Studies for the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP). He is a member of Scientific Group on Transition to Adulthood in Asia for the Asia Population Association (APA). Dr Puri is an active member of IUSSP, PAA, APA and Population Association of Nepal. Dr Puri is also serving as Ad Hoc referee for International peer reviewed journals such as Culture Health and Sexuality, International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health, Journal of Adolescent Health, Studies in Family Planning, BMC Public Health, and BMC Women's Health etc.