

SPEAK - Health systems

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Brief overview of the project

- Objectives of the study

1. To document the best practices of states/countries that have achieved, or will soon achieve, elimination of VL.
2. To analyse the strengths and weaknesses of the Indian health system in managing VL at a population level.
3. To construct a possible way forward for the Indian health system, so that it will be responsive to VL-issues that will arise during the post-elimination phase.



What has been completed

Document the best practices from countries / states

- ‘Best practices’ workshop
- Literature review on best practices

Preparation for data collection

- Selecting blocks for data collection
- Data collection tools, translations, piloting

What has been completed

Data collection

- Completed in Jharkhand state
- Nearly completed in Bihar
- Initiated in West Bengal but halted
- Not initiated in UP

Data collection supervision

- Supervised by the IPH team

Data collection in Bihar and Jharkhand

State	Interviews / FGDs completed	Facility surveys completed
Jharkhand	49	14
Bihar	56	15

What has been completed

Data analysis workshop

- Data analysis plan discussed

Data analysis

- Qualitative and quantitative analysis of Jharkhand and Bihar data partially completed

Work affected
by COVID-19
outbreak in
India

Primarily affected data collection in Bihar, UP and West Bengal

Some teams involved in rapid response to COVID-19

Current work focus

The Union and RMRIMS team analyzing
data

IPH team supporting in analysis