**Dissemination of NFHS-5 Key Findings for States of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, 16th December 2022, Lucknow**

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, and the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, organized a one-day State Level Dissemination Workshop on National Family Health Survey (2019-21) at the Hotel Clarks Avadh, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. Nearly 250 participants attended the Workshop, were mainly health officials from the Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand (district governments), and included other invitees and representatives from IIT Kanpur, SGPGIMS Lucknow, UNICEF, NGOs, Media, etc.

The Inaugural Session of the Workshop started with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries of the occasion, followed by a Welcome Address from Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi, Coordinator NFHS-5, on behalf of the NFHS-5 team and IIPS. Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi highlighted the main objective of the workshop and the findings of NFHS-5. Then, Prof. S.K. Singh, IIPS, Coordinator of NFHS-5 welcomed everyone and gave an inspiring Introductory Remark emphasizing the importance of NFHS-5 findings in policy framing and program evaluation at the district, state, and national levels.

In the Technical Session, five presentations were delivered by the coordinators of NFHS-5 to discuss and enhance the insights into effectiveness of programs and policies. The session was initiated by Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar and delivered on the findings of NCDs and Adult Health, which was chaired by Prof. A K Sharma, IIT Kanpur. Followed by, Prof. H. Lhungdim who presented on Woman’s Empowerment and Violence Against Women highlighting the challenges and situations in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, which was chaired by Prof. C. M. Pandey. After that, Prof. S K Singh talked about issues emerging in the areas of Maternal Health: Issues & Challenges in the states of Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand, which was chaired by Shri Partha Sarathi Sen Sharma, IAS. The fourth session was chaired by Smt. Aparna Upadhyay, IAS where Prof. Chandra Shekhar presented the findings of Fertility and Family Planning in the states of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Finally, the session was chaired by Prof. A K Sharma, where Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi presented findings on Child Health & Nutrition in the states of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

In the Concluding session, Dr. Anamika Mishra, General Manager (M&E), National Health Mission, Government of Uttar Pradesh gave brief comments and the challenges they faced in implementing the various health programmes and also, ended the workshop by delivering a vote of thanks to everyone.