

Project to Support the Capacity Enhancement for the Census of India- 2011

TARAA is a member of the core group of the Alliance of Master Trainers which is providing support the Census of India in 2011 in partnership with the Office of the Registrar General of India and the Census Commissioner of India. The enumeration of the population will be in two phases. The first phase will list all residential houses in the country and will also gather data for the National People's Register, the NPR. This phase of House-Listing and NPR will commence on April 01, 2010. The second phase will be the actual counting of the people in the country over forty-five days beginning February 2011.

Amongst many preparations required to execute this stupendous national exercise is a series of capacity enhancement activities at critical levels to ensure the highest quality of this effort and eventually its result, which has a bearing on the work we do and the lives of the billion+ people of India directly.

TARAA is facilitating the Capacity Enhancement process in the eight northern states of India which include Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. **TARAA** is collaborating with Centre for Social Research, Delhi, RUCHI- Himachal Pradesh, CHIRAG – Uttarakhand, Department of Human Resources Management of the Business School of Jammu University, the Department of Sociology, Kashmir University, Srinagar, Leh Nutrition Project, Leh and The Kargil Development Programme, Kargil and **TARAA** Chandigarh. As preparations for the first phase we, with support of our seven partner organizations, are directly responsible for the training of 12,825 persons and of 590,515 enumerators indirectly. These trainees are from three language groups spread over the eight states of North India.

We completed the training of two hundred and thirty trainers who are now beginning to train 12,595. **TARAA** and its partners will back- stop and

monitor the quality of the training conducted by the 12,595 trainers when they eventually train the enumerators, the frontline workers.

In addition to the above we are also the interlocutor between the Alliance and the Office of the Registrar General of India.

There was never a dull moment during the past five months. All our experiences, expertise and networks were called upon to work with the diverse stakeholders. In this project the Master Trainers' Alliance strategically engaged itself at the macro and meso (middle) levels and is going to backstop the machinery of the government at the ground level. This is a novel partnership between the Government of India and the non government Alliance and could set the blue print for alliances to work on other large social developmental programmes in the country.

The **TARAA** team continues to work as we wait for the First Citizen of India to be first name on the National People's Register and the details of her house will listed on April 01, 2010.