

# COVID-CARE@HOME INNOVATION CHALLENGE

Awards Ceremony & Panel:  
Scaling Health Innovations for Impact

10th August 2021, 5.30pm to 6.30pm (IST)

The  
George  
Institute  
for Global Health

Better treatments  
Better care  
Healthier societies

## Expert Panel

Louise Agersnap

Head of Innovation,  
World Health Organization



Louise Agersnap is an innovation and change management professional with extensive experience & knowledge of international relations & global health acquired through 20+ years in the UN, private sector & the government of Denmark, NGO, academia. As Head of Innovation at WHO she is leading the building up of WHO's new Innovation for Health strategy and execution, shaping and driving creative, innovative solutions for impact.

Dr Biju Jacob

Country Director (India)  
UN Health Innovation Exchange



Dr Jacob is the Country Director - India of the United Nations Health Innovation Exchange (HIEx), a special multi-stakeholder platform launched by the UN, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, to connect innovations in health to specific country needs and investments.

He is also the Innovation Director of Social Alpha, sponsored and enabled by Tata Trusts, Government of India and a number of academic, philanthropic and corporate partnerships to solve complex social, economic and environmental issues through mission-driven entrepreneurs.

Dr Priyanka Singh

National consultant Health,  
UNICEF India country Office



Public health professional with more than 10 years of experience in providing technical expertise in areas of health systems strengthening, capacity building, policy and governance.

Strong research and analytical background and passion to design data-driven interventions. Experienced in effectively engaging and contributing to policy dialogues with government counterparts.

## Keynote Address

Dr Vipul Aggarwal

Dy. Chief Executive Officer,  
National Health Authority



Dr Vipul Aggarwal is a serving Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of 2001 batch, Gujarat cadre. He is a medical doctor turned police officer known for his pragmatic and innovative approaches in programme implementation. He graduated from the prestigious Maulana Azad Medical College with a gold medal in forensic medicine. He has also served in Gujarat state health department as MD, NRHM and MD, Gujarat Medical Services Corporation Limited. As Deputy CEO, NHA he is responsible for the overall operations of PM-JAY, largest health assurance scheme in the world which aims at providing a health cover to over 500 million citizens.

Dr Ajay Takaroo

Health Specialist, Policy Innovations,  
UNICEF, India Country Office



An innovative public health professional with excellent integrative and leadership skills to devise and effectuating strategies across multi-geographical regions in collaboration. He has conceptualized several public innovations – Boat Hospital ( Assam), Motorcycle Ambulance, Haat bazar health day, Teleconsultation SNCU Chhattisgarh.

## Welcome Address



Prof Vivekanand Jha

Executive Director,  
The George Institute for  
Global Health, India

## Moderator



Dr Oommen John

Senior Research Fellow,  
The George Institute for  
Global Health, India

