

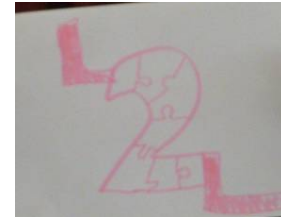


# 'Linking **2** Learn'

## Linking-to-Learn meeting Administration, Finance and Systems February 2012

On the first day of the training we had a selection of reports, presentations and activities:

- Raj Kumari presented on the cluster tobacco control research... which revealed that 69% of males use tobacco in Uttarakhand! This research is Cluster owned (ie yours) and we will publish it on behalf of the Cluster. Well done!
- The disability update by Robert detailed the opportunity for each program to get support to train a disability coordinator.
- World vision shared their activities and plans for disability programs.
- Kalsang gave an update on the Cluster Health Training Certificate that is again being offered at LCH or HCH from July.



### Training: Administration, Finance and Systems



The focus of the L2L meeting on tools for networking, the role of governance, FCRA, taxation and labour laws, mentoring, establishing charities (society) Vs trusts, etc was lead served to us by GC, Antony and Paul East and included teaching on:

#### Government linking:

The state AIDS Control Committee heard we were having a meeting and asked to come and share with us about HIV control activities in the state. They were impressed with the Cluster and promised to help us if we need IEC material on HIV AIDS. Also a menstrual hygiene DVD produced by cluster members was shown and made available to members. This was supported through the ASHA program of the NRHM. Non Government links: We undertook some more research activities to measure the impact of linking together as NGOs. It is clear from the research that we are having far greater impact now that we are collaborating and sharing together.

#### Welcome

We welcomed 5 new applicants for Cluster membership, mostly from outside Tehri and DDN districts... **& Farewell:** We officially farewelled Surender who will finish his role with the Cluster in March 2012.

#### Serving

It was great to see so many programs involved in the teaching and thereby serving each other in love... **& Being Served:** We were served so well by Sister Kalsang, Surender, Ashu, Suraj, Arpit, Aminat and others who volunteered to help at various times. Thank you to you all

