

S1_Table: Cost for establishing the Andhra Pradesh Rural Health Initiative mortality surveillance system (1st October, 2003- 30th September, 2004)

Process	Cost per death		Cost per capita		Total Cost ^a	
	Indian Rupees	US dollar*	Indian Rupees	US dollar*	Indian Rupees	US dollar
<i>Training</i>	45.00	0.99	0.36	0.01	67025.00	1475.00
a) Material cost (protocol, manuals, questionnaires)						
b) Cost for running a workshop (stationary, transportation, lunch/tea)						
c) Trainer fee						
<i>Data collection</i>	166.00	3.65	1.34	0.03	248400.00	5466.40
a) Salaries of NPHWs 1day/week (45 NPHWs)						
<i>Cause of death assignment</i>	250.00	5.52	2.02	0.04	375000.00	8252.40
a) Physician fee for coding VAs (4 physicians)						
<i>Project management</i>	228.00	5.02	1.84	0.04	341742.00	7520.00
a) Salary of project coordinator 0.5FTE						
b) Salary of field coordinator 0.5 FTE						
c) Photocopying of VAs						
d) Courier costs						
<i>Infrastructure costs</i>	68.00	1.49	0.62	0.00	101342.60	2230.20
a) Computers, printers, phones						
b) Office furniture						
c) Local travel						
Total Cost	757.00	16.67	6.18	0.12	1133491.60	24944.00

Notes for calculation:

Cost per capita was calculated by dividing the total cost by the population under surveillance (185,628)

Cost per death was calculated by dividing the total cost by the number of deaths that occurred in the year.

* Conversion rate 1USD = 44.9 Indian Rupees (at 2003 exchange rate)

The lifespan of the computers, printers and phones was assumed to be 4 years; hence the entire cost of the item was included in the start-up cost. The annualized cost of office furniture was estimated after adjustment for the useful life of the equipment at a discount rate of 5%.

Research costs were excluded from this analysis.

Cost for running the surveillance for subsequent years (2004-2007)

Process	Cost per death		Cost per capita		Total Cost ^a	
	Indian Rupees	US dollar*	Indian Rupees	US dollar*	Indian Rupees	US dollar
<i>Training</i>	21.00	0.46	0.17	0.00	31012.50	682.50
a) Material cost (protocol, manuals, questionnaires)						
b) Cost for running a workshop (stationary, transportation, lunch/tea)						
c) Trainer fee						
<i>Data collection</i>	166.00	3.65	1.34	0.03	248400.00	5466.40
a) Salaries of NPHWs 1day/week						
<i>Cause of death assignment</i>	125.00	2.75	1.01	0.02	187500.00	4126.20
a) Physician fee for coding VAs						
<i>Project management</i>	226.71	4.99	1.83	0.04	338862.00	7457.10
a) Salary of project coordinator 0.5FTE						
b) Salary of field coordinator 0.5 FTE						
c) Photocopying of VAs						
d) Courier costs						
<i>Infrastructure costs</i>	11.00	0.25	0.09	0.00	16942.60	372.90
a) Internet & phone connectivity						
b) Office furniture						
c) Local travel						
Total Cost	549.71	12.11	4.43	0.10	82271810.	18105.10

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Total cost for running the surveillance system over four years

Process	Cost per death/year		Cost per capita/year		Total Cost ^a	
	Indian Rupees	US dollar*	Indian Rupees	US dollar*	Indian Rupees	US dollar
<i>Training</i>	27.00	0.59	0.86	0.02	160062.50	3522.40
a) Material cost (protocol, manuals, questionnaires)						
b) Cost for running a workshop (stationary, transportation, lunch/tea)						
c) Trainer fee						
<i>Data collection</i>	166.00	3.65	5.35	0.12	993600.00	21865.50
a) Salaries of NPHWs 1day/week						
<i>Cause of death assignment</i>	156.25	3.44	5.05	0.11	937500.00	20630.90
a) Physician fee for coding VAs						
<i>Project management</i>	227.03	5.00	7.32	0.16	1358310.00	29891.40
a) Salary of project coordinator						
b) Salary of field coordinator						
c) Photocopying of VAs						
d) Courier costs						
<i>Recurrent costs</i>	25.25	0.56	0.89	0.00	165227.20	3636.00
a) Internet & phone connectivity						
b) Equipment						
c) Local travel						
Total Cost	601.53	13.24	19.47	0.41	3614700.20	79546.20

* Conversion rate 1USD = 44.9 Indian Rupees (at 2003 exchange rate)