

## **HISTORY OF SHRC**

In year 2001, Government of Chhattisgarh initiated measures to strengthen the health system of Chhattisgarh and announced a statewide programme of Community Health Workers called Mitadin Programme. SHRC was conceptualized as a collaboration between Government and civil society in order to provide necessary technical support to the health department for designing and implementing health sector reforms in the state including community-based health programmes like Mitadin. The health department entered into a MoU with ActionAid India, a civil society organization for setting up SHRC. SHRC was registered as an autonomous society in 2004. It has a 17 member Governing Board including three ex-officio members from health department. SHRC has an MOU with the State Health Society of Chhattisgarh government and the MoU is renewed periodically. Since its inception SHRC has been working together with the health department in areas of community processes and health-systems strengthening.