**Field and Interview Note**

Field workers: RA and OC

Interviewee: DSM

Note Taker: OC

Note Checked and Edited by: JS

Language of Interview: Nepali/English

Note Transcribed by: OC

Place: 2nd floor MIRA; Thapathali

Time: 3:00 -4:00 Pm

Date: 8 July 2014

**Major Highlights:**

* MIRA has more than 20 years long experience of working in the sector of maternal and child health in Nepal.

With the prior appointment, RA and OC met Dharma S. Manandhar, Executive Director, of Mother Infant Research Activities (MIRA) at his office in Thapathali. When we reached to the office of DSM, he welcomed us in his office room and asked his staff to bring water for us. Then, he asked us to take seat on sofa. As OC spoke with DSM a couple times on phone, he introduced himself and made RA to introduce with DSM. We exchanged business cards as a part of courtesy.

RA, then explained briefly about outline of our research project and its objectives. She further added we are trying to look at the general scenario of the maternal and child health service delivery and development in our country. In doing so, we are going to organize an inception workshop at the end of July which is going to be took place on Hotel Annapurna. In this workshop we are planning to invite people from Family Health Division (FHD), Child Health Division (CHD) and Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) and also people from NGOs and INGOs. We also request you to make some presentation regarding MCH in Nepal; could you please give us time for it?

DSM, actually I would rather suggest requesting people from FHD, CHD and MoHP for presentation as they are the major implementer in the country and the facts and figures they will bring are more authentic. He added, I could present on the review of all the works/projects MIRA has doing in 10 to 15 minutes. We have at least 22 years of working experience in the field of maternal and child health in Nepal and long experience of maintaining relationship with donors. Perhaps, you could find such information on our leaflets and brochures as well.

RA, we are working on schedule of the workshop, once it gets done, we will begin to sending it out to the people, and probably we will begin it by next week.

RA and OC that would be good as well. They further added, your presentation will definitely through light on the general scenario of NGOs working in the sector of maternal and child health in Nepal and growth and development of MIRA in particular. DSM who will be involved in the workshop?

RA, people from different sectors will involve, such as people from government, funding agencies, NGOs, INGOs and so forth.

DSM, if you are not finalized workshop schedule yet, and going to put my presentation on it, I would appreciate you, if you could schedule it before lunch sometime around 10:30 to 11:00. RA we will keep it in the mind while finalizing the schedule.

DSM will people from Malawi visit Nepal to attend Inception workshop or not? RA said they may not be coming to attend workshop this time. DSM it will be good idea, anyone will come for attending it. He further said, in the past Tony Costello used to visit Nepal frequently these days it very difficult to find his time. He told it is good to know about the overall activities about your research project.

RA everyone has significant role in the project but it is always difficult to get appoint/time with government people especially those who are directors.

DSM you should meet Dr. P. B. Chand and B.R. Marashini at MoHP with this reference of the name of the people for the details he concluded our talk; we left his office by thanking him very much.