It gives me pleasure to write foreword for the sixth e-newsletter. The most important event, though mandatory has been the organization of the Annual General meeting during this quarter. It was a special event in the sense that a scientific session preceded the business meeting. Presentations were made on the projects under operation and those completed and research activities.

The research project - Overcoming barriers to scaling skilled birth attendants’ utilization in improving Maternal, Newborn and Child Health in Nepal – Phase II is ongoing at Bajhang, Dailekh and Kanchanpur. The Farmers’ Health and Environment Project at Chitwan had different activities completed. The Global Antibiotic Antibiotic Resistance Project – Nepal is supporting the development of Drug Resistance Index (DRI) Program in Patan Hospital.

The staff members and founding members have been participating in a number of meetings, conferences, training workshops and seminars and this would certainly help in technical capacity building. On invitation of the Public Health Foundation of Bangladesh as Special Guest, I participated in the function celebrating the 1st Public Health Foundation Day. I would like to express my gratitude to the President of PHFBD, Prof. Muzaherul Huq and CEO Prof. Dr. Sharmeen Yasmeen for the courtesy and hospitality extended to me. Lastly, I extend best wishes for success in future to Dr. Gajananda Prakash Bhandari, who resigned from the post of Programme Director, NPHF effective 1 January 2014.

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