Additionally, INCLEN has developed a collaborative network in India, known as the INCLEN Program Evaluation Network (IPEN) of 218 Indian institutes including medical schools, public health institutions, research institutes, non-medical universities and nongovernmental organizations.

INCLEN began in 1980 as a project of the Rockefeller Foundation to promote clinical epidemiology as a bridge/discipline between medicine and public health. INCLEN, Inc. was formally launched as an independent not-for-profit organization in 1988 with global headquarters in Philadelphia, USA. The current global headquarters are in New Delhi, India.

INCLEN is a registered not-for profit Trust in India called The INCLEN Trust International. It is recognized as a scientific and industrial research organization (SIRO) and has the required tax exemptions and FCRA approval to receive foreign funds.

INCLen believes that research undertaken through our projects needs to translate into improved health and well-being. At INCLEN, there is an incessant effort to translate this knowledge and evidence into action. Our findings are presented to policy makers, healthcare managers and practitioners, the private sector and the public so that it can be translated into action. Some of the achievements and impacts of the network’s endeavours are captured through the following policy translations:

Bacterial Infection Surveillance
Antibiotic guidelines and vaccine

Domestic Violence Against Women
In family environment

Management of Childhood Pneumonia
Ambulatory treatment of severe pneumonia

Management of Acute Diarrhoea
Use of low osmolarity ORS & Zn

Pulse Polio Campaign in India
Door to door pulse polio campaign strategy

Injection Safety in India
Introduction of AD syringes

Neuro Development Disorders in Children
Evidence Translation into RBSK program

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The Future Roadmap

INCLEN continues to be a unique academic network with no parallel example. In 2012, INCLEN adopted a new INCLEN Strategic Plan 2012-12 ISP after network-wide consultation to revitalize the organization. The strategic plan shall continue to evolve as INCLEN works collaboratively with new partners and global health initiatives in a changing international scenario.

Guiding Principles & Objectives Of the Strategic Plan 2012-21

1. INCLEN: SOMAARTH

INCLEN will establish the INCLEN Institute of Global Health (IIGHL) as a resource platform for research, training, knowledge translation and fund generation functions of the Network. It will serve as an umbrella structure to intensify, escalate and coordinate all the activities of the network.

INCLEN Strategic plan 2012-21: The strategic plan is designed to usher INCLEN into the next phase as a dynamic and relevant network that can achieve the original mission and vision: Improvement in global health by way of research and capacity building.

2. Realigned Research Agenda

- The research will develop a re-aligned research and capacity building agenda keeping in view global research priorities and will establish linkages with on-going international initiatives.
- The INCLEN Board in 2014 identified five thematic areas to reflect INCLEN research priorities for multi-centric studies for the next decade.

3. Multi-site & Multi-partner Collaboration for Impact

- Sustained engagement of the network in collaborative research and capacity building activities to achieve public health impact.

4. Research capacity building component of INCLEN

- Strengthen the capacity building programs of CCUs and CSRPs that serve global health requirements.
- “Learning-by-Doing” with structural mentorship for capacity building program.
- The Leadership and Management Program (LMP) has been tailored for creating future leaders in clinical and policy-related research.

5. Knowledge Translation & Policy Advocacy at National, Regional and Global levels

- Focus shall be on the evidence generated by the Network.

6. Network’s Expansions

- Need-based network expansion owing to proactive partner seeking and collaboration with research leaders/groups/initiatives.
- Institutional engagement of members, CCUs and CSRPs with intensified research and capacity building programs.

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SOMAARTH has three components:

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b) Environmental Surveillance: Physical structures, natural features and climatic conditions including built environment data.

c) Geographic Information System: all the field village maps are referenced with demographic, health and environmental data for successive spatial analysis for addressing health, environment, and policy-related issues.

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