

# India

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COPASAH practitioners from  
states such as UP, MP,  
Maharashtra, Gujarat,  
Karnataka and Tamil Nadu

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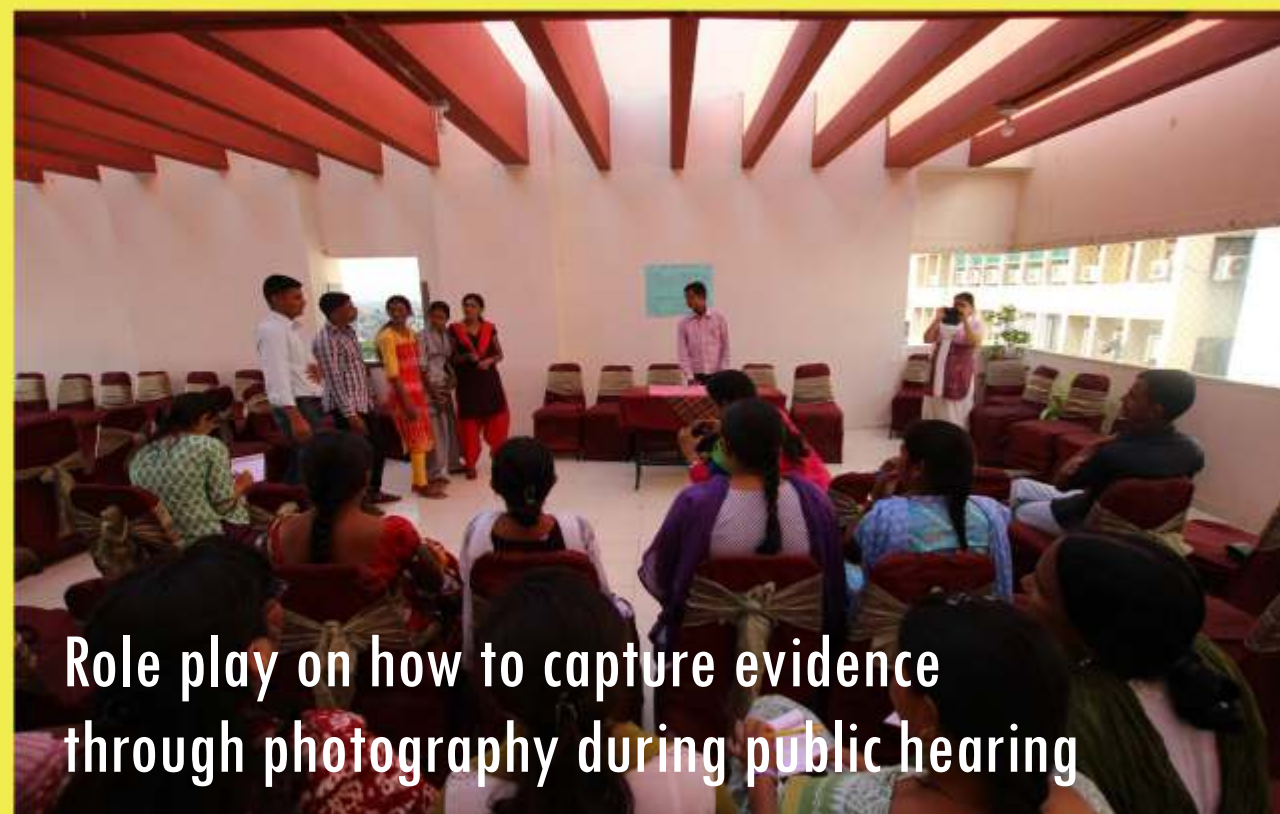
## Innovative Use of ICT in Community Based Monitoring Practice in India



The issue of digital divide is often a major barrier for the grassroots practitioners in the developing countries who fail to use the evidences effectively to influence change for the benefit of the marginalized. Keeping this in view, [COPASAH](#) has taken an initiative to innovatively engage the grassroots practitioners to learn the use of ICT in generating evidence and using it for negotiation of their health rights.

This story gives an illustration of how the skill enhancement of 30 community level health accountability practitioners from six states of India- Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu- helped in drawing the attention of the government authorities to take steps to resolve the community problems.

In the entire process, the practitioners learnt how to effectively use the camera and document evidences through photography on the current situation of the health services in their respective health centres and the gaps that needs to be filled. In addition, evidences were collated and analyzed with support of community representatives and used for interface with concerned health officials and committees for grievance redressal through public health dialogues at PHC, block and district levels. As a result, the entire process led to greater visibility of related issues through social and mainstream media.



Role play on how to capture evidence through photography during public hearing



Capturing evidence



Close-up photography tips



Getting camera exposure right conceptualize a Photostory during workshop



Learning how to conceptualize a Photostory during workshop



Practitioners setting frames for photography



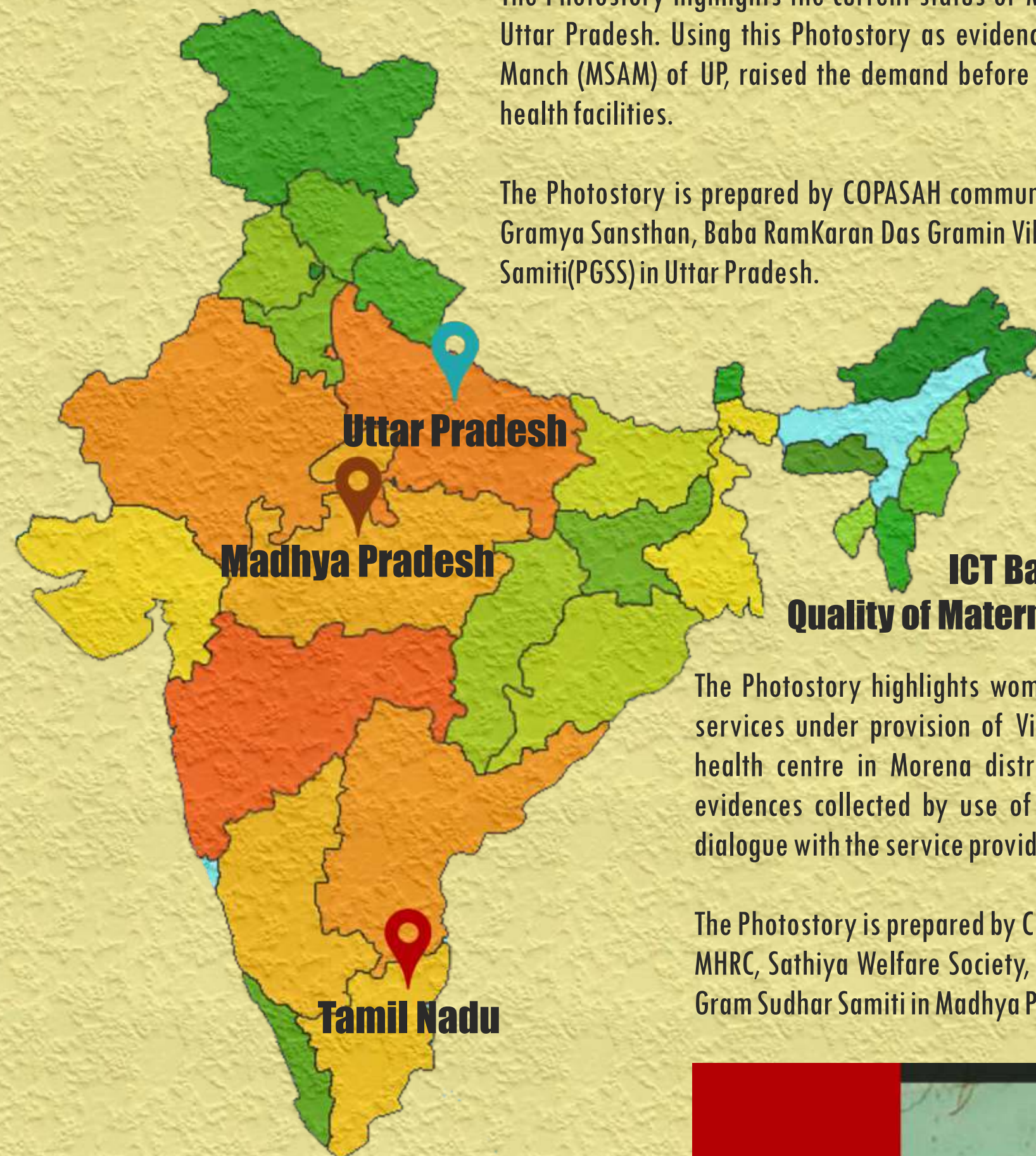
# Photostories of Accountability Practice Using ICT in India

## Innovative Use of ICTs in Community Monitoring of Maternal Health Services

The Photostory highlights the current status of Maternal Health Services in Kushinagar district of Uttar Pradesh. Using this Photostory as evidence, women leaders of Mahila Swasthya Adhikaar Manch (MSAM) of UP, raised the demand before the hospital superintendent for improvement of health facilities.

The Photostory is prepared by COPASAH community practitioners associated with SAHAYOG Trust, Gramya Sansthan, Baba RamKaran Das Gramin Vikas Samiti (Gorakhpur) & Purvanchal Gramin Sewa Samiti(PGSS) in Uttar Pradesh.

**Uttar Pradesh**



## ICT Based Monitoring of Quality of Maternal and Child Health Services

The Photostory highlights women's experiences of accessing maternal health services under provision of Village Health and Nutrition Day services and at health centre in Morena district of Madhya Pradesh. The photodocumented evidences collected by use of ICT on health rights violations were used for dialogue with the service providers to press for maternal health services.

The Photostory is prepared by COPASAH community practitioners associated with MHRC, Sathiya Welfare Society, Dharti Sanstha, Satyakam Jankalyan Samiti and Gram Sudhar Samiti in Madhya Pradesh.

**Madhya Pradesh**



**Tamil Nadu**



## "I am a Burden for My Family"

Through the medium of a story of a special child, 'Ritesh' from Ragupathiyar village of Vellore district in Tamil Nadu, the Photostory highlights apathy of the state to the needs of disabled children with special needs.

The Photostory is prepared by COPASAH community practitioners associated with Community Based Rehabilitation (DASCBR), Development, Education & Environment Protection Society( DEEPS) and Makkal Nalavazu Iyakka in Tamil Nadu.



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## Gujarat



### Improvement in Village Health and Nutrition Day's Services for Ante-Natal Care through Community Monitoring

The Photostory has been prepared by community practitioners associated with SAHAJ, ANANDI and Kaira Social Service Society (KSSS) in Gujarat.

## Do We Have Rights?

The Photostory, 'Do we have rights' highlights the issue of health rights of marginalised communities, through story of a 50 year old Dalit woman from Karnataka who faces the triple burden of caste, gender and occupation-related violations.

The Photostory is prepared by community practitioners associated with THAMATE and Slum Janahadolana in Karnataka.

## Karnataka



## Maharashtra



### Sanitation and Hygiene in Primary Health Centre

The Photostory highlights the improvement in conditions of sanitation and hygiene due to Community Based Monitoring carried out in Bhakrondi Primary Health Centre at Kurkhedataluka, district Gadchiroli in Maharashtra.

The Photostory is prepared by COPASAH community practitioners associated with SATHI in collaboration with Amhi Amchya Arogyasathi) & Apeksha Homoeo Society in Maharashtra.