

# Functional Review of Department of Health and Family Welfare in Karnataka

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Abstract : This evaluation of the functioning and the performance of the State health department provided very useful insights for health administrators and policy makers for streamlining the delivery of health services. The Government of Karnataka published this study for wider dissemination (2001). The study has argued for the reorganization of the department, more prominence for public health activities, streamlining the capacity building programmes for health personnel, better coordination between health department and decentralized bodies at the district level and below, and formulation of a state level health and population policy. Most of the recommendations from this study were accepted by the Karnataka Administrative Reforms Commission, which, in turn, suggested its implementation to the State government.