

## **Summer Internship Programme in Collaboration with UNICEF**

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The IDSK supervised a group of four interns representing Canada, Taiwan and India who were engaged in a research-based documentation of *Polio eradication communication campaign in West Bengal* over a period of eight weeks starting from 30 May 2005. This was a part of the 'Knowledge Community on Children in India' (KCCI), partnership initiative between Government of India and UNICEF.

The interns, trained in environmental engineering, law, social work, social planning and print media journalism, received basic inputs/orientation from the faculty at IDSK and various institutions/professionals involved in programme planning and implementation.

Interns collectively chose to research the dynamics of 'resistance' in the context of polio eradication communication campaign in West Bengal. The illustrative case study of 'Baro Kamaria' village – officially perceived as a pocket of 'resistance' in the programme – threw up certain new insights into factors associated with 'resistance' and their implications for policy and planning in polio communication.

Major findings of the study were printed as a report and a short documentary film 'Fold, hide, catch: In search of resistance' was screened in workshops organized in Kolkata and Delhi.