



## Ambrosia Management Solutions

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In ancient Greek mythology, ambrosia is the food or drink of the Greek gods, conferring ageless immortality. It was brought to the gods in Olympus by doves, so it may have been thought of in the Homeric tradition as a kind of divine exhalation of the Earth. 'Amrita' of Hindu mythology is cognate of ambrosia.

### Who we are

Ambrosia Management Solutions in New Delhi, India, is the specialized Consulting Division of DMC positioned to work globally, with a special interest in expanding work in South Asia Region countries.

Ambrosia was conceived in 2004, to provide a platform for Organizational Development (OD) through expert inputs in the areas of Leadership and Team Building, Training and Learning needs. Key clients of Ambrosia have included the ICICI Bank, GE India International, Apeejay group and others.

Ambrosia is in the process of expanding its portfolio by providing active research, capacity building, monitoring and evaluation, and reporting and documentation services. The key areas of interest are policy advocacy, technical and advisory support in Human Development, Poverty Alleviation, Gender and Equity.

**Our Vision to Contribute to human development by creating value; our mission will be accomplished by living values that speak to the economic social and environmental responsibilities of business and society**

## **Active projects in Ambrosia**

(i) Preparation of a nutrition situation analysis report, and a Policy paper for the State of Uttar Pradesh, India (BMGF funded SAVE the Children Fund assignment at Ambrosia);

- as part of this assessment an extensive stakeholder's research interview (SRI) protocol (designed and supported by IFPRI, India) was used by Ambrosia to interview and document more than 70 participants from government, donor partners, civil society and community workers.

(ii) Donor mapping and report on Reproductive, Maternal, New-born and Child Health (RMNCH) Development Partners in India (BMGF funded SAVE the Children Fund assignment at Ambrosia).

(iii) Business development and advocacy support to SEWA Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

The team at Ambrosia under the leadership of Ms. Marla has extensive work experience with prestigious clients. Some of Ms. Marla's assignments since 2008

*PricewaterhouseCoopers* (WB funded for Ministry of Woman and Child Development)- As nutrition expert evaluation of the Food and Nutrition Board, India (with Cerulean) - Review and revise report (independent-with Pwc)

*Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research, Mumbai*-technical support for project design and proposal building (seeking BMGF funding)

*SAVE the Children Fund, UK*- report preparation on Child Under-nutrition and Commonwealth Games in India (with Amaltas Consulting)

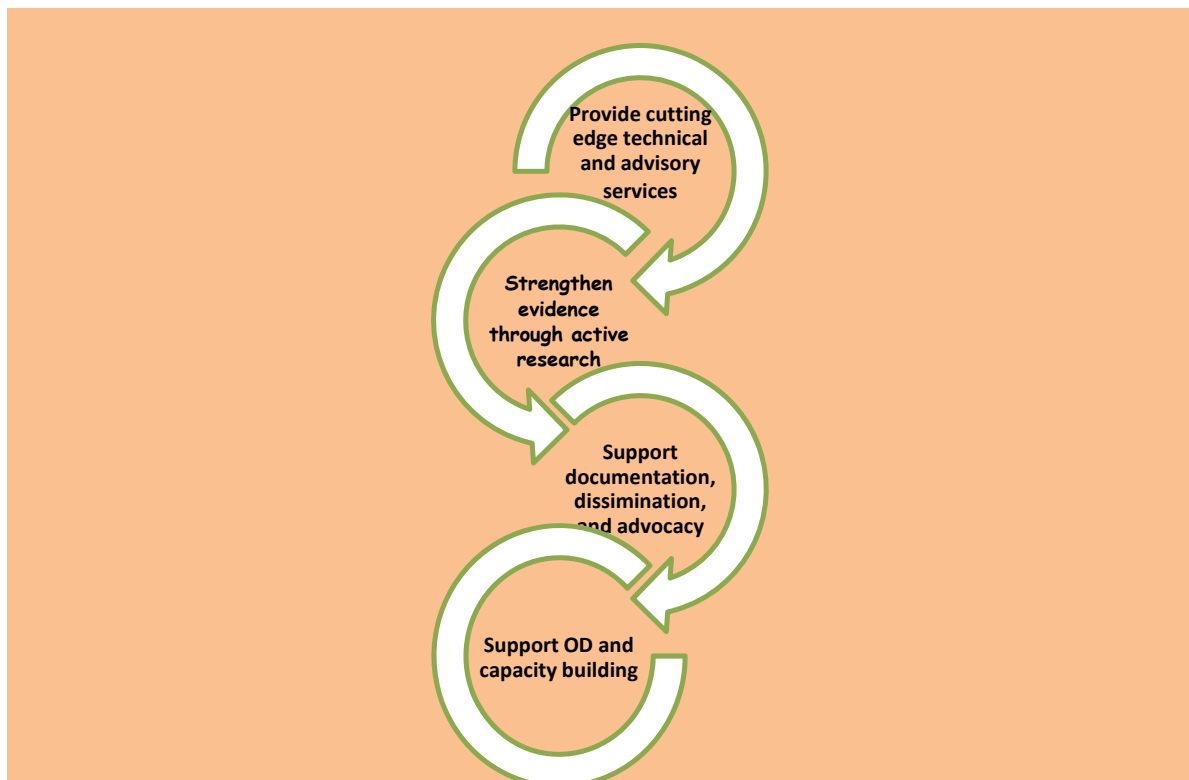
*Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)* - Lead Consultant for appraisal of two India fortification projects, and Support for developing the IPS program in Bangladesh

*USAID* - (Intra-Health, Vistaar Project): technical support (national and state programs), review and documentation, policy advocacy - support CSNSI: Lead consultant for developing the paper - *Gender and Malnutrition in India*, IGNOU initiative - developed a nutrition certificate course, course counselor, facilitating open space technology workshops. (MCH-Star Project): developing Policy Briefs and White Papers

*DFID* India - IPE Global (i) Lead consultant-options for support in India-implications for India ICDS; (ii) Technical support-Bihar SWASTH project design and implementation (iii) Madhya Pradesh - dev. an operational plan for Nutrition- emphasis on implementing an intensive strategy for under 2s as part of DFIDI's ongoing Health Sector Assistance

*WHO-SEARO* - dev. training manuals on Health Financing, Social Protection, and Purchasing and Contracting, under WHO SEARO's mandate for country capacity building. Proposal design-Nepal (GFATM)

*Amaltas Consulting Pvt. Ltd.* - as Principal Consultant-supported business development and lead technical support for nutrition related tasks: DFID-IFPRI national consultation and reporting -policy dialogue on food security & nutrition



## The Team

**Ms. Meera P. Marla**(Specialist Public Health and Nutrition) is an ex World Bank Staff (1996-2007), and has experience as a Technical Specialist in the areas of Nutrition, Public Health, and Child Development. She was the focal country staff for nutrition projects in India (TINIP and ICDS Projects). Her other important assignments at the Bank were the end-line evaluation of the Early Childhood Development Project in Uganda, and support to documenting the World Bank's global portfolio in nutrition, which was done during her Development Assignment in World Bank Washington D.C. (2004-05). She was also advisor to the India Development Market Place Initiatives in 2006. During her tenure she was part of the design, supervision, and monitoring of several human development projects of the Bank (Health Systems Development, Disease Control, Rural Poverty Alleviation, Child Development). Prior to the Bank, she was associated with UNICEF and NORAD. Ms. Marla has over 20 years of work experience in the human development sector and has written and contributed to several technical reports, and worked extensively on M&E design of Nutrition and Health Projects.



**Ms. Vasundhara Bijalwan**(Research Analyst Nutrition and Public Health) is currently working in Ambrosia as Research Analyst-Nutrition & Public Health. During her tenure with Ambrosia she has been actively supporting business development and providing technical support. Prior to this, she has worked on various Public Health & Nutrition projects funded by Government of India, DFID, WHO, PLAN India and Save the Children Fund. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Nutrition with specialization in Community Nutrition and a Master's degree in Public Health Management.



**Dr. Sutirtha Mazumder**(Researcher) is a public health professional who has previous experience of working in the field of Nutrition and HIV AIDS. In the past, he has worked extensively with Child in Need Institute (CINI) in West Bengal and conducted research on locally made supplementary and weaning foods.



