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Speaker Bios for Session 3: Building Ecosystem Resilience: Beyond the Pandemic

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CEO, Swasti
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Shama is a public health and community organizing specialist. She leads the Domain Specialist Team in #COVIDActionCollab, and is involved in the development, customization and implementation of interventions customized to the specific needs of particular vulnerable communities that the collaborative partners are working with. As the Chief Executive Officer of Swasti Health Catalyst, she leads the national and global engagement with government, private sector, academia, and non-profit partners on public health. She serves as the Chair of the Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health, and a Trustee of the Catalyst Foundation. She has worked in India and the USA on public health and community system strengthening, with a focus on helping the most vulnerable thrive.

Maneesha Chadha
Global Philanthropy, Asia Pacific
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Maneesha leads J.P. Morgan's Global Philanthropy programming in APAC and is responsible for driving the firm's philanthropy strategy across the region. Prior to J.P. Morgan, Maneesha held similar roles at Citi and ABN AMRO-RBS. During a career spanning more than two decades, she has acquired functional expertise in livelihoods, sustainability, financial inclusion, microfinance and entrepreneurship, in a variety of roles including credit risk assessment, consultancy, training, capacity building, banking and funding.

Santanu Chakraborty
Director - Program Implementation & Humanitarian Response
Save the Children

Santanu, a champion for child rights and humanitarian response, is leading programme implementation (often multi-sectoral) at Save the Children including evaluation, and technical support and humanitarian response for almost two decades across various themes. He demonstrates the capacity to secure access, undertake longer-term association with CSOs and develop evidence-based strategies on various issues affecting the lives of most marginalised children and their families in some of the most challenging contexts.

Santanu is enthusiastic about bringing lasting changes in the lives of the less privileged and their communities by ensuring their equal access to social, gender, economic and civil rights - delivered through a high-performance & values-based organisation. He is known for his work for bringing innovation in programming and achieving partnerships for scale. He comes with a decade-long experience of working with multiple bilateral and multilateral organisations such as SOS Children's Villages of India, Institute of Health Management Research, CARE India, Sightsavers International, UNICEF and Cairn India in various capacities.

Rathish Balakrishnan
Co-Founder & Managing Partner
Sattva

Rathish Balakrishnan is a co-founder and Managing Partner at Sattva Consulting. As part of his role, Rathish has extensive experience in conceptualising and implementing large-scale solutions that bring together leading foundations, corporations, civil society organisations and the government. He has extensive hands-on experience across a wide range of sectors across Education, Skilling & Livelihoods, Women Empowerment, Migration and Child Rights.

Over the last ten years, Rathish has worked closely with leading non-profit leaders in enabling organisations in enabling orbit-shifting change. Together with the non-profit leaders, Rathish has designed and helped implement long-term organisational strategies, operational effectiveness initiatives and rigorous governance structures that enable them to scale their impact. Rathish has contributed to both state and national level policy discussions across education and skill development. He is a published author and TEDx speaker. Prior to Sattva, Rathish worked across multi-national and international organisations across research, engineering, product management and corporate strategy divisions. He is a graduate from BITS Pilani.