**Disease Detectives on the Frontlines: Empowering Women in India**

**On-screen graphic:** CDC logo.

**On-screen images:** A series of photos showing field epidemiologists engaging with community members during outbreak investigations in India.

**On-screen video:**

**Meghna Desai, Country Director, CDC India:**

India FETP stands for the Field Epidemiology Training Program, which was actually developed by CDC. And it's really a program to develop what we call disease detectives, who are our boots on the ground to help contain diseases where they occur.

So much of what epidemiologists have to do at the district and community level is going into households and being able to kind of speak to caretakers. A lot of it revolves around who's asking the questions and so, in fact, one of the things that we have tried to do is provide more hybrid options for these trainings and that would actually allow for more women to be able to join. And we think that that will actually help us improve on the number of communities that we can reach.

I'm excited about all the innovations that India is able to actually make on the FETP front, in collaboration with CDC, and what they can do, not just for within India, but potentially for the region as a well.

**On-screen images:** Continued series of photos showing field epidemiology trainees participating in training sessions, group photos, and graduation ceremonies.