

**Minutes of the meeting to discuss  
State ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13  
with Government of Rajasthan held on 5 October 2012**

A meeting to discuss the State ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13 submitted by Govt. of Rajasthan was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), Govt of India (GoI) on 5 October 2012. Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development, Govt of Rajasthan made a PowerPoint presentation on the State's annual implementation plan on ICDS for 2012-13 outlining the key programmatic issues. *List of participants is annexed.*

2. In the APIP, the State Govt. has highlighted several initiatives which have been undertaken with the State budgets to help improve the ICDS service delivery. Some of these initiatives are: (i) procurement of SNP from women self help groups; (ii) facility based care of children with severe acute malnutrition (SAM); (iii) a scheme named *Kaleva* has been launched to reduce MMR, promote institutional deliveries and also provide adequate care to women during delivery; (iv) improved drinking water and sanitation facilities at Anganwadi centres with the coordination of PHED; (v) shifting of AWCs running in rented buildings to schools with an additional room; (vi) developing 304 model Anganwadi centres ; (vii) appointment of Nursery Trained Teachers as additional employee in 500 Anganwadi centres of tribal areas to strengthen the pre-school education components; (viii) transfer of powers to Panchayati Raj Department to run the ICDS programme; etc.

3. Following major issues emerged during the discussion:

- a) The State Govt. informed that due to unavailability of qualified AWWs in the tribal and desert areas, 119 AWCs are yet to be operationalized. In order to circumvent this problem, the State requested for relaxation of qualifications for AWWs in the tribal areas. The State was requested to examine other options and innovative models which do not compromise upon the delivery of services.
- b) It was mentioned that the THR as pre-mix RTE not fortified with micronutrients is distributed at the AWCs through SHGs/Mahila Mandals in 128 projects; through manufacturers in 167 projects, fortified with micronutrients and through World Food Programme in 9 projects; while the hot cooked meals (HCMs) are all supplied by the women SHGs, having about 2.3 lakh women members across the State.. This strategy has helped empowerment of the rural women. The State has developed a recipe book as well as an IEC Film on use of pre-mix RTE. It was suggested that all these along with daily menus/recipes of HCMs/RTE may be uploaded on the State WCD's website for wider dissemination. The State Govt was also requested to strictly adhere with the norms and guidelines regarding THR

- c) The State has introduced an additional third worker in AWCs, called ASHA *Sahayogini*, who supports the AWW in counselling of mothers and the newlywed women. She also works as an ASHA for NRHM. She is paid Rs. 1150/- per month by WCD and receives incentives from the health department. It was noted that due to such common worker at the village/AWC level, convergence between WCD and Health is optimum in the State in respect of IYCF counselling, home visits, health checkups and immunization.
- d) The State was requested to ensure supply and usage of new MCP card to each and every pregnant women and mothers of children up to 2 years. It was noted that the State has introduced sector meeting twice a month for review and learning.
- e) It was noted that for treatment of the severely malnourished children, Malnutrition Treatment Centres (MTCs) are being run in 146 CHCs by the Health Department.
- f) The State requested for funds from GoI to construct AWCs, and informed that they will bear the cost of labour. It was also requested for upward revision of rent for urban AWCs to Rs. 2500/ per month. It was informed that these issues have already been addressed in the recently approved restructured ICDS programme and necessary guidelines are being issued to the States shortly.
- g) It was noted that the State WCD in convergence with SIERT, education department and SSA, has developed curriculum for PSE in the form of *Kilol I & II* books and distributed to all AWCs. The State was requested to share all such PSE materials with NIPCCD.
- h) The State has shifted its AWCs from rented buildings to schools with additional rooms. The State Govt has allocated Rs. 5 crore for maintenance of AWCs. It was suggested that the State may prepare a detailed perspective plan to build the AWC infrastructure with all basic facilities of water, sanitation, electricity and additional store room and submit the same to GoI by 31 Oct 2012.
- i) The State requested for additional budget of about Rs. 6 crore for printing of the AWC Registers and records under the revised MIS introduced by GoI, as all other budget heads like flexi fund, contingency, IEC etc have already been booked or exhausted in the current FY and the M & E budget of Rs. 500 per AWC per year is insufficient for the purpose. The State was requested to send a proposal on this for consideration and to go ahead for implementation of revised MIS on time.

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**Annex**  
*List of Participants*

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- 1) Shri Prem Narain, Secretary (*Chair*)
- 2) Dr. Shreeranjana, Joint Secretary
- 3) Shri Gulshan Lal, Dy. Secretary
- 4) Shri H. S. Nanda, Dy. Secretary
- 5) Shri Rakesh Kumar, Director
- 6) Dr. Dinesh Paul, Director, NIPCCD
- 7) Shri Surinder Singh, ATA, F&B
- 8) Dr. Saroj K. Adhikari, Asstt. Director
- 9) Shri Mrinmoy Thakur, Consultant
- 10) Ms Nidhi Dhingra, Consultant

**DWD, Govt. of Rajasthan**

- 1) Dr. Sarita Singh, Secretary
- 2) Dr. Mukta Arora, Addl. Director
- 3) Shri Someshwar Deora, Asstt. Director
- 4) Shri H. S. Meena, AAO