

**Minutes of the meeting to discuss
State ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13
with Government of Haryana held on 4 October 2012**

A meeting to discuss the State ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13 submitted by Govt. of Haryana was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), Govt of India (GoI) on 4 October 2012 (*Venue: Shastri Bhawan, Secretary's Chamber*). Director General, Deptt of Women and Child Development, Govt of Haryana made a PowerPoint presentation on the State's annual implementation plan on ICDS for 2012-13 outlining the current health and nutrition situation of women and children in the State, and key programmatic issues. *List of participants is annexed.*

2. Some of the key gaps/constraints in programme implementation identified by the State in the APIP are: (i) difficulty in meeting the nutritional norms under supplementary nutrition due to price escalation; (ii) difficulty in fortifying food items with micro nutrients; (iii) lack of AWC infrastructure facilities; (iv) difficulty in mobility due lack of vehicles for ICDS functionaries; moreover it has been observed that hiring of vehicles is unsafe for female ICDS functionaries; (v) constraints in effective referral services due to inadequate medical and paramedical staff; ANM's visit not regular; and ANM's not attending circle meetings; etc.

3. The State Govt. highlighted some of their key initiatives to strengthen the ICDS programme using their own budgets: introduction of additional welfare scheme to AWWs and AWHs for medical coverage and pension; introduction of *Ladli* scheme to encourage female child birth; 'Best Mother Award' to encourage mothers for proper rearing of their children, especially girl child and to improve nutritional status of both mother and child - 'Best Mother Award' functions are conducted at circle and block level; supply of cooking gas to AWCs since 2010-11; provision of mobile phones @ Rs. 1500 and monthly recurring charges @ Rs. 300/month/ per supervisor; etc.

4. Following major issues emerged during the discussion:

- a) It was noted that there are about 2% gaps in operationalization of the AWCs in the 148 projects. The State Govt. informed that the delay in operationalization was due to the court cases in appointment of the AWWs. The State was requested to expedite the process of operationalization, by taking all necessary actions.
- b) The high number of vacancies in the positions of CDPO (19%) and Supervisors (45%) were noted with concern more so in the number of posts sanctioned by the State. The State Govt. promised to fill up all vacancies within this FY and update the sanction at par with the Central Govt. sanction to remove discrepancy.
- c) Over the past few years, the State has constructed 3147 new model AWCs @ Rs. 8.5 lakh per AWC with loans from NABARD. The model AWC has the facilities of regular water supply, sanitation, electricity and a separate store

room. The State was requested to share the layout of the model AWC with the GoI.

- d) Though about 35% of AWCs are running from the community buildings ('*choupals*') that have sprawling space, it was noted that many of them do not have toilet facility for the AWC children. It was suggested that no building should be taken on rent that are without toilet and water facilities.
- e) State Govt. was requested to prepare and submit a detailed perspective plan of action to GoI on enhancing the AWC infrastructure including the current status of facilities (water, sanitation, electricity etc) available in the AWCs. The State promised to cover all AWCs for providing sanitation facilities in convergence with *Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan* within six months and also provide for drinking water facility.
- f) Under SNP, hot-cooked meals are prepared and supplied by the mother's groups. However, micronutrient fortification of the supplementary food ('*panjiri*') given THR has not been possible so far. The State has initiated actions in this regard and also to revamp the SNP component of ICDS, approval of which from the competent authority is awaited. The State promised to adhere to the guidelines on SNP.
- g) It was suggested that the weekly menu/recipes of the supplementary food provided at the AWC may be uploaded on the State Govt's website for wider dissemination. Efforts should be made to diversify the daily food recipes that are liked by the children.
- h) On the issue of supplying more than 6 LPG cylinders to the AWCs in a year at the subsidized rate, it was agreed to take up the matter with the Ministry of Petroleum at the central level.
- i) The State was suggested to make videos of their model AWCs as well as resource materials on ECCE (*Ankur*) as developed by the State and send a copy of these to NIPCCD/ECCE Cell in MWCD.
- j) It was noted that expenditures incurred on account of procurement of PSE kits, medicine kits etc in the last year are being booked in the current FY. The State was advised to ensure procurement of all essential items in this FY as well as carrying out all programme component (IEC, M & E etc) activities out of the funds already released to the State.
- k) Information regarding qualification of AWW would also be uploaded along with location of AWCs on the website.
- l) It was informed that the additional interventions proposed by the State Govt. that are currently not permissible under the existing norms, would be considered as and when the administrative approval and guidelines on the restructured ICDS are issued indicating the revised norms and flexibility to the State.

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Annex

List of Participants

Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt of India

- 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, FNB
- 8) Dr. Saroj K. Adhikari, Asstt. Director
- 9) Shri Mrinmoy Thakur, Consultant
- 10) Ms Nidhi Dhingra, Consultant

DWCD, Govt. of Haryana

- 1) Ms Sumita Mishra, Director General
- 2) Ms Shashi Doon, Addl. Director
- 3) Shri O.P. Bishnoi, CAO
- 4) Dr. Kamlesh Rana, Nutritionist