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**Subject: Review of ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13:
Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 November 2012 to discuss the State ICDS
APIP with Govt. of Goa - Reg.**

A copy of the minutes of the above cited meeting is enclosed herewith for information and necessary action.



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- vii. FNB
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**Minutes of the meeting to discuss
State ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13 with
Government of Goa held on 2 November 2012**

A meeting to discuss the State ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13 submitted by Govt. of Goa was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), Govt. of India (GoI) on **2 November 2012** (*Venue: Shastri Bhawan, Secretary's Chamber*). Director, Directorate of WCD, Govt. of Goa made a PowerPoint presentation on the State's annual implementation plan for 2012-13 outlining the key programmatic issues relating to ICDS implementation. *List of participants is annexed.*

2. In the APIP document, the State Govt. has identified some of the key constraints in programme implementation. State is facing major challenges in infrastructure as land is very expensive and rentals are very high; especially with majority of AWCs running in rented buildings. State does not have any Anganwadi Training Centres (AWTCs) and Middle Level Training Centres (MLTCs), leading to delays in trainings and refresher trainings of programme staff. The APIP document has also highlighted some of the good practices in the State viz., new Retirement Benefit Scheme to AWWs and AWHs which provides lump sum financial assistance at retirement; State contributes additionally to the honorarium paid to AWWs and AWHs, ranging from Rs. 6,000 to 7,263 for AWWs and between Rs. 3,200 to 3,800 for AWHs, etc.

3. Following major issues emerged during the discussion:

- a) The State has operationalized all AWCs (1262) in 11 sanctioned projects.
- b) It was highlighted that the State has about 81% of its operational AWCs running from the rented buildings. However, due to high rental rates, quality of the existing AWCs in rental buildings is also not up to the mark; they are either congested in small rooms, or without toilets, water and electricity. State Govt. using its own budget as well as funds from RIDF/NABARD has constructed 30 AWC buildings so far and it aims to construct more AWCs in collaboration with NGOs and CSR initiatives like the Mineral Foundation.
- c) It was suggested that the State may make all-out efforts to improve the AWC infrastructure on priority and also ensure convergence with water and sanitation programmes to provide these facilities to AWCs. A complete list of AWCs giving details of its infrastructure, potable water and sanitation facilities may be prepared on priority and the same be shared with the Deptt of Water Supply, Ministry of Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation and MWCD, Govt. of India and also be uploaded on the website.

- d) It was noted that the State provides Rs. 9 per child per day for malnourished children. It was suggested that the additional cost per child from the State funds should not be reduced when SNP revised rate is put in operation.
- e) It was noted that under the SNP, THR is given as grains which is against the extant guidelines. The State was requested to streamline its SNP delivery by ensuring supply of fortified THRs to 6 months to 3 years children and P & L women. It was also requested to upload the SNP menus/weekly schedule on the State WCD's website.
- f) State has only 52% AWCs with functional baby weighing scales. It was suggested that the State may procure weighing machines within this year/early next year.
- g) It was informed that State would be using English language for the revised MIS and accordingly print-ready versions will be released to the State shortly. The State Govt. was requested to take all necessary actions to expedite printing of the AWC registers by 31 December 2012 and roll-out of MIS in the current FY.
- h) It was noted that the State has not leveraged AKBY claims and also for scholarship of children of AWWs. It was suggested that the State may give wide publicity on the scheme and extend the benefits to all AWWs/AWHs.
- i) State raised concern over not having its own AWTCs/MLTCs due to unavailability of suitable institutions. It was suggested that State Govt must explore opening up of the training centres and proposals may be sent to the GoI; however, proposal for off-campus training of Supervisors/AWWs may be sent to Regional Centre, NIPCCD, till the time no training centre is opened.
- j) It was pointed out that the Statement of Expenditure (SoE) for ICDS (Gen) for the 1st quarter has not yet been received without which the 2nd instalment cannot be released. The State was requested to ensure timely submission of the SoEs both for ICDS (Gen) and SNP.
- k) The State Govt. was informed about the issuance of guidelines on strengthening and restructuring of ICDS by GoI and was requested to take necessary measures to implement the revised norms in respect various existing items of expenditure from the current year itself. All other new interventions may be included in the next year's APIP.

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Annex: List of Participants

Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt of India

- 1) Shri Prem Narain, Secretary (WCD)
- 2) Dr. Shreeranjana, Joint Secretary (ICDS)
- 3) Dr. Dinesh Paul, Director, NIPCCD
- 4) Shri Gulshan Lal, Dy. Secretary
- 5) Shri Rakesh Kumar, Director
- 6) Dr. J.H. Panwal, Joint Technical Advisor, FNB
- 7) Shri Surendra Singh, Asstt. Technical Advisor, FNB
- 8) Dr. Saroj K. Adhikari, Asstt. Director
- 9) Shri Mrinmoy Thakur, Consultant
- 10) Ms. Nidhi Dhingra, Consultant

Govt. of Goa

- 1) Shri Sunil Masurkar, Director, Directorate of WCD
- 2) Shri Arjun P. Gaonkar, Statistical Assistant