

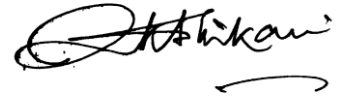
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A copy of the minutes of the above cited meeting is enclosed herewith for information and necessary action.



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**Minutes of the meeting to discuss
State ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13
with Government of Uttarakhand held on 16 July 2012**

A meeting to discuss the State ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13 submitted by Govt. of Uttarakhand was held under the **Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD)**, Govt of India (GoI) on **16 July 2012** (*Venue: Shastri Bhawan, Secretary's Chamber*). **Director, Deptt. of WCD, Govt of Uttarakhand** made a PowerPoint presentation on the State's annual implementation plan for 2012-13 outlining the key programmatic issues relating to ICDS implementation as well as highlighting the new proposals for seeking approval of GoI. *List of participants is annexed.*

2. The State has indicated some of the key challenges in the programme implementation in its APIP document, viz., difficult geographical terrain, high mortality and morbidity rates, low awareness among community about health and nutrition issues, gender imbalance in community, shortage of manpower at all levels and high drudgery of women. In order to overcome these challenges, the State has made strategies and outlined in the APIP. Some of the future plans of the State include establishing a computerized MIS up to Project level, establishment of Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs), identification and tracking of malnourished children, imparting life skills & vocational trainings to out of school girls, ensuring 100% IFA compliance, etc. The State has proposed a budget of Rs. 362.27 crore for regular activities under ICDS including that for supplementary nutrition and Rs 3.06 crore for undertaking the new activities.

3. Following major issues emerged during the discussion:

- a) It was suggested that the vision statement in the APIP document needs to focus only on ICDS issues - its outcomes and objectives. Other macro objectives of health, literacy etc. may not be part of the ICDS vision.
- b) It was noted with concern that the child sex ratio (0-6 years) in the State has decreased at an alarming rate from 908 in 2001 to 886 in 2011, especially in remote and rural areas. The State has proposed to incentivize the girl child birth with Rs. 2000-5000. Secretary (WCD) suggested that this issue needs to be addressed by creating mass awareness on the girl child and also by improving the status of women.
- c) The State Govt. has taken measures to improve the supplementary nutrition component and is providing hot cooked food prepared/distributed at AWCs through Mothers' Committee and fortified pre-mix (*IndiaMix*) food as THR through WFP. However, it was suggested that the State must ensure various

recipes that are liked by the children, with the help of Home Science Colleges. Secretary (WCD) suggested working closely with the agriculture department for their expertise on local recipes, nutrient rich food etc.

- d) The State intends to assess the PSE component of ICDS. It was suggested that the State may first undertake a pilot on the existing curriculum in limited scale and then study its impact, closely working with SCERT.
- e) In view of low awareness on health and nutrition issues in the State, it was suggested to use innovative means of local media for generating awareness, like radio jingles during theatre intervals etc. that will have immediate appeal to the people.
- f) The State Govt. was requested to take all necessary steps to expedite roll-out the revised MIS which includes production of the print-ready AWC Registers and reports supplied by GoI as per the specifications and also induction training of ICDS functionaries as per the GoI guidelines (*to be shared shortly*).
- g) It was informed that the new proposals proposed by the State Govt. in the APIP having additional financial implications, would be considered only after due approval of the ICDS Strengthening and Restructuring proposal by the GoI. However, activities which are permissible under the existing norms, like training of mother committees may be included as part of the STRAP for the ICDS training component.

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Annex
List of Participants

MWCD, Govt of India

- 1) Ms Neela Gagnadharan, Secretary (*Chair*)
- 2) Dr. Shreeranjana, Joint Secretary
- 3) Shri H. S. Nanda, Dy. Secretary
- 4) Dr. Saroj K. Adhikari, Asstt. Director
- 5) Shri Mrinmoy Thakur, Consultant
- 6) Ms Nidhi Dhingra, Consultant

Govt. of Uttarakhand

- 1) Mr. Amit Negi, Director (WCD)
- 2) Ms. Kamini Gupta, Programme Officer
- 3) Mr. Mukul Chaudhary, Programme Officer
- 4) Ms. Shaily Prajapati, Consultant
- 5) Mr. Swapnil Dube, Consultant