

**MINUTES OF NATIONAL CONSULTATION ON SUPPLEMENTARY NUTRITION
UNDER ANGANWADI SERVICES HELD ON 2ND MAY 2018 (WEDNESDAY) AT
NEW DELHI**

A National Consultation on the issue of Supplementary Nutrition (SN) under Anganwadi Services was held under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister, MWCD on 2nd May 2018 at Civil Services Officers' Institute (CSOI), Vinay Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi with the representatives of the States/UTs and line Ministries.[List of participants is annexed].

2. At the onset, Secretary-WCD extended a warm welcome to all the participants. He shared a brief about the discussions held during the meeting of the National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges under the Chairmanship of Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog on 18.04.2018. He stressed that the States/UTs should adhere to the decision taken in the meeting which clearly highlighted the need for continuance of the existing practice of Hot Cooked Meals for Children (age group: 03-06 years) and Take Home Ration (THR) for Children (age group:06 months-03 years) and Pregnant Women & Lactating Mothers in conformity with the National Foods Security Act, 2013 and the Supplementary Nutrition Rules, 2017. He further informed that the revised cost norms of the SN are linked with Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI), for which many States/UTs have not issued notification(s). He advised that for preparing Supplementary Nutrition (SN), the States/UTs should involve SHGs and Mothers (whose children are in the Anganwadi) and the menu should be fixed based on the local food preferences as well as the availability of local resources.

3. Thereafter, Joint Secretary, MWCD made a presentation on the existing Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) under Anganwadi Services wherein, he briefed about Supplementary Nutrition Norms, National Food Security Act, 2013 and its relevant Sections, Schedule-II of the Act and SN Rules notified on 20th February, 2017. He also informed the States/UTs that National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges has been constituted by the Government on 03.01.2018 under POSHAN*Abhiyaan* and one of the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the said Council is to provide **policy directions** to address India's Nutrition Challenges through coordinated inter-sectoral action. The first meeting of the Council was held on 18.04.2018. He also presented a brief on nutritional status of the country and performance of the top 10 States that have shown improvement on nutritional indicators viz., Underweight, Stunting, Wasting and Anaemia in Children & Pregnant women (15-49 years). He also

expressed concern on the declining trend of Complementary Feeding across the country. He informed that Operational Guidelines on IYCF and Operational Guidelines for Prevention of Malnutrition and Community based Management of Severe Acute Malnutrition are being finalized by the Committee under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary, MWCD. Both these guidelines will be issued jointly by the Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. He also presented a brief on POSHAN *Abhiyaan*.

4. The Joint Technical Adviser presented consolidated information regarding existing SN practices on procurement, preparation, distribution of THR and HCM followed by the States/UTs.

5. Hon'ble Minister (WCD) in her address emphasized the urgent need to focus on three key issues with respect to the Supplementary Nutrition provided under ICDS, i.e., (i) quality of food; (ii) mechanism of delivery; and, (iii) monitoring of the supply chain. It was emphasized that States/UTs are free to decide type of food and delivery mechanism keeping in view the ultimate goal, i.e., to reduce the level of malnourishment among children and women in the State/UT within a period of one year.

6. States of Bihar, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Punjab, Haryana, and Meghalaya shared their practices on procurement, preparation, distribution and monitoring mechanism for SNP adopted in their respective States.

7. Brief summary of the deliberations and recommendations emerged is as under:

a. Linkage of beneficiaries with Aadhaar and verification of the same by the States/UTs :

- i. 'Ghost Beneficiaries' to be identified at the earliest and removed by States/UTs. 100% linkage of beneficiaries with Aadhaar was emphasized.

[Action: All States/UTs by July, 2018]

b. Type & quality of SN:

- i. The type of food provided by the States/UTs should be safe, hygienic, and comply with the nutrition norms. The food should be delicious and visually appealing to children.
- ii. Good practices adopted by different States/UTs were appreciated. The States/UTs can learn from these practices and innovate to ensure healthy

recipes are followed. It was suggested that recipes can be improved using millets/peanuts/any other nutritious ingredient as per the availability and acceptability & dietary habits of the region.

- iii. States/UTs providing eggs under Supplementary Nutrition need to maintain proper cold chain and ensure they are safe for consumption.
- iv. Concerted efforts need to be made to ensure high quality of THR.
- v. The Hon'ble Minister emphasized the need for States/UTs to focus on achieving 'nourishment' and eradicating malnutrition.

[Action: All States/UTs with immediate effect]

c. Method of Delivery of Supplementary Nutrition:

- i. Targeted Interventions may be adopted to ensure quality delivery of nutrition to beneficiaries.
- ii. Efforts need to be made to make certain that the delivery system adopted by States/UTs in providing THR is robust. It was suggested that States/UTs may explore different feasible and effective delivery mechanisms.
- iii. SHGs could be involved in preparation of SN at the primary production level.

d. Monitoring system:

- i. Each step right from procurement to distribution of SN need to be carefully monitored to ensure high quality of SN provided to the beneficiaries.
8. The discussions during the Concluding Session focused on the following:
- i. States/UTs were advised to review the type of food, procurement & distribution, monitoring systems for SN in order to ensure nutritious food reaches every beneficiary.
 - ii. Need to link beneficiaries with 'Aadhaar' by organizing vigorous campaigns.
 - iii. Supply chain management & monitoring system adopted by the States/UTs to be reviewed and details of the most effective practices to be shared with the Ministry.
 - iv. Need to closely monitor districts performing poorly on nutritional indicators and undertaking dedicated interventions towards improving nutritional outcomes by three months.

The Consultation ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and the participants.

Annexure

List of Participants

1. **Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, Hon'ble Minister, WCD - Chairperson**
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