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Government of India
Ministry of Women & Child Development

A Wing, Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi, dated 21st January, 2013.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the meeting of the National Steering and Monitoring Committee (2013-14) for Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) held on 10-01-2014.

The meeting of the National Steering and Monitoring Committee (2013-14) for Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) was held under the chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development at 12.00 Noon on 10-01-2014 in Room No. 602, Conference Hall of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, A Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.

2. A copy of the minutes of the meeting is enclosed for information and necessary action.

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Encl: As above.

To,

All the Members of the Committee (listed below):-

1. Dr. Shreerajan, Joint Secretary, MWCD.
2. Shri B.K. Pandey, Adviser, Planning Commission.
3. Shri P.N. Ranjit Kumar, Deputy Director General, Department of Posts.
4. Dr. Alok Pandey, Director, Department of Financial Services.
5. Dr. Dinesh Paul, Director, NIPCCD.
6. Shri R. Balakrishnan, Department of ICDS, Government of Tamil Nadu.
7. Ms. Mary Barghere, Deputy Director, ICDS, Government of Tamil Nadu.
8. Shri Sanjay Kumar Upadhyay, Under Secretary, M/o Panchayati Raj.
9. Ms. Suman Goyal, Manager-FI, UIDAI, H.Q. Delhi.
10. Shri Vipin Garg, National Consultant, M/o H&FW, New Delhi.
11. Dr. Ruchika Arora, Consultant, Child Health, M/o H&FW, New Delhi.
12. Shri Raghavendra Madhu, Consultant, IGMSY.

Copy to:

- (i) Sr. PPS to Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development.
- (ii) PS to Joint Secretary (VJ).
- (iii) Sr. Technical Director (NIC) with the request to arrange to upload the minutes of the meeting on the web-site of the Ministry under IGMSY .

Minutes of the Meeting of the National Steering and Monitoring Committee constituted under Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) held on 10.01.2014

The meeting of National Steering and Monitoring Committee (NSMC) for Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) was held under the Chairpersonship of Sh. A.K Jain, Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) at 12.00 Noon on 10.01.2014 in Room No.602, Conference Hall of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, A- Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi -110001 with the objective of strengthening convergence of various Ministries/ Departments to support implementation of IGMSY. List of participants is at Annexure-I.

In the meeting, Dr. Vivek Joshi, Joint Secretary (IGMSY) highlighted the convergence issues pertaining to the IGMSY vis-a -vis the participating Ministries/Departments, for better implementation of the scheme. The discussions in the meeting are detailed below:-

1. Convergence with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

a. Availability of MCP Cards.

The IGMSY is demand-driven and depends on the availability of the health services on the supply side to enable the beneficiaries to fulfil certain conditions to get the cash benefits. MCP card is a primary verification tool and crucial to track fulfilment of prescribed conditions by the beneficiary. It was highlighted that Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan had reported shortage of MCP cards at the time of ASCI, Hyderabad evaluation.

Dr. Joshi, Joint Secretary, MWCD mentioned that MCP Card is a joint card used by both Health Department and MWCD at the grassroots level. Therefore, ensuring MCP card is a joint responsibility of both the Departments. Dr. Dinesh Paul, Director, NIPCCD added that in majority of the States, MCP cards are available and being printed by the Department of Health.

The Secretary, MWCD emphasised that shortage of MCP cards, wherever persistent, should be addressed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, to which Sh.Vipin Garg, National Consultant, MoH&FW and Dr. Ruchira Arora, Consultant-Child Health, MoH&FW ensured to take-up the issue with the senior officials in the department.

[Action: MoH&FW]

b. Availability of IFA

Health Department was requested to ensure supply of IFA tablets for fulfilment of the conditions by the beneficiaries. States such as Karnataka (3385 AWCs), Kerala (2832 AWCs) and Rajasthan (1431 AWCs) reported shortages in IFA supplies in 2012 during the evaluation of the scheme. Sh.Vipin Garg, National Consultant, MoH&FW informed that in the current financial year procurement process of IFA has been decentralised under NRHM and all States/UTs have allocated funds for the same purpose. He added that the system will be streamlined in the States which reported shortage of IFA. Since IFA tablets are basic to the fulfilment of the conditions, it was emphasized by Secretary, MWCD that there should not be any short supply of IFA which may hamper in fulfilling conditions by beneficiaries.

[Action: MoH&FW]

2. Convergence with Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

Ministry of Panchayati Raj was requested for better publicity of IGMSY. The Secretary, WCD desired that letter be written to the Ministry of Panchayati Raj explicitly mentioning what is expected of the Panchayati Raj Institutions with regard to the IGMSY. It was also mentioned by the Secretary, WCD that the Ministry of Panchayati Raj issue necessary instructions for the PRIs to get involved and propagate the benefits of the scheme. Dr. Shreerajan added that modalities of promoting IGMSY through the Panchayat level committees such as Village Health and Sanitation Committees should also be explored.

[Action: MWCD and MoPR]

3. Convergence with Department of Financial Services and Department of Posts

Dr. Joshi, MWCD mentioned that States like Rajasthan (Udaipur), Tripura (Dhalai), Sikkim (West Sikkim) and Maharashtra (Amravati) have poor penetration of banks. It was also underscored by Dr. Joshi that seeding of bank account numbers with Aadhaar numbers is also important for Aadhaar based transfers. Also some entries of IGMSY beneficiary details made by the DWCD field workers are incorrect. Moreover, seeding was a new process for the banks also. So, they also took time in understanding the procedure and now it has been streamlined that good progress has been made by the banks in seeding. The Secretary, WCD emphasized that lists should be drawn of beneficiaries from DBT district and provided to Department of Financial Services for through checking and building robust DBT database.

It was highlighted by the Secretary that although DBT is not mandatory, it is important that there is a streamlined effort from the Department of Financial Services to seed all IGMSY beneficiary account with Aadhaar numbers.

[Action: MWCD, Department of Financial Services]

a. Mode of Electronics Transfer of beneficiaries' data to Post Offices.

It was informed by Shri P.N. Ranjit Kumar, Deputy Director General, Departments of Posts that now the post offices have also started coming on the Core Banking Network (CBN) and are conducting e-transfers. He also mentioned that around 3-5 post offices every week are being brought under the ambit of CBS.

Dr. Joshi mentioned that there were issues with post offices for opening zero balance accounts and they also freeze the amount when not used for a period of six months or so. Secretary, WCD desired that letters be written formally to Dept. of Posts, reiterating the issues in convergence. Deputy Director General, Department of Posts assured that he will look into the matter personally and assure smooth functioning of Post office accounts for IGMSY beneficiaries.

[Action: MWCD, D/o Posts]

4. Convergence with UIDAI.

It was emphasised that though the DBT is not mandatory in the IGMSY scheme, but the Aadhaar coverage for the beneficiaries should remain the priority. In the DBT districts where IGMSY is being implemented, enrolment of all the beneficiaries for Aadhaar number is crucial. The beneficiaries who are enrolled for the Aadhaar card should be provided with the Aadhaar number on priority. Secretary, WCD emphasized that the list of the IGMSY beneficiaries without the Aadhaar number should be shared with UIDAI so that action should be taken in this regard.

[Action: MWCD]

5. NIPCCD

Dr. Dinesh Paul, Director, NIPCCD shared the progress made by the Institute in conducting training under IGMSY in 2013-14. He apprised that in 2013-14, 67 training programs have been organised and 379 master trainers have been trained in 53 IGMSY districts. Secretary, MWCD suggested that the block level and grass-root level works should also be trained on priority as they implement the scheme on ground.

Feedback from the participating States (Tamil Nadu).

Tamil Nadu mentioned that their Muthulakshmi scheme is being well implemented all over the State. They are also effectively implementing the IGMSY in two districts.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair

List of the Participants

1. Sh. A.k. Jain, Secretary, WCD Chairperson
2. Dr. Shreeranjana, Joint Secretary, MWCD
3. Dr. Vivek Joshi, Joint Secretary, MWCD
4. Sh. B K. Pandey, Adviser, Planning Commission
5. Sh. P.N. Ranjit Kumar, Deputy Director General, Dept. of Posts
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