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4th Meeting of Executive Committee of POSHAN Abhiyaan (Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment) was held on 3rd December, 2018 at Hotel Samrat, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD).

2. Minutes of 4th Executive Committee Meeting are enclosed herewith for information and necessary action.



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Executive Director
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1. Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
2. Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance
3. Adviser, Health & Nutrition – NITI Aayog
4. Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation
5. Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development
6. Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj
7. Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
8. Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
9. Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy
10. Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
11. Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
12. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
13. Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
14. Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH
15. Secretary, Ministry of Power
- 16 - 20. Chief Secretaries of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Gujarat
- 21 - 25. Chief Secretaries of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan
26. Chairperson, FSSAI
27. Director, ICMR
28. Dr. R. C. Panda, Member of Board of Coalition for Food & Nutrition Security
29. Ms. Deepika Shrivastava, OSD, NITI Aayog
30. Director – NIPCCD
31. Director – NIHFWS
32. Director – NIN
- 33 - 42. DC/DMs from 10 districts of Bahraich, Shravasti, Balrampur, West Singhbhum, Siddharthnagar, Sitamarhi, Gonda, Sitapur, Koppal, Yadgir

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1. PS to Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog
2. PPS to Secretary, MWCD

Minutes of 4th Meeting of Executive Committee of POSHAN *Abhiyaan* held on 3rd December, 2018 at Hotel Samrat, New Delhi

Executive Committee which is an apex body for all nutrition related activities under the POSHAN *Abhiyaan*, convened its 4th Executive Committee Meeting on 3rd December, 2018 at Hotel Samrat, New Delhi under the chairmanship of **Shri Rakesh Srivastava**, Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD).

2. The list of participants is attached at **Annexure I**.
3. At the outset Shri Aditya Chopra, Executive Director, POSHAN *Abhiyaan*, welcomed all members and presented the Agenda for the meeting.
4. **Shri Rakesh Srivastava, Secretary, MWCD**, in his opening remarks informed the participants that consequent to the directions issued during the National Council Meeting held on 14th November, 2018, Executive Committee will now meet every 45 days instead of earlier mandated 90 days. The Chairperson expressed his concern over the slow progress on procurement of smartphones, growth monitoring devices, recruitment of staff at various levels and also on the insufficient utilisation of the funds by the States/UTs. He also intimated that as a fallout of Tech-Thon, a MoU with NASSCOM has been signed last month. He apprised that the first anniversary of POSHAN *Abhiyaan* (8th March, 2019) was planned to be celebrated in a grand manner, and requested the States/UTs to plan and conduct activities to mark the occasion. He brought out that an Awards Ceremony will be organised to felicitate the field functionaries on 08th March, 2019.
5. Shri Aditya Chopra, Executive Director, POSHAN *Abhiyaan* started with confirmation of minutes of last Executive Committee Meeting. The house confirmed the same. Thereafter, the Action Taken Report on all three previous Executive Committee Meetings was presented. The same are attached at **Appendix A**.
6. Certain points discussed during the Action Taken Report of Executive Meetings are as under: -
 - (a) On the issue of revision of Guidelines for conduct of VHSND it was directed that the guidelines be updated by MoH&FW in conjunction with MoW&CD. **Mission Director, Dr. Rajesh Kumar** suggested that haemoglobin for all children enrolled in AWC. Regular monitoring of anaemia among adolescent girls and Pregnant Women & Lactating Mothers (PW & LM) should be conducted at AWCs, as part of Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK).

{Action: MoH&FW and MoWCD}

- (b) Addressing the issue of construction of AWC in Aspirational Districts, the Chairperson made it amply clear that allotment of funds under APIP have been

earmarked by the Government of India. He emphasised that Aspirational Districts have to be given overriding importance for the construction of AWCs. He apprised the house about the sanction letter of Government of India which clearly stipulates giving an overriding priority for construction of AWC in the Aspirational Districts. He advised the States / UTs to pursue the matter with the concerned Departments for speedy completion of Anganwadi buildings.

{Action: States/UTs, MoWCD & MoH&UD, MoRD, MoPower}

(c) The Chairperson also addressed the issue of regular opening and functionality of AWC.

{Action:States/UTs and MoWCD}

(d) The Director, NIN was directed to send the DPR for the National Nutrition Report at the earliest, and to be prepared to present the progress of National Nutrition Report to the Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog.

{Action: NIN}

(e) Director, NIN pointed out that a meeting was held on 17th November, 2018 at ICMR, New Delhi to discuss the proposals of evaluation and monitoring of POSHAN *Abhiyaan* wherein the experts also opined that since it is a massive survey and would influence government policy and programme, various technical groups like Advisory Group; Working Group; Internal oversight committee; Data access committee; Quality check team etc. should be constituted at NIN, Hyderabad. Mission Director suggested that midline evaluation of POSHAN *Abhiyaan* should be done for the period from 01st Jan, 2019 to June, 2019 in 50% districts of ICDS-CAS enabled States/UTs and 50% in non ICDS-CAS enabled States to highlight the impact of the interventions as part of POSHAN *Abhiyaan*. It was also suggested to co-opt a representative for CPMU-NNRC in either the Working or Advisory group being formed by NIN.

{Action: NIN & MoWCD}

(f) Dr. R.C. Panda suggested that the First India's National Nutrition Report should be the benchmark for subsequent reports on the subject by clearly spelling out the methodology on the process of collection of data, analysis and statistical interpretation of data.

{Action: NIN}

(g) It was pointed out by the Mission Director that MoWCD has no objections in ASHA/ANM plotting the Growth Charts as placed in the updated MCP cards which has been released by MoH&FW and may continue to do so as their job-aid. However, it was also mentioned that the CAS will continue to be used to generate SMS alerts hence enabling AWW/beneficiary for timely interventions.

{Action: MoH&FW and MoWCD}

(h) On expediting of opening of balance 37,000 Anganwadi in the country, the Mission Director informed the gathering, that out of 37,000 Anganwadi more than 23,000 Anganwadi are to be opened in the State of Bihar. Mission Director also briefed the gathering about his recent meeting in State of Bihar, wherein the State assured to open 8000 Anganwadi with immediate effect and balance in a phased manner. He also brought out that remaining States/UTs have been intimated to operationalise AWC. He informed the members that UTs of Delhi and Chandigarh have surrendered certain AWC and these surrendered AWC would be soon rationalised.

{Action: States/UTs and MoWCD}

(j) Chairperson explained the concept of “Functional” and a “Non - Functional” AWC to the entire house in detail and referred to the December, 2014 Guidelines which provides for the re-location of AWCs within the States/UTs.

7. Thereafter, the Action Taken Reports on the 1st and 2nd National Council Meeting on India’s Nutritional Challenges Meetings was presented which are attached at **Appendix B**. The directions given out in the 3rd National Council Meeting held on 14th November, 2018 were also placed before the house. Directions given out in the 3rd National Council Meeting are attached at **Appendix C**.

8. Certain points discussed during the Action Taken Report of National Council Meetings are as under: -

(a) On construction of Anganwadi as part of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (Urban), it was pointed out that final decision is still pending from MoH&UA.

{Action:NITI Aayog}

(b) It was brought out by the Chairperson that officials from different Ministries/Department and States/UTs who are attending the Executive Committee Meeting should put up a brief note of the proceedings of the meeting to respected Ministers and inform them regarding the progress being made as part of POSHAN *Abhiyaan* and also make them aware of initiatives and activities being carried out as part of this mission. Lamenting over the lack of connect between the programme and political representatives, the Chairperson suggested that in all meetings in respect of POSHAN *Abhiyaan* at State / District level local political representatives should be invited to attend. He emphasised that local MLAs and MPs can play a pivotal role in success of the programme.

{Action:States/UTs and MoWCD}

(c) Dr. R.C. Panda, Member, Board of Coalition for Food & Nutrition Security, laid emphasis on the aspect of convergence between various line ministries/ departments and suggested that few ministries / departments should be giving an

update on nutrition related activities. Chairperson, thereby, directed to note the point to be included in future meetings agenda.

{Action: All Line Ministries}

9. Col. Sameer Kanwar (Retd.) gave estimated timelines for implementation of POSHAN *Abhiyaan* in the coming months the mission. Thereafter, he briefed the audience on the criteria and modalities of Awards Ceremony to be held on 08th March, 2019.

Points from the Members

10. **Dr R.C. Panda, Member, Board of Coalition for Food & Nutrition Security**, lauded Ministry's contribution in its efforts to tackle malnutrition in the country through technological solutions. He gave few suggestions to improve the service delivery and interventions. He stressed on bridging the gap that exists from six months (time when child completes the exclusive breast feeding period) to one year of age (when the child supposedly goes to Anganwadi). He informed that many NGOs have creche' working in States which can be incorporated in the service delivery mechanism. NIN was also suggested to draft the guidelines in this regard. He also suggested that the Ministry should enlist support from the school and college students for volunteering for Jan Andolan in POSHAN *Abhiyaan*. Finally, he suggested that the convergence action plans should be planned and drafted at the District level especially in the Aspirational Districts with achievable outcomes at the ground level. He also suggested to organise presentations from the officials of high burdened districts regarding their initiatives and efforts with respect to addressing the issue of malnutrition in their areas of responsibilities.

11. **Mr. Jishnu Barua, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Government of Assam**, gave a brief update on the progress of POSHAN *Abhiyaan* in his State. He informed the gathering that a Regional conference is being organised at Dhubri to cover the four regions of the State to brainstorm aspects regarding the Mission. He also informed that to streamline the work process he has separated the offices of Nodal Officers POSHAN *Abhiyaan* from Directorate. Updating on progress of procurement it was informed that procurement process will be initiated after the Panchayat elections.

12. **Dr. M. Geetha, Secretary, WCD, Government of Chhattisgarh**, highlighted ground difficulties in scaling up the infrastructure at AWC in LWE (Left Wing Extremism) districts in her State. She brought out that there have been procurement delays due to the imposition of MCC (Moral Code of Conduct) in her State, but assured the house that balance procurements would be completed by end December,2018. She proposed to involve the school and college students and also Mahila Shakti Kendra Centres in Chhattisgarh as part of Jan Andolan to play an important role in spreading the messages of nutrition.

13. **Ms. Sushma Arora, Director, ICDS, Government of Rajasthan**, brought out aspects of procurement of smart phones and GMDs in her State. She highlighted that

recruitment process was also moving smoothly. Progress on ILA training, CBEs and Convergence Plans and meetings was also brought out, other aspects of the *Abhiyaan* were also spelt out. She highlighted the achievement of discarding of AW registers in a districts across the State after implementation of ICDS-CAS.

14. **Shri Anoop Srivastava, Director, POSHAN *Abhiyaan*, Government of Uttar Pradesh** explained the roll-out implementation plan of CAS and procurement of smartphones for the AWW. Mission Director, requested the representative to scale up the efforts to roll-out CAS in the State for which he assured availability of trainers to the State. State representative highlighted the difficulties in recruitment of JPC and staff at the SPMU.

15. **Shri Rahul Pandey, CDO, Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh**, informed the gathering that Gram Panchayat Funds are being utilized to renovate the existing AWC buildings and furnishing the buildings with all basic necessities. He also brought out that the responsibility of Gram Pradhan too has been fixed so that he plays an active role in functioning of AWC in his/her area. He emphasised the role of women in running of AWC and informed that representation of women has been ensured in formulation of Task Force in the GPDP and also inclusion of Poshan as a necessary component in all the development plans.

16. **Shri Durgesh Kumar, CDPO, Balrampur**, mentioned that Nukkad Nataks were organised in 20 villages of the district in the month of October,2018 to sensitize the local populace regarding various aspects of nutrition. He also brought out that two initiatives were taken by the district to give impetus to the programme. Firstly, Poshan Chaupal was organised wherein all field functionaries and beneficiaries gathered at a common place to carry a dialogue and discussion on various interventions required to eradicate malaise of malnutrition. Secondly, an initiative termed as Poshan Kahani has also been started in various villages wherein one teacher from a school is educated on the nutritional subject which is later disseminated to the children as part of the school curriculum, to raise awareness.

17. **Shri KMS Khalsa, Deputy Secretary, DF&PD** gave an update on rice fortification and informed that updates on the issue will be shared with all once feedback is received from certain States.

{Action: MoCAF&PD, FSSAI and MoWCD}

18. **Shri Kshitij Kushagra, Joint Director, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**, recommended use of e Sampark platforms for sharing the content of POSHAN *Abhiyaan* and also services for conduct of webinars and video tutorials.

{Action: States/UTs and MoWCD}

19. **Ms. Suneeti Toteja, Director (FFRC), FSSAI**, informed about the capacity measures being taken by the FSSAI to increase the awareness among population regarding fortified foods.

20. **Shri Roopak Chaudhari, Director, Ministry of Tribal Affairs**, informed everyone that the tempo of activities as was resorted to during the Poshan Maah is being still maintained in all areas where Rural Department field functionaries are present.

21. **Ms. Anamika Singh, Director, NITI Aayog**, referred to certain technical difficulties being faced by the field functionaries in State of Bihar in CAS functioning. She also mentioned that data integration model “Sneha” being showcased in the State of Karnataka which could be referred while going ahead with the pilot project of data integration between Ministry of WCD and Ministry of H&FW is piloted in Mathura. It was informed that the AAA pilot at Mathura would be utilizing a Common Software Platform, and hence, it would be extremely easy to scale –up along with ICDS-CAS.

22. **Dr. D. Raghunatha Rao, Scientist F, NIN** briefed about the roll-out plans of e learning modules and Learning Management System being developed by NIN. Chairperson directed Director, NIN to give a detailed presentation to Dr Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman NITI Aayog on the roll-out and implementation. Mission Director suggested a cascading roll-out of the modules along with specific timelines to cover maximum beneficiaries.

{Action: NIN}

23. **Ms. Nanthini Subbiah, Associate Professor NIHFW**, emphasised on the systematic and quality of training being imparted to the field functionaries on employability of the Growth Monitoring Devices. She asked all concerned to ensure calibration of these devices before being deployed on ground.

{Action: States/UTs, NIPCCD and MoWCD}

24. **Dr. DC Katoch, Adviser, Ministry of AYUSH**, recommended formulation of a Joint Working Group with representatives of both ministries (MoWCD and MoAYUSH) to steer a collaborative effort, synergising the best practices, for meeting the outcomes of POSHAN *Abhiyaan*.

{Action: MoAYUSH and MoWCD}

25. Chairperson urged everyone to exploit the potential of Community Radio as one of the media platforms to spread the messages till the grass roots level.

{Action: States/UTs and MoWCD}

Meeting ended with vote of thanks by the Chair.

Action Taken Report of 1st Executive Committee
held on 13th March 2018

Sl. No.	Points	Action taken/ Progress so far
1.	On the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti (14 th April) this year, Gram Panchayats across the country may hold meetings to discuss on the Nutritional aspects and their implementation along with Health and Sanitation issues. All the Gram Panchayats will be advised to weigh the children and display the weights in the Anganwadi centres.	<u>Implemented</u> Guidelines were sent to States/ UTs on 3 rd April 2018 to organize meetings and conduct activities which were conducted on the particular day.
2.	The Ministry of Minority Affairs may also be invited for participation in POSHAN <i>Abhiyaan</i> .	<u>Implemented</u> The Ministry of Minority Affairs has been invited in POSHAN <i>Abhiyaan</i> workshop conducted on 20 th March 2018 and are being invited in all forums/ meetings of POSHAN <i>Abhiyaan</i> .
3.	Achieve Convergence at field level through participation of all frontline functionaries (AWW, ASHA, ANM, Day-NRLM, Swachhgrahis) across Schemes, platforms and events, ensuring multi-sectoral synergy towards Nutrition.	<u>Ongoing Process</u> 1. Ensuring multi sectorial participation. 2. Instructions in Video conferencing and in workshops have been given for use of VHSND and Community Based Event Platforms for convergence. 3. Poshan Maah strengthened the aspect of Convergence between various Line Ministries and Departments. 4. Award ceremony covered awardees from all Ministries.

4.	The Jan Andolan needs to be all inclusive and spread across communities, casual work force, transient population, especially like women employed in tea plantation etc.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Implemented</u></p> <p>1. Meeting with multi sectorial partners was held on 14th May 2018 for finalization of Guidelines on Jan Andolan.</p> <p>2. Poshan Maah was an example of mass mobilisation wherein all members of the society participated.</p>
5.	The States/UTs should start immediate procurement of Growth monitoring devices, Phone and tablets through GeM.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under progress</u></p> <p>1. 14 States/UTs have procured devices /Smart Phones.</p> <p>2. Balance States/UTs are under different stages of procurement process.</p>
6.	States/UTs to release of funds to Districts for conduct of CBE at AWCs with participation of AWWs, ASHA, ANM and Day-NRLM.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under progress</u></p> <p>1. 19 States & 6 UTs have released CBE funds to their Districts.</p> <p>2. Balance States/UTs are under process of transferring funds to the Districts .</p>
7.	States/UTs to constitute State Resource Group (SRG) & District Resource Group (DRG) for Implementation of ILA (Incremental Learning Approach).	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under progress</u></p> <p>1. 23 States & 4 UTs have formed SRG, DRG & BRG.</p> <p>2. In 16 States & 4 UTs SRG training has commenced.</p>
8.	States/UTs to implement Convergent Action Plan the committees recommended at State, District and Block level must be constituted to prepare the plan.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under progress</u></p> <p>1. In 20 States & 5 UTs Convergence Committee have been formed.</p> <p>2. MoWCD has issued guidelines on Convergence plan to States/UTs.</p>
9.	States/UTs to initiate hiring of manpower for SPMU and district/block level manpower	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under progress</u></p> <p>1. 11 States & 4 UTs have recruited State & District level manpower.</p>

		2. Some States/ UTs are seeking administrative approvals.
10.	States/UTs should adhere on norms related to food fortification and include them as part of the PDS system.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under progress</u></p> <p>1. Point has been deliberated upon in various forums and meetings including mandatory rice fortification.</p> <p>2. States/UTs have been informed by MoWCD to adhere to the specified norms.</p>
11.	The District Collectors who have not taken meeting on 10 th January must do so immediately and follow the requisite schedule for the next meeting on 10th April.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Implemented</u></p> <p>1. States/UTs were informed.</p> <p>2. Quarterly meetings now being conducted regularly by DCs/DMs.</p>
12.	Best practices across the States/UTs which are successful in reducing Stunting, Anaemia and Malnutrition are to be studied and adopted.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under process</u></p> <p>Compilation of best practices across the States/UTs being collated by NITI Aayog</p>
13.	For special focus on the deprived sections of the Society, District Collectors will hold a detailed survey of the people who are outside the Anganwadi System.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Implemented</u></p> <p>These points have been included while finalizing Convergence Action Plan at State & District Level and disseminated to all.</p>
14.	District Collectors must carry out gap analysis and set realistic achievable targets across all monitoring parameters.	

Action Taken Report of 2nd Executive Committee
held on 30th May 2018

Sl. No	Points	Action taken/ Progress so far
1.	Monthly organisation of VHSND needs to be ensured at grass root level and Guidelines need to be updated incorporating new initiatives.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under Process</u></p> <p>1. The matter is being addressed by MoHFW</p> <p>2. Guidelines for VHSND needs to be revised by MoHFW in consultation with MWCD.</p>
2.	Provision for incentives to AWW for home visits akin to ASHA to be explored.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under Process</u></p> <p>1. Being examined by Ministry.</p>
3.	Provision for mobility of Lady Supervisor and AWW needs to be studied.	<p>2. Provision for mobility of lady supervisors and Anganwadi workers is under consideration and Ministry has started working on resource requirements. A proposal for the same shall be taken to the Cabinet under the ICDS umbrella scheme, namely Anganwadi Services. The additional financial burden would be put across before the 15th Finance Commission for consideration.</p>
4.	The supply chain for availability of vaccines needs to be ensured for all Aspirational Districts	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ongoing Process</u></p> <p>The matter is being addressed by MoHFW</p>
5.	The availability of Anganwadi building in all Aspirational Districts needs to be ensured.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under Process</u></p> <p>1. Gap identification has been carried out.</p> <p>2. Action is being initiated by respective States / UTs with Rural/ Urban Housing Departments.</p>
6.	The draft of Jan Andolan Guidelines to be circulated to concerned Line Ministries and Members for feedback by 15th Jun 2018.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Implemented</u></p> <p>Jan Andolan Guidelines launched by Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog in 2nd National Council Meeting and have been circulated to all States/UTs.</p>

7.	India Nutrition Report may be prepared by NIN under the technical guidance of an Advisory Group, which will include the two expert co-opted members of the National Executive Committee.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of interactions taken place on the subject. 2. Technical Committee has been formed. 3. Shri Toteja, Head(Nutrition), ICMR to finalise the indicators. 4. It was suggested to include representatives from POSHAN <i>Abhiyaan</i> team in any Working/ Advisory group being formed.
8.	Joint Mother Child Protection Card (MHFW/MWCD) needs to be updated - supported by a common core guidebook and counselling tool.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Implemented</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MCP Card has been released by MoH&FW. 2. ICDS-CAS as a job-aid for AWW is being deployed at AWC to ensure enhanced service delivery to the beneficiaries.
9.	Monthly ECCE Day needs to be strengthened and guidelines revisited for building on POSHAN <i>Abhiyaan</i> .	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Implemented</u></p> <p>States have been advised to conduct ECCE day.</p>

Action Taken Report of 3rd Executive Committee
held on 03rd December, 2018

1.	To expedite process of procuring Growth Monitoring Devices and Smart Phones	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Implemented</u></p> <p>1. Feedback on the procurement status from all the States/UTs is being taken on a regular basis.</p> <p>2. Reminders for written feedback sent on 30.11.2018.</p> <p>3. Video Conferencing being carried out with all States /UTs on 30 Nov, 03 Dec, 05TH Dec and 07th Dec 2018 to get an updated status.</p>
2.	Effective implementation of ILA to strengthen capacities of filed functionaries.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Implemented</u></p> <p>Administrative approval taken to conduct 21 modules of ILA up to March 2020. Since only 15 months are left for implementation of the <i>Abhiyaan</i>, it has been decided to increase the frequency of ILA training by conducting training at BRG & Sector level twice in a month.</p>
3.	Conduct of CBE and VHSND regularly and efficiently every month	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Implemented</u></p> <p>During Poshan Maah all States/UTs have conducted CBE successfully. In 3rd NC it was decided that all States/UTs will conduct CBE twice a month.</p>
4.	Executive Committee categorically advised to adhere to Smart Phone specifications provided by BMGF-DIMAGI and approved by MoWCD and procure the same by GeM .	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Implemented</u></p> <p>1. All the States/UTs informed</p> <p>2. Specifications of Smart Phones and GMD notified by NC on 14.11.2018</p>
5.	States/UTs must send Utilisation Certificates and Statement of Expenditure at the earliest.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ongoing Process</u></p> <p>All States /UTs informed to spend judiciously and forward utilisation certificates for further release of funds.</p>
6.	Expediting opening of balance 37,000 AWC on priority.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under Process</u></p> <p>Concerned States/UTs have been informed to operationalise the non-functional AWCs</p>

7.	States/UTs should ensure that number of Anganwadi Buildings approved for construction in convergence with MGNREGS and PRI for years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 are included in GPDP for year 2019-2020 so that construction of all the sanctioned AWC so far could be converged and completed with MGNREGS.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under Process</u></p> <p>All States/UTs informed. Matter being followed-up intensely with States/UTs.</p>
8.	Convergence Action Plan needs to be implemented at all levels. Convergence Action Plan Guidelines to be finalised and circulated.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Implemented</u></p> <p>CAP guidelines have been issued on 2nd November 2018 to all States/UTs.</p>
9.	Jan Andolan Dashboard needs to be updated and Poshan Maah booklet to be designed.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Implemented</u></p> <p>Detailed Report on Poshan Maah released on 10th October, 2018. Jan Andolan Dash Board is being regularly updated.</p>
10.	Relevant Case studies by NIN should be shared with States/UTs.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Pending</u></p> <p>NIN has been requested to share the relevant case studies with concerned States/UTs. Response awaited from NIN.</p>

Action Taken Report of 1st National Council
held on 18th April 2018

Sl. No	Points	Action Taken/Progress so far
1.	MoRD suggested that DAY-NRLM workers like SHGs, Volunteers (5 crore women and 40 lakh workers) meet every week and could be channelized towards behavioural change towards <i>Jan Andolan</i> .	<u>Implemented</u> Ministry of Women & Child Development under POSHAN <i>Abhiyaan</i> has involved NRLM workers for mobilizing the beneficiaries for Community-Based Events and Jan Andolan.
2.	To maximise the outreach of nutritional messages in all region Song & Drama Division should be involved for Nukkad Natak through local artist.	<u>Implemented</u> Proposal received from Song & Drama Division and Nukkad Natak has been performed by local artist in many States/UTs.
3.	Ministry of Health was advised to examine the proposal especially in view of high level of Anaemia. De-worming to be extended to cover the entire population above one year in 'Pulse Polio Mode'.	The matter is being addressed by MoHFW. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare will do pilot in collaboration with WHO.
4.	The standards provide for 'Voluntary' Fortification only, though the concerned Ministries i.e. MoWCD, MoH&FW, and MoCA&FPD had recommended for 'Mandatory' Fortification. However, MoWCD and MoHRD have mandated use of Fortified Oil, Wheat Flour and DFS in ICDS and MDM respectively. Considering high level of Anaemia and Vitamin-D deficiency in the Country, the Council directed that Fortification of Oil (Vitamin-A&D), Salt (Iron+ Iodine) and Milk (Vitamins-A&D) should be taken-up immediately, besides fortification of Wheat flour in ICDS and MDM, wherever feasible.	The matter is being addressed by MoCAF&PD Ministry of Women & Child Development issued directives on 10 th July 2017 to all State/UTs for use of Fortified Oil, DFS & Wheat Flour in Anganwadi Service.

5.	Pilot to be conducted in 10 districts for Conditional Cash Transfer(CCT) through direct benefit transfer to beneficiaries instead of THR. The results to be studied against the conventional system being followed and a decision taken thereon.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under Process</u></p> <p>In 3rd NC meeting it was decided to undertake Pilots on Conditional Cash Transfer be implemented in few Blocks of two Districts of UP & Rajasthan. A Scientific Steering Committee may be formed to closely monitor the outcome of CCT.</p>
6.	Ministry of Women & Child Development should issue Guidelines on the various schemes which could be aligned towards convergence at State and District level.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Implemented</u></p> <p>Schemes have already been identified and the indicators have been in Convergence Action Plan Guidelines.</p>
7.	As part of POSHAN <i>Abhiyaan</i> the delivery mechanism for Package of Intervention for 1000 days be worked out.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under process</u></p> <p>1. Indicators to specifically monitor the progress and service delivery package for the first 1000 days have been worked out by Ministry of Women & Child Development.</p> <p>2. This will be made available on the ICDS-CAS Dashboard by April,2019 as part of the enhanced version of the Dashboard.</p>
8.	A formal evaluation on coverage and quality of HBNC be conducted by Ministry of Health.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The matter is being addressed by MoHFW.</u></p> <p>Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has issued HBNC guidelines.</p>
9.	The construction of Aanganwadi as part of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna-Urban. Water and Toilets may be provided under Swachtha Bharat Mission-Urban. Accordingly, a joint convergence guideline should be worked out on the issue.	<p>1. The proposal is not covered under existing scheme of MoHUA.</p> <p>2. MoWCD has drafted guidelines for taking AWC construction in Urban Areas as prescribed Government Cost Sharing Ratio.</p>
10.	Regular re-validation of data being entered, thorough third party.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under Process</u></p> <p>1. Outcome based Evaluation of POSHAN <i>Abhiyaan</i> has been</p>

		<p>initiated to cover the entire period of implementation.</p> <p>2. Expression of Interest (EOI) advertised.</p>
11.	<p>Explore ways to digitise the training of frontline functionaries.</p>	<p><u>Under Process</u></p> <p>1. Work in progress.</p> <p>2. Audio-Video training.</p> <p>Modules/content already installed in smart phones.</p>

Action Taken Report of 2nd National Council Meeting
held on 24th July 2018

Sl. No	Points	Action taken/ Progress so far
1	States to be requested to ensure Convergence Meeting are held at State Level are Chaired by Chief Secretary.	Minutes have been shared with States/UTs for Implementation. The point has been included as part of the Convergence Action Plan Guidelines, which have been issued on 2 nd November 2018
2	Pilot on Cash Transfer In lieu of Take-Home Ration (THR) may be conducted immediately. The design of this Pilot and its evaluation plan using a randomized control trail may be finalized and carried out in consultation with NITI Aayog.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under Process</u></p> <p>Based on the experience of Ministry of Consumer affairs, Hon'ble Minister of WCD is not in favour of providing cash in lieu of ICDS-food.</p> <p>In 3rd NC meeting it was decided to undertake Pilots on Conditional Cash Transfer be implemented in 2 Blocks of each Districts (2 UP & 2 Rajasthan). A Scientific Steering Committee may be formed to closely monitor the outcome of CCT.</p>
3	Guidelines on Convergence Action Plan to be released in consultation with NITI by August 2018.	<u>Implemented</u>
4	The ICDS-CAS Dashboard to be upgraded to include indicator to monitor Pregnant Women & Children for the first 1000 day.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under Process</u></p> <p>ICDS-CAS Dashboard being modified to include these indicators.</p>
5	Modalities for an Annual National Nutrition Report in conjunction with NIN to be worked out.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under Process</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1st meeting held on 27th August, 2018 2. NIN requested to design and send detailed proposal for 2019 POSHAN <i>Abhiyaan</i> Survey. 3. NIN informed that two full proposals for 100 districts and 718 districts were submitted with all the schedules to NTBN, which was discussed in detail in the SSC-NTBN meeting scheduled on 11th October 2018. The experts suggested that the

		proposal should be reviewed in ICMR by external experts. Dr. G.S.Toteja, Head (nutrition). ICMR, has been asked to hold a meeting at ICMR with external experts and scientists from NIN.
6	The Themes and List of activities to be carried out as part of Jan Andolan to be clearly spelt out in conjunction with NITI Aayog. The budget allocation for carrying out Jan Andolan activities to be clarified.	<u>Implemented</u>
7	A physical verification exercise/survey to identify genuine beneficiaries and weed out duplicate as well ghost beneficiaries to be carried out by all States/UTs in the next three months. NITI Aayog and MoW&CD to monitor the progress. Report on the subject from State/UTs to be tabled before the next meeting.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. States/UTs were directed to identify genuine beneficiaries and weed out duplicate as well ghost beneficiaries. 2. Matter being followed-up with States/UTs. 3. MWCD laying focussed emphasis on Aadhaar seeding of all beneficiaries.
8	NIN to work out modalities of disseminating the nutrition training module down to AWWs, ASHA and ANM in conjunction with MoW&CD.	<p><u>Under Process</u></p> <p>Under POSHAN <i>Abhiyaan</i>, Four e-ILA modules have been completed viz.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maternal nutrition and health; 2. General Nutrition; 3. Infant and Young Child Feeding; 4. Anemia. <p>The scripts for the other e-ILA modules as under is in progress.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WASH 2. Food fortification 3. Diarrhoea / ORS-Zinc 4. Deworming <p>These modules are likely to be developed by December 2018</p>
9	A meeting to discuss and finalize the implementation plan, responsibilities and creative material for the National Nutrition Month to be held around 15 th August 2018. MoW&CD to be overall responsible for the implementation of National	<p><u>Implemented</u></p> <p>POSHAN Maah celebrated during September 2018.</p>

	<p>Nutrition Month and a Cell to be created within the CPMU, POSHAN <i>Abhiyaan</i> to coordinate all activities. September to be marked and celebrated as the Nutrition (Poshan) month every year.</p>	
10	<p>A Common Software Application to be developed and piloted for jointly registering common beneficiaries of Health and ICDS (Women and Children) and recoding their health and nutrition related information by concerned field functionaries (ASHA, ANM and AWW) of both the Departments. The pilot testing of Common Application in selected Districts to be initiated within 4 to 6 months.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under Process</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Process initiated and 1st meeting held on 27th June 2018 and in principle both Ministries agreed for pilot using Common Application Software. 2. 2nd meeting held on 14th September 2018 - Mathura District as Pilot area has been identified. 3. Pilot to conclude by March, 2019
11	<p>Access to the disaggregated data of ICDS-CAS and its Dashboard to be made available to the State/UTs latest by 31st October 2018.</p> <p>A new version of Dashboard with modules for bar coded capture of THR and data analytics to be made available in December 2018.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under Process</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application Programming Interface (API) for data sharing is being developed. 2. Process initiated and 1st meeting held on 14th September 2018 3. New version of ICDS-CAS proposed for release on 01 April 2019.
12	<p>Third party evaluation of ICDS-CAS and its data quality to be carried out in consultation with States.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Under Process</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outcome based Evaluation of POSHAN <i>Abhiyaan</i> has been initiated to cover the entire period of implementation. 2. Expression of Interest (EOI) advertised.
13	<p>FSSAI to look into making fortification of Salt, Milk and Oil mandatory as part of the regulation issued on 16th October 2016.</p>	<p>FSSAI has written to States/UTs in respect of distribution of fortified oil. However, fortified edible oil is used in safety net programmes in Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat only</p>

14	Fortified rice to be rolled out as part of the PDS System. Draft Guideline on the Subject circulated by MoCAF&PD.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Central Sector Scheme on Rice Fortification has been formulated and circulated among States/UTs for wider consultation. 2. Response from States is still awaited.
15	DoSEI, MoHRD to prepare a note on available equipment /methods for safe drinking water which have reasonable cost implication and can be used at home as well as community-based facilities.	DoSEL has informed that under Mid-Day Meal Scheme norms, funds are provided for the components of cooking cost, cost of food grains, kitchen cum stores, kitchen devices and funds for Management Monitoring and Evaluation and no specific fund has been earmarked for provision of water purification systems. However, as safe and pure drinking water is critical for overall health and well-being of students, State & UTs have been advised to provide safe drinking water using funds available in convergence with other Schemes.

Decisions of 3rd National Council Meeting
held on 14th November 2018

Sl. No	Points	Responsibility
1	Detailed timeline/targets regarding procurement of devices, Compliance of Convergence action plan(CAP) and status of dashboard to be shared with VC NITI Aayog.	MWCD
2	States/UTs should utilize the funds proportionately under all the activities of POSHAN <i>Abhiyaan</i> .	All States/UTs
3	All the States/UTs must declare one dedicated day for organizing the VHSND and ensure conducting VHSND on that day.	All States/UTs
4	Need to increase visibility- Print Material/Social Media/Local Media- articles, booklets to raise awareness.	MWCD, States/UTs
5	Details of vacancies under Anganwadi Services in tabular Performa be shared with VC, NITI Aayog.	NITI Aayog/ MWCD
6	State wise best practices which has improved services to raise the level may be collected by NITI Aayog and share with all States/UTs	NITI Aayog
7	Pilot on Conditional Cash Transfer be implemented in 2 blocks of each Districts (2 UP & 2 Rajasthan). Scientific Steering Committee may be formed to closely monitor the outcome of CCT.	MWCD
8	Meeting may be conducted for Outcome based evaluation and Mid Line Survey of POSHAN <i>Abhiyaan</i> .	NIN/MWCD
9	E-ILA: Distribution and Dissemination Status to be discussed with VC, NITI Aayog.	MWCD
10	Newsletter on Nutrition/POSHAN <i>Abhiyaan</i> should be published by December 2018.	MWCD
11	Mechanism to be developed by NITI Aayog for key stakeholders to interaction.	NITI Aayog

12	Meeting of EC to be held on interval of six weeks.	MWCD
13	EC Minutes to be shared with VC, NITI Aayog.	MWCD
14	Roll out status of E-ILA to be reported to EC.	MWCD
15	Brief Talking Points/ Booklet on nutrition to be given to Local Leaders/MLA/MP for sensitization.	MWCD
16	Meeting may be called at Guwahati for all North Eastern States in which all Chief Secretaries & Concerned Secretaries should participate for resolving the issues and update on progress.	MWCD
17	It has been decided to conduct two CBEs per month.	MWCD /States/UTs
18	It was decided to saturate the remaining Districts of 13 States under POSHAN <i>Abhiyaan</i> .	MWCD
19	It was decided to continue with existing specifications of smart phone & GMDs.	States/UTs
20	CEO, FSSAI & Secretary Food & Public Distribution should meet Vice Chairman NITI Aayog separately with timeline of implementation regarding mandatory fortification of Rice, Oil, Milk etc.	FSSAI & Dept. of F&PD
21	Secretary, DoSEL should brief Chairman NITI Aayog regarding availability of equipment /methods for safe drinking water at schools.	DoSEL

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