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Mid Term Review of HPNSDP



Welcome

I am pleased to announce that PMMU has taken the initiative to bring out a Newsletter to cover important events related to the planning, management and monitoring of HPNSDP. I hope the Newsletter will be the means of communication between PMMU and its readers. The Newsletter will be enriched by the feedback of the readers. If the readers find this Newsletter useful then our labour would be successful.

I wish every success of the Newsletter and hope its regular publishing on a quarterly basis.

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Background of PMMU

The Program Management and Monitoring Unit (PMMU) was established by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) to assist the Planning Wing (PW) to manage, monitor and evaluate the progress of implementation of the Health, Population and Nutrition Sector Development Program (HPNSDP). The key activities of the PMMU are as follows:

- Perform Monitoring & Evaluation of the implementation of HPNSDP in terms of its Results Framework and the OP indicators.
- Provide technical support to MOHFW for conducting Annual Program Review (APR) and Mid-term Review (MTR).
- Prepare Annual and Six-monthly progress reports of HPNSDP implementation.
- Assist PW of MOHFW in the preparation of Annual Work Plan and formulation of monitoring and evaluation strategy.
- Provide advisory support to MOHFW particularly to the PW and the OPs of HPNSDP.

The PMMU is supported by a Technical Assistance Support Team (TAST) comprising the CTA, P&C Advisor, M&E Advisor, P&C Specialist and M&E Specialist (currently vacant).

Brief Resume of HPNSDP

The MOHFW is implementing the HPNSDP for the period of 2011-16 with the objectives of strengthening health systems and improving health services. The HPNSDP is the third SWAp in Bangladesh which is being financed by GOB (76%) and Development Partners (24%) jointly .

Activities of the HPNSDP are implemented through 32 Operational Plans (OPs).The goal of HPNSDP is to ensure quality and equitable health care services for all citizens in Bangladesh by improving access to and utilization of health, population and nutrition services.

The first SWAp-HPSP (1998-2003) was introduced in Bangladesh in 1998. With the implementation of successive SWAps, Bangladesh has made remarkable progress in improving health and family planning service-related outcomes through strengthening the systems of service provision.

Mid-term Review of HPNSDP

As part of the Mid-term Review (MTR) of HPNSDP , the review of the 32 OPs was conducted during May-October 2014. Detailed discussion/consultations were conducted jointly by the PW of MOHFW and DPs covering all budgets to arrive at realistic revision of each OP for the remaining period of HPNSDP. The PMMU provided background support to PW for completing review of the OPs as part of the MTR process.



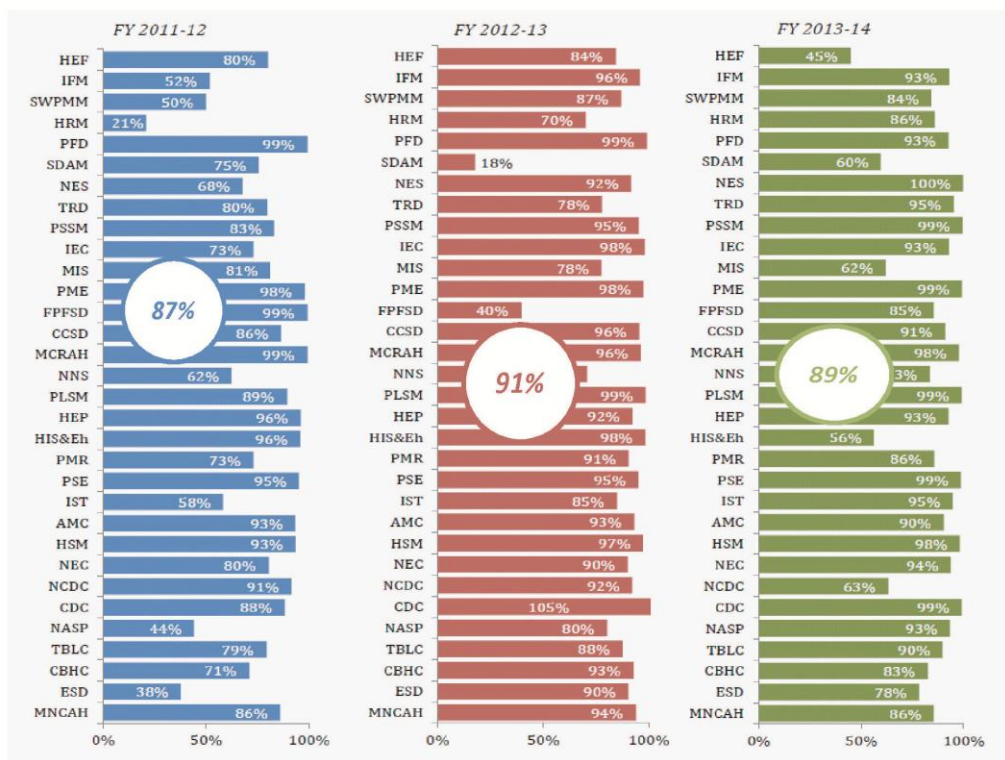
OP review meeting is conducting at PMMU with DPs

MPIR Findings

The PMMU produced a Mid-term Program Implementation Report (MPIR) of HPNSDP to feed into the MTR. This included review of financial performance of the program as well as achievement of OP and RFW indicators alongwith a series of notes on strategic issues.

The MPIR found that the yearly expenditure of the first three years (2011-14) period of HPNSDP was 89% on average. The figure mentioned below provides a clear view of the OP-wise expenditure of HPNSDP during 2011-14.

Figure 1 : OP-wise spending rate against RADP allocation (2011-14)



Mid-term Review (MTR) by IRT

A Mid-Term Review (MTR) of progress of implementation of the HPNSDP during 2011-14 was conducted jointly by the MOHFW and the DPs. An Independent Review Team (IRT) consisting of one international consultant (Dr. David Daniels) and one national consultant (Md. Humayun Kabir) was engaged for the assessment of progress of the Program.

The MTR looked at issues across the whole of the HPNSDP, and drew on MPIR and a number of reports produced to assist the MTR. The whole process was initiated by the PW and guided by the MTR Steering Committee. The IRT submitted the final report on 8th October 2014 following consultations with the stake holders and extended policy dialogue.



IRT is attending the Policy Dialogue conducted by MOHFW

Policy Dialogue on MTR-2014



Mr. Zahid Maleque, MP and Honourable State Minister, MOHFW is attending the Policy Dialogue at CIRDAP

A four day long (29 September - 02 October 2014) Policy Dialogue on MTR of HPNSDP was held at CIRDAP International Conference Center, to present the key findings of the IRT of the MTR of HPNSDP and to discuss and identify priority policy issues and agreed action plan. Mr. Zahid Maleque, MP and Honourable State Minister, MOHFW was the Chief Guest and the Policy Dialogue was chaired by Mr. M. M. Neazuddin, Secretary, MOHFW. The Officials from GOB, Professional Bodies and Development Partners attended the Policy Dialogue and provided valuable comments on the basis of which an agreed Priority Action Plan (PAP) was prepared jointly by MOHFW and DP representatives.



MTR Comments on Progress of Thematic Areas (as in PIP)

Component 1. A: Improving Health Services

- 1A.1. Maternal, neonatal, child, reproductive and adolescent health -Good Progress
- 1A.2. Population and Family planning- Good Progress
- 1A.3. Nutrition and Food Safety -Progress
- 1A.4 . Disease Control Programme- Progress
- 1A.5 Environmental Health and Climate Change -Limited Progress
- 1A.6 Disease Surveillance -Progress
- 1A.7 Alternative Medical Care (AMC) -Poor Progress
- 1A.8 Behavior Change Communication (BCC)- Progress

Component 1.B: Improving Service Provision

- 1B.1 Primary Health Care- Progress
- 1B.2 Hard to reach populations and the disadvantaged -Limited Progress
- 1B.3 Secondary and Tertiary Health Care -Limited Progress
- 1B.4 Urban Health -Poor Progress

Component 2.B: Health Systems

- 2.1 Governance, stewardship and legal framework - Progress
- 2.2 Gender, Equity and Voice -Progress
- 2.3 Parastatal Organizations -No Judgment
- 2.4. Non Governmental Organizations and Public Private Partnership -Progress
- 2.5. Health Sector Planning and Budgeting -Good Progress
- 2.6. Research and Development -Good Progress
- 2.7. Human Resources for health, Training and Nursing Service - Limited Progress
- 2.8. Quality Assurance, Standards and Regulation- Limited Progress
- 2.9. Drug Administration and Regulation -Progress
- 2.10. Procurement and Supply Chain Management -Good Progress
- 2.11. Physical Facilities and Maintenance -Limited Progress
- 2.12 Sector Wide Management and Coordination -Progress
- 2.13 Financial Management -Progress
- 2.14 Technical Assistance - Progress

The report highlighted progress on meeting the targets for health outcomes and some health system development goals. It also flagged areas needing attention/acceleration.

Results of MTR 2014

The PMMU contributed to the preparation of an aide memoire incorporating the results of the MTR 2014.

The Adie-Memoire along with a Prioritized Action Plan (PAP) was finalized through a wrap-up meeting held in November 2014, attended by wide range of participants from GOB, DP and other stakeholders. The wrap-up meeting was chaired by the Secretary, MOHFW.

Revised PIP proposal submitted

Following the MTR program, the PMMU through a rigorous consultative process completed preparation of the Revised Program Implementation Plan (R-PIP) under the guidance of the PW. The R-PIP has been submitted to the Planning Commission for approval. The PMMU was supported by TAST in the preparation of the R-PIP 2014.



Dr. David Daniels is presenting the MTR findings in the dialogue program

New Events

Mr. Md. Helal Uddin Joint Chief, took over the charge of Planning Wing of MOHFW on 7 January, 2015. He succeeded Ms. Niru Shamsun Nahar, who joined the Planning Commission as Division Chief, SEI Division. Mr. Helal Uddin had earlier worked in the PW on two different capacities as Deputy Chief (FW) for 6 years and Senior Assistant Chief for 3 years and he was closely involved with the implementation of HPNSDP as well as the preparation and processing of HPNSDP. Mr. Md. Helal Uddin is a member of the BCS (Economic Cadre) 9th Batch of the GOB.



Dr. Sajib Paul was deputed by DGHS to fill in the post of Program Management Officer, PMMU which was vacant for a long time. He belongs to the 34th batch of BCS (Health). Dr. Paul joined his present assignment at PMMU on 6 November 2014.



Newly Appointed LDs in 14 OPs

PMMU extends warm welcome to the following 14 new Line Directors who joined recently:

Mohammad Wahid Hossain ndc, TRD-NIPORT, Md. Enamul Haque, IFM, Dr. Md. Quamrul Islam, MNCAH, Dr. Md. Abu Eusuf, ESD, Dr. Ahmed Hussain Khan, TB-LC, Dr. Md. Ihteshamul Haque Chowdhury, NASP, Prof. Dr. A. K. M. Shamsuzzaman, CDC, Prof. Dr. A. H. M. Anayet Hossain, NCDC, Prof. Dr. Md. Shamiul Islam, HSM, Dr. Md. Shah Nawaz, IST, Dr. Rashidun Nessa, PMR, Md. Kafil Uddin, PPFSD, Dr. Bazlul Haque, PME and Dr. Abdus Salam, PSSM