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Team Management



Equity & Equality



Work-life Balance

The third Sector Programme- Health, Population and Nutrition Sector Development Programme (HPNSDP) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW), came to an end in December 2016. The next Sector Programme- 4th Health, Population and Nutrition Sector Programme (4th HPNSP) officially commenced from January 2017 to be completed in June 2022. The Program Implementation Plan (PIP) of the 4th HPNSP was approved by the ECNEC on 21 March 2017 following four review meetings of the Project Evaluation Committee (PEC) meetings held in February and March 2017. Besides involvement in variety of the tasks related to the PIP approval process, the Planning Wing and the PMMU were also engaged during the Quarter in other priority activities, some of which are highlighted below:

Workshop on 'Technical Assistance Support under JD Taf'

A workshop on 'Technical Assistance Support under JD Taf' was held on 10 January 2017 under the chairmanship of Mr. Md. Sirazul Islam, Secretary, MOHFW. The workshop was jointly organized by the Planning Wing, MOHFW and DFID under Joint Donor Technical Assistance Fund (JD Taf). CTA, PMMU-TAST moderated the workshop. A presentation on TA mechanism in the HPNSDP was made by Deputy Chief (FW), MOHFW. Other presentations made in the workshop were on 'Strengthening stewardship functions of the regulatory bodies under MOHFW', 'Accredited drug seller model in Bangladesh', 'TA initiatives undertaken by MIS under JD Taf', and 'Telephone resources center in Bangladesh'.

World Bank Preparation Mission (1/2017)

The World Bank's Preparation Mission for funding in the 4th HPNSP visited Bangladesh during 15-19 January 2017. The Mission members discussed selection of the Independent Verification Agent for the Disbursement-Linked Indicators (DLIs), verification implementation process, etc. in a meeting held on 15 January 2017 under the chairmanship of Joint Chief (Planning), MOHFW. On 16 January 2017 in a meeting under the chairmanship of Joint Chief (Planning), the World Bank Mission made a presentation on the proposed Program Action plan (PAP) included in the Project Appraisal Document (PAD), Independent Verification Agent etc. On the same day, another meeting was held with the World Bank Mission under the chairmanship of Joint Chief (Planning), where other DPs and relevant GOB officials were present to review targets of some of the DLIs.

The World Bank Mission members presented the Expenditure Framework of the PAD in a meeting held on 18 January 2017 under the chairmanship of Joint Chief (Planning). On the same day, the Mission members participated in a meeting with the Budget wing of the Ministry of Finance under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Budget-2) where discussion on the proposed Expenditure Framework and fund disbursement mechanism under the proposed 'Program for Results (PforR)' instrument was held.



A discussion meeting with the World Bank Mission

On 19 January, the Planning Wing discussed with the Mission members the next steps to be taken to move forward with the draft PAD and three Assessment Reports (Fiduciary, Technical and Environmental & Social). On 21 January 2017, the draft PAD was reviewed jointly by the Mission and the Planning Wing, supported by PMMU-TAST.

The members of the Mission further discussed the proposed Expenditure Framework, audit report, mode of financing under PforR with the Ministry of Finance in a meeting under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Budget-1) on 25 January 2017.

Consultation Meeting and Policy Dialogue on ESP implementation



Consultation meeting on ESP implementation

On 29 January 2017, a Consultation Meeting on ESP implementation in Bangladesh was held under the chairmanship of Joint Chief (Planning). DPs and relevant GOB officials joined the meeting. Later that day, a Policy Dialogue to discuss the way forward to implement the ESP was held. The Policy Dialogue was chaired by the Additional Secretary, MOHFW and co-chaired by Ms. Melissa Jones, HNP Consortium Chair. The Consultation Meeting and the Policy Dialogue were jointly organized by the Planning Wing, MOHFW and WHO-Bangladesh.



Policy Dialogue on ESP implementation

Visit of Country Coordinator, MEASURE Evaluation

Ms. Gabriela Maria Escudero, Country Coordinator, MEASURE Evaluation visited Bangladesh from 29 January 2017 through to 2 February 2017. A discussion meeting with the Country Coordinator was held on 30 January 2017 with Joint Chief (Planning) and Deputy Chief (FW) in presence of the PMMU-TAST where issues like strengthening of PMMU in the 4th HPNSP; tracking of indicators of the new Program including relevant SDG indicators and the necessity of having additional TAs were discussed.



A discussion meeting with the Country Coordinator, MEASURE Evaluation.

World Bank Mission

Another mission of the World Bank of the 4th HPNSP took place during 5-9 February 2017. A meeting with the Mission took place on 7 February 2017 under the chairmanship of Secretary, MOHFW to discuss the salient features of Investment Project Financing (IPF) with DLIs and PforR funding modalities. On 9 February 2017, another meeting with the Mission was held under the chairmanship of Joint Chief (Planning) to discuss the way forward with IPF and PforR funding modalities.



Meeting with the World Bank Mission

Project Formulation Mission of JICA

A Project Formulation Mission of JICA for Quality Improvement of Health Services in Bangladesh was fielded during 23 February - 2 March 2017. A meeting was held on 28 February 2017 under the chairmanship of Joint Chief (Planning) to discuss the proposed technical cooperation project of JICA on NCDs and MNH covering a 5 year period from 2017. Another meeting was held on 2 March 2017 under the chairmanship of Joint Chief (Planning) to finalize the minutes of the meeting.

LOC Extension Meeting between PW, MOHFW and MaMoni-HSS Project, Save the Children

A meeting was held on March 6, 2017 at the PMMU to discuss probable extension of the Letter of Collaboration (LOC) signed between the Planning Wing of MOHFW and the MaMoni-HSS Project for providing technical and management support to the PMMU and for preparation of the 4th HPN Sector Program.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. A. E. Md. Muhiuddin Osmani, Joint Chief, PW and attended by PW/PMMU TAST and the team of MaMoni-HSS represented by Dr. Joby George, Chief of Party, MaMoni-HSS and Dr. Shumona Shafinaz, Sr. Adviser, Program Management, MaMoni-HSS. After threadbare discussion, it was agreed by both the parties that the LOC would be extended initially up-to June 30, 2018.

Policy Dialogue on APR 2016 of HPNSDP

The Policy Dialogue on APR-2016 of HPNSDP was held on 9 March 2017 under the chairmanship of Secretary, MOHFW. Relevant GOB and DP representatives participated in the Dialogue. The PMMU-TAST participated in the discussion as part of assistance to finalize the APR 2016 report. LOC Extension Meeting



The Policy Dialogue on APR 2016 of HPNSDP

Consultation meeting on the draft Environmental Management Plan, Framework for Tribal People's Plan and Social Management Framework for the 4th HPNSP

A stakeholder consultation meeting was held on 14 March 2017 under the chairmanship of Joint Chief (Planning) where discussion on the draft Environmental Management Plan (EMP), Framework for Tribal People's Plan (FTPP) and Social Management Framework (SMF) for the 4th HPNSP took place. All the three plans were recommended with some modifications. The recast Plans were uploaded in the MOHFW website (on 6 April 2017) for public access.



Stakeholder consultation meeting on the draft EMP, FPPP and SMF



Preparation Mission of the World Bank

World Bank Technical Mission on Adolescent Health

A technical mission of the World Bank on Adolescent Health visited Bangladesh during the third week of March 2017. A meeting of the Mission was held with the Planning Wing, attended by PMMU-TAST and the relevant Directors of DGHS and DGFP on 27 March 2017. The meeting discussed and decided on the relevant adolescent health-related issues to be covered during the 4th HPNSP period under the proposed Global Financing Facility (GFF) of the World Bank.

World Bank Preparation Mission (2/2017)

Another Preparation Mission of the World Bank visited during 27-30 March 2017. The main objectives of the Mission were to finalize the details of the DLIs including prior-results; the arrangement for DLI verification agent; audit arrangement; complementary measures to mediate risks following fiduciary and safeguards assessment; discussion with the Development Partners on potential pool funding arrangement etc.

A meeting with the Mission members and the Pooling Development Partners was held on 29 March 2017 under the chairmanship of Joint Chief (Planning) where the salient features of the IPF, IPF with DLIs and PforR lending instruments were explained.

On 30 March 2017, a wrap-up meeting with the World Bank Preparation Mission and other Development Partners was held under the chairmanship of Secretary, MOHFW. The Aide-Memoire of the Mission was finalized in that meeting. It was confirmed that IPF with DLIs-based funding would be the financing mode of the World Bank in the 4th HPNSP.



Wrap-up meeting with the World Bank Preparation Mission held in the MOHFW