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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 on 31 December, 2016. The 4th Sector Programme, titled '4th Health, Population and Nutrition Sector Programme (4th HPNSP)' officially commenced from 01 January, 2017 to be completed on 30 June, 2022. The Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) of the 4th HPNSP was approved by the ECNEC on 21 March 2017. Following the approved PIP of the 4th HPNSP, the Planning Wing and the PMMU were involved in the review and approval process of the Operational Plans (OPs) as well as in other priority activities.

This quarter was possibly the most eventful one, since the PMMU e-newsletter started publication! Some of these could be having long-term implications. The 4th HPNSP- the biggest SWAp so far- was approved during this period followed by approval, budget allocation and fund release for all the 29 OPs. In addition, the long negotiation process for the World Bank loan for the new Programme based on a set of Disbursement-Linked Indicators, was completed on the last working day before the Eid-ul-Fitr holidays. To cap it all, MOHFW was divided into two Divisions- Health Services Division (HSD) and Medical Education & Family Welfare Division (ME&FWD), immediately before the PIP of the new Programme was approved. HSD would be supervising 19 OPs and ME&FWD would be doing so for 10 OPs, as approved by the Steering Committee, chaired by the Secretary of the respective Divisions. Henceforth the PMMU e-newsletter would be covering the Programme-events/activities under both the Divisions in all its subsequent editions. Some of the events/activities held during April-June 2017 are highlighted below:

Operational Plan (OP) Review Workshop



Operational Plan (OP) Review Workshop held in the conference room of PMMU, MOHFW

After approval of the PIP of the 4th HPNSP, the Planning Wing of the HSD of the MOHFW, with assistance from the Planning Branch of the ME&FWD of the MOHFW, started to review the drafts of the detailed OPs of the 4th HPNSP. The OPs were reviewed in workshops held on 9-11, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 29 April and 1 May 2017 at the PMMU. Most of the OPs were reviewed more than once to make those at par with the approved PIP.

Approval of the OPs of the 4th HPNSP



A Steering Committee meeting on OPs of HSD, presided over by the Secretary, HSD, MOHFW.

Out of the 29 OPs of the 4th HPNSP, 19 OPs fall under the HSD and 10 OPs under the ME&FWD following the 'Allocation of Business' of MOHFW between its two divisions: HSD and ME&FWD. The OPs of HSD were recommended for approval with some observations in the Steering Committee meetings chaired by the Secretary, HSD held on 2, 3 and 4 May 2017. Similarly, the OPs of the ME&FWD were recommended for approval with some observations in the Steering Committee meetings chaired by the Secretary, ME&FWD held on 7 and 8 May 2017. Soon after, the recast OPs were approved by the Hon'ble Minister of the MOHFW for speedy allocation, release and utilization of funds. All OPs are now operational.



A Steering Committee meeting on OPs of ME & FWD, presided over by the Secretary, ME & FWD, MOHFW.

World Bank Appraisal Mission

The World Bank's Appraisal Mission for funding the 4th HPNSP visited Bangladesh during 22 May-4 June 2017. The Mission members discussed revised targets of the Disbursement-Linked Indicators (DLIs), DLI verification implementation process, and the revised Programme Appraisal Document (PAD), etc. in a meeting held on 23 May 2017 under the chairmanship of Joint Chief, HSD.

On 25 May 2017, discussion with the World Bank Mission took place in a meeting under the chairmanship of Joint Chief, HSD to review and update the negotiation activities. Two consecutive discussion meetings took place on 4 June 2017 held under the chairmanship of the Secretaries of HSD and ME&FWD respectively to discuss the draft Aide Memoire and the PAD. The HNP Development Partners and other GOB representatives attended both the meetings. On the same day, the wrap-up meeting with the Mission took place at the Economic Relations Division (ERD) under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary, World Bank Wing where representatives from both the HSD and ME&FWD were present.



Discussion meeting on the draft Aide Memoire

Orientation Workshops for the Officers of the HSD and ME&FWD on the 4th HPNSP

An Orientation Workshop was held on 11 June 2017 under the chairmanship of Secretary, HSD to orient the officers of the HSD on the salient features of the 4th HPNSP and its preparation process. The Joint Chief and Deputy Chief of HSD made a joint power point presentation covering all the aspects of the 4th HPNSP. A similar Orientation Workshop was held on 13 June 2017 under the chairmanship of Secretary, ME&FWD to orient the officers of the ME&FWD on the salient features of the 4th HPNSP and its preparation process. The Deputy Chief, ME&FWD made a power point presentation in that workshop.



Orientation workshop for the officers of HSD of MOHFW, presided over by the Secretary, HSD, MOHFW.



Orientation workshop for the officers of ME&FWD of MOHFW, presided over by the Secretary, ME&FWD, MOHFW.

Visit of Country Coordinator, MEASURE Evaluation

Ms. Gabriela Maria Escudero, Country Coordinator, MEASURE Evaluation visited Bangladesh during 12-15 June 2017. A discussion meeting between the Planning Wing, HSD and the Country Coordinator was held on 14 June 2017 where Deputy Chief (PMMU) was also present. Later that day, the Country Coordinator attended another meeting at the PMMU where the future responsibilities of the PMMU, MEASURE Evaluation's support to the PMMU, etc. were discussed.



A discussion meeting with the Country Coordinator, MEASURE Evaluation held in the PMMU conference room.

Negotiation Mission of the World Bank for Financing 4th HPNSP



A discussion meeting with the World Bank Mission, held in the PMMU, MOHFW

A Mission of the World Bank to negotiate the Financing Agreement for IDA credit, Grant Agreement for GFF grants as well as the PAD took place during 15-22 June 2017. An inter-ministerial meeting to review the draft Financing Agreement, Grant Agreement, Disbursement Letter and Project Appraisal Document prepared by the World Bank in connection with financing the "4th Health, Population and Nutrition Sector Programme" was held in the Economic Relations Division (ERD) on 15 June 2017 under the chairmanship of the Additional Secretary, World Bank Wing, ERD. Relevant GOB officials including the HSD, ME&FWD, Finance Division and the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General were present in the meeting.



A discussion meeting with the World Bank Mission, presided over by the Additional Secretary, World Bank Wing, Economic Relations Division

On 19 June 2017, a technical meeting with the relevant LDs, the Planning Wing of the HSD and the Planning Branch of the ME&FWD including the PMMU was held to discuss the revised targets of some DLIs, the Financing Agreement for IDA credit, Grant Agreement for GFF grants as well as the PAD. Pre-negotiation also took place on 20 June 2017 at the ERD under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary, World Bank Wing to finalize the Financing Agreements, the PAD, and the draft agreed Minutes of the Negotiation.

The final negotiation meeting took place on 22 June 2017 at the World Bank Dhaka Office where an agreed Minutes was signed by the Head of the Bangladesh Delegation, Ms. Mahmuda Begum, Additional Secretary, World Bank Wing, ERD and the Head of the World Bank Delegation, Mr. Patrick Mullen, Senior Health Specialist, South Asia Region, the World Bank. The process of negotiation for 500.00 million USD IDA credit and 15.00 million USD GFF grant thus successfully completed wherein the Planning Wing of the HSD with support from the PMMU-TAST played a pivotal role.



An agreed minutes was signed by the Additional Secretary, ERD and the Senior Health Specialist, South Asia Region, the WB.

Orientation Workshop for the LDs, PMs and DPMs of the OPs of the 4th HPNSP

An Orientation Workshop on '4th HPNSP and roles of the LDs, PMs and DPMs' was held on 21 June 2017 under the chairmanship of Secretary, HSD. All the LDs and some of the PMs and DPMs of the 19 OPs under the HSD participated in the workshop. Joint Chief, HSD made a power point presentation highlighting the salient features of the 4th HPNSP and the roles the LDs, PMs and DPMs are expected to play in achieving the goals of the 4th HPNSP. In his concluding remarks, the Secretary, HSD gave the LDs directions and guidance to carry out their responsibilities.

A similar workshop took place on 18 June 2017 with the LDs/PMs/DPMs of the 10 OPs under the ME&FWD under the chairmanship of Secretary, ME&FWD where Deputy Chief, ME&FWD made the power point presentation on the subject. Secretary, ME&FWD gave directions to the LDs to achieve the respective targets under their OPs as well as on the broad goals of the 4th HPNSP.



Orientation workshop of the LDs, PMs and DPMs of the OPs of the HSD, held in the conference room of MOHFW.

Inputs of the MOHFW to the VNR of SDGs

The Government of Bangladesh will be participating in the Voluntary National Review (VNR) of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) this year at the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) of Sustainable Development at the UN. The General Economics Division (GED) of the Bangladesh Planning Commission prepared a draft VNR in a prescribed format provided by UNDESA, taking inputs from different Ministries/Divisions. Upon request from the GED, the Planning Wing of HSD with support from the Planning Branch of the ME&FWD and PMMU-TAST, revised the health related chapter of the VNR with updated data and information. A meeting on the revised health related chapter was held on 24 May 2017 with representation from the A2i (Access to information) project of the Prime Minister's Office under the chairmanship of the Joint Chief, HSD, MOHFW.

As a part of the MOHFW's continuous effort to achieve the health related targets of the SDGs, a meeting was held on 16 May 2017 under the chairmanship of the Joint Chief, HSD with Mr Mark Landry, Regional Adviser, HST, WHO Regional Office, New Delhi and other WHO Bangladesh officials where discussion on health related SDG monitoring systems took place.

Inputs of the MOHFW to the ICESR

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Bangladesh took the initiative to submit the initial report on Bangladesh's implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESR) - a core human rights instrument. A draft report was prepared by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which was revised by the Planning Wing, HSD with support from the PMMU-TAST with updated data and information relating to HNP issues in the Report.