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Team Management



Equity & Equality



Work-life Balance

This e-newsletter covers the last quarter of FY 2018, i.e., April-June 2018. Some important events/activities of this quarter are highlighted below:

First Six-monthly Progress Report (July-December 2017) of the 4th HPNSP

The first Six-monthly Progress Report (SmPR) of 4th HPNSP covering the period July-December 2017 was finalized, printed and distributed during this quarter. While finalizing, the Report was firstly sent to the Line Directors (LDs) and Development Partners (DPs), and then was discussed at a workshop held on 23 April 2018. The Report was then finalized incorporating comments/suggestions made at the workshop.



Six-monthly Progress Report (July-December 2017) of the 4th HPNSP.

Workshop on Disbursement-Linked Indicators

The Planning Wing, HSD in cooperation with the World Bank organized workshops during 2-3 April 2018 under the chairmanship of the Joint Chief, HSD to orient relevant LDs/PMs/DPMs on Disbursement-Linked Indicators (DLIs). The workshops covered definition of the relevant Disbursement-Linked Results (DLRs) of FY 2017-18, including the relevant annual targets, evidence and reporting requirements, and verification methods. The Co-Task Team Leader, Sr. Economist (Health), Sr. Operations Officer and Nutrition Specialist of HNP Global Practice of the World Bank made separate presentations at the workshop.

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Visit of the Honorable Health Minister of the Democratic Republic of Congo

The honorable Health Minister of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) paid a visit to Bangladesh during the last week of April 2018 to learn about the progress made by Bangladesh in the HNP sector. The honorable Health Minister of the DRC called upon the honorable Health Minister of MOHFW, Bangladesh where Joint Chief (Planning), HSD made a power point presentation on the HNP sector programs of Bangladesh. High officials of the HSD and ME&FWD, and the World Bank participated in the meeting held at the MOHFW. The visit of the honorable Health Minister of the DRC was organized by the World Bank, Bangladesh.

Country Coordinator, MEASURE Evaluation's Visit to PMMU

Ms. Gabriela Maria Escudero, Country Coordinator, MEASURE Evaluation visited PMMU on 7 May 2018 as part of her regular visit. She had in-depth discussion on the progress of activities of the PMMU with the PMMU-TAST members. The meeting also discussed upcoming activities of the TAST including preparation for APIR 2018. The Senior Research Investigator and the Senior Research Officer, icddr,b also attended the meeting.



Discussion meeting with the Country Coordinator, MEASURE Evaluation

Workshop on 'Improving effective coverage of Maternal, New-born and Child health Interventions for Reducing Preventable Child Death' project

A workshop on review of 'Improving effective coverage of Maternal, New-born and Child health Interventions for Reducing Preventable Child Death' project was held on 9 May 2018 under the chairmanship of Joint Chief, HSD. The project is being implemented from December 2015 through to December 2018 by the MOHFW with technical and financial support from UNICEF and KOICA respectively. The workshop also discussed and proposed probable activities for development of a joint GOB-KOICA-UNICEF project on maternal, newborn & child health program through health systems-strengthening to be implemented during 2020-2023.

'Rohingya Response Preparation' Mission of the World Bank

A 'Rohingya Response Preparation' mission of the World Bank took place during 6-15 May 2018. The Bank is providing US\$ 50 million as additional financing to its Health Sector Support Project (HSSP). This is meant for providing HNP services to the forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals (FDMNs) who took shelter in Cox's Bazar district. Notably, the Bank is lending US\$ 500 million to the 4th HPNSP of the MOHFW through their HSSP project.

Negotiation for this additional financing was completed on 14 June 2018 where Additional Secretary (World Bank Wing) of Economic Relations Division led the Bangladesh delegation and Senior Health Specialist of World Bank, Bangladesh led the Bank's delegation. The proposed additional financing was approved by the Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank on 28 June 2018. The MOHFW was represented by the Joint Chief (Planning) of HSD and the Deputy Chief (Planning) of ME&FWD.



Negotiation on additional financing made between Additional Secretary, ERD and Senior Health Specialist of the World Bank

PIC Meeting of Gavi-HSS

The 51st Project implementation Committee (PIC) meeting of Gavi-HSS was held on 13 May 2018 under the chairmanship of Joint Chief, HSD to review the progress of Gavi-HSS2 program and issues related with cash grant for PCV introduction program. The 52nd PIC meeting of Gavi-HSS was held on 16 May 2018 under the chairmanship of Joint Chief, HSD to discuss issues relating to reviewing the draft PSR, DPA and cMYP documents in a workshop at BRAC-CDM, Savar held during 2-4 June 2018.



The 51st PIC meeting of Gavi-HSS, presided over by Joint Chief (Planning), HSD, MOHFW

Participation in the World Health Assembly 2018

A high-level delegation from the MOHFW, led by honorable Health Minister and including Secretary, HSD, participated in the World Health Assembly 2018 held in Geneva during 21-26 May 2018. Joint Chief (Planning)-among other high officials of HSD-participated in the Bangladesh delegation.

Lessons Sharing Workshop on 'Advancing health financing and governance in Bangladesh'

A workshop was held on 27 June 2018 for sharing the lessons learnt and evidence/information generated by the Health Finance and Governance (HFG) project of USAID during five years of its operation. The workshop was organized by the Planning Wing, HSD with support from the HFG project. As a part of the HFG project, a study on costing of the updated Essential Services Package (ESP) was conducted by icddr,b. The Mayors of Jhenaida and Shatkheera Municipalities and distinguished professionals from the GOB, DPs, NGOs/INGOs/academics and the private sector participated in the workshop to share their respective lessons/views on advancing towards UHC.

Signing of Japanese 39th ODA Loan Agreements with Bangladesh

On 14 June 2018, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed loan agreements with the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in Dhaka, to provide Japanese ODA loans of up to a total of 200.371 billion Yen (approx. equivalent to US\$ 1.8 billion) for six projects in different sectors including one for the HNP sector. Out of the total, JICA would provide about 6.559 billion Yen (equivalent to US\$ 59.2 million) to the HNP sector through its 'Health Services Strengthening Project'. This assistance will be channeled through the 4th HPNSP to move towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC).



Signing Ceremony on Japanese ODA Loan held between Secretary, ERD and Country Representative, JICA Bangladesh

Visit of MNCAH Evaluation Mission of the Global Affairs Canada

An MNCAH Evaluation mission of the Global Affairs Canada (GAC) visited Bangladesh during the last week of June 2018. The purpose of the mission was to review alignment of GAC's assistance to the 4th HPNSP in accordance with its priority areas. The mission members met with the Joint Chief, Planning Wing, HSD and his team and had in-depth discussion regarding the purpose of the mission.

Seminar of SHASTO Project of JICA

A seminar of the technical cooperation project entitled 'Strengthening Health Systems through Organizing Communities (SHASTO)', being implemented by JICA, was held on 27 June 2018 under the chairmanship of Joint Chief, HSD. The SHASTO project is being implemented during July 2017-June 2022 with an estimated cost of US\$ 5 million. During the seminar, Ms. Yukie Yoshimura, Chief Advisor of SHASTO project gave an introductory presentation and reviewed progress of the project. Findings of the baseline survey of the SHASTO project, conducted by a team of academics of JPGSPH, BRAC University, were disseminated at the seminar.



A seminar on SHASTO Project, presided over by Joint Chief, HSD, MOHFW

The Honorable State Minister, MOHFW graced the seminar as the Chief Guest where H.E. Ambassador of Japan in Bangladesh was present as a Guest of Honor. Chief Representative of JICA/Bangladesh was also present at the event as a special guest while Joint Chief, HSD chaired the seminar.



The Honorable State Minister, MOHFW delivered his speech in the seminar

PMMU Prepares Template for APIR 2018

PMMU, including the members of TAST, met on 24 June to develop a template for collecting information and statistics from the LDs of all DPs to assess their performance in implementation of 4th HPNSP during FY 2017-18. Subjects to be covered in the APIR 2018-in addition to those from the template-were also discussed.