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WISHING YOU HAPPY & FRUITFUL 2019!

This e-newsletter covers the second quarter of FY 2019, i.e., October-December 2018. Some important events/activities of this quarter are highlighted below:

New Secretary Joins HSD



Mr. Md. Ashadul Islam joined as Secretary, Health Services Division of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) on 08 November 2018. Mr. Islam has a distinguished track record of service in the MOHFW in different capacities. During his last assignment as Director General (DG) of Health Economics Unit (HEU), he was instrumental in the development and approval of the Bangladesh Health Financing Strategy and the on-going piloting of SSK in Tangail. PMMU warmly welcomes the new Secretary and wishes him success!

Annual Program Review 2018



APR Steering Committee meeting, presided over by Joint Chief (Planning), HSD, MOHFW

The MOHFW and the HPN Development Partners (DPs), under the overall supervision and facilitation of APR Steering Committee (APR-SC) headed by the Joint Chief-HSD, jointly initiated the preparatory tasks of conducting Annual Program Review (APR) of the implementation of the 4th HPNSP over July 2017-June 2018. Nine thematic areas [viz., Sector Management & Monitoring and Health Financing; Governance & Stewardship; Pharmaceuticals & Drug Administration; Human Resource Development; Financial Management & Audit; Physical Facilities Development, Procurement & Supply Chain Management; RMNCAH-FP; Disease Control (covers CDC and NCDC including urban health); and Nutrition] have been selected for APR 2018. A team of 14 national and international consultants, one of whom being the Team Leader, has been selected to constitute the Independent Review Team (IRT). The APR 2018 is going to take place during 20 January-20 February 2019.

Implementation Support Mission of the World Bank

During October 2018, the second Implementation Support Mission of the World Bank took place as part of regular support to the implementation of the Bank's Health Sector Support Project (HSSP). The Mission also pursued dialogue on health financing and the Global Financing Facility (GFF). A wrap-up meeting was held on 4 October 2018 where a number of time-bound decisions were taken.

Technical Assistance Committee (TAC) Meetings



TA Committee meeting, presided over by Joint Chief (Planning), HSD, MOHFW

The first and second meetings of the Technical Assistance Committee (TAC) were held on 17 and 25 October 2018, under the chairmanship of Joint Chief, HSD and Chair of the TAC. TORs for three TAs (two for SDAM and one for SWPMM OP) were also reviewed and recommended for approval. This is expected to expedite the implementation process of the 4th HPNSP.

Finalization of APIR 2018

The draft Annual Program Implementation Report (APIR) 2018 was reviewed by the officials of the Planning Wing and Planning Branch in a workshop held on 18 October 2018. The updated report was then disseminated with the LDs and DPs in a workshop held on 01 November 2018. The Final Report incorporating feedback of the workshop was approved and distributed among relevant stakeholders on 18 December 2018.

Workshop for LDs/PMs/DPMs on DLRs

A workshop was held on 01 November 2018 on the disbursement-linked results (DLRs) of FY 2018-19. The workshop was organized by the HSD with technical support from the World Bank. The purpose of the workshop was to support the LDs/relevant OP personnel understand the evidence required to claim achievement of the targets of the DLRs for FY 2018-19.

First Meeting of Urban Health Coordination Committee

The first meeting of the Urban health Coordination Committee (UHCC) was held on 29 November 2018 under the chairmanship of Secretary, HSD. Representatives of the Local Government Division, UN Agencies, DPs and other stakeholders participated in the meeting. Several decisions regarding coordination between the MOHFW and the MOLGRDC in urban primary health care were taken in the meeting.

National Workshop on 4th HPNSP

A national workshop on '4th HPNSP: Implementation Progress, Challenges and Way Forward' was held on 5 December 2018 at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC). The workshop was organized by the HSD with support from the World Bank.

Three presentations- (i) Overview of the 4th HPNSP; (ii) Progress of the OPs under the HSD; and (iii) Progress of the OPs under the ME&FWD;- were made in the workshop. Secretary, HSD graced the workshop as the Chair, where, Secretary, ME&FWD was present as the Co-Chair. Additional Secretary, ERD; DG, DGHS; DG, DGFP; and Chair of the HNP DP Consortium were present in the workshop as special guests. Representatives from the GOB, DPs and other stakeholders participated in the workshop.

A comprehensive booklet and an introductory flyer in Bangla and English on the contents of the 4th HPNSP were published and distributed during the workshop.



Secretary, HSD delivering speech as the Chair in the Workshop



Secretary, ME&FWD, MOHFW, delivering speech as the Co-Chair in the workshop

3rd Local Consultative Group (LCG)-Working Group (WG) on Health Meeting

The third meeting of the LCG-WG on Health was held on 06 December 2018 under the chairmanship of Secretary, HSD. The meeting was co-Chaired by Secretary, ME&FWD and Chair of the HPN DP Consortium. A mission of the Internal Review Committee (IRC) of Gavi debriefed the LCG on their findings and recommendations on the Program Support Rationale submitted by the HSD to Gavi for funding under Gavi HSS-3 program.

Revision of Five OPs

Revision proposal of five OPs (MNCAH, NCDC, CDC, NNS and PMR) of DGHS were discussed in meetings of 4th HPNSP Steering Committee of HSD held on 22 November 2018 under the chairmanship of Secretary, HSD. The OPs were recommended for approval upon reflection of the decisions taken in the Steering Committee meetings. The purpose of OP revision was to accommodate the additional financing by the World Bank and associated activities in the OPs for providing HNP services to the forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals (FDMNs) living in Cox's Bazar district.

Formation of Task Groups (TGs)

Nine Task Groups (TGs), consisting of GOB and DP members, were formed for the 4th HPNSP to review and follow-up implementation progress. The TGs are as follows: (i) Financial Management, (ii) Governance and Stewardship, (iii) Health Financing and Equity, (iv) Human Resources Development and Medical Education, (v) Non-communicable Diseases Control and Lifestyle Change, (vi) Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, Child & Adolescent Health and Family Planning, (vii) Nutrition, (viii) Sector Management, Monitoring and Evaluation; and (ix) Urban Health.