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Team Management



Equity & Equality



Work-life Balance

This e-newsletter of PMMU covers the fourth quarter of FY 2018-19, i.e., April-June 2019. Some important events/activities of this final quarter are highlighted below:

## Six-monthly Progress Report (July-December, 2018)

PMMU initiated preparation of six-monthly progress review in December 2018, as a part of regular monitoring of the current sector program 4th HPNSP. However, filled-in templates from all the LDs were available in late March 2019. The PMMU-TAST drafted a report based on the templates received from the LDs, while information on financial progress was received from the Planning Wing (PW), Health Services Division (HSD) and the Planning Branch (PB), Medical Education and Family Welfare Division (ME&FWD). The PW, HSD organized a dissemination workshop on the draft report on 12 June 2019 where the Line Directors (LDs) and development partners (DPs) provided their feedback, following which the final report was circulated on 27 June 2019.

The dissemination presentation of the SmPR was made by the HIS/M&E Advisor of PMMU, whereas, the P&C Advisor moderated the questions & answers session along with replying to some queries. The Chief Technical Advisor, PMMU offered clarification on some points raised by the participants.



Dissemination of SmPR 2018

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## Preparation for Annual Program Implementation Report (APIR) 2019 (July 2018- June 2019)

The PMMU initiated the process of developing customized templates for collection of information from LDs on progress of implementation of the 4th HPNSP during FY 2018-19. Information on follow-up of the priority action plan (PAP) of Annual Program Review (APR) 2018 will be included in APIR 2019. The PMMU also has taken initiative to organize a workshop with the LDs and other personnel of OPs on the customized templates. Some new dimensions are expected to be added to the report.

## Press Conference of the Hon'ble Minister on Completion of 100 days' Program of MOHFW

Right after taking charge of the Ministry, Mr. Zahid Maleque, M.P., Hon'ble Minister for MOHFW announced a 100 days' program (from 7 January to 27 April 2019) which included 12 activities. On 16 May 2019, the Honorable Minister held a Press Conference upon completion of the Program, where he briefed on the progress of each activity of the program.

## Divisional Workshop Conducted by HSD on SDGs and 4th HPNSP

In continuation of SDG localization initiative of the Prime Minister's Office, the HSD organized another Divisional Workshop in Mymensingh on 4 May 2019 on 'Health-related SDGs and implementation progress of 4th HPNSP'. The workshop was held under the chairmanship of Director (Health), Mymensingh Division where Dr. Md. Murad Hassan, M.P., the then Hon'ble State Minister for MOHFW was present as Chief Guest.

Two power point presentations were made at the workshop- (i) by Mst. Masuda Begum, Senior Assistant Chief, HSD on 'Overview of SDGs and progress of health-related SDG indicators of Bangladesh'; and (ii) by Dr. A. E. Md. Muhiuddin Osmani, Joint Chief, HSD on 'Implementation of 4th HPNSP towards achievement of health-related SDGs'.



Dr. Md. Murad Hassan, M.P., the then Hon'ble State Minister for MOHFW, graced the workshop as Chief Guest

Nearly 200 participants representing all tiers of the health workforce of Mymensingh Division and community representatives participated in the workshop. After the two presentations, the participants were engaged in group exercise on four prioritized health-related indicators of SDG (reduction of stunting, maternal mortality ratio, U-5 mortality rate, and neonatal mortality rate). Recommendations for improving service were presented by each group at the concluding Plenary Session of the workshop, keeping in view the existing constraints and resource limitations.

## Divisional Workshops Conducted by ME&FWD on SDGs

The Medical Education and Family Welfare Division (ME&FWD) of MOHFW organized six divisional workshops in Sylhet, Barishal, Chattogram, Rangpur, Mymensingh and Dhaka Divisions on 21, 25 May and 18, 23, 27 & 28 June respectively. The workshops were organized by the Planning Branch of ME&FWD with support from the PME-OP of DGFP. The Divisional Director (Family Planning) of respective Divisions chaired the workshops. Mr. G. M. Saleh Uddin, Secretary, ME&FWD graced the workshop held in Dhaka on 28 June as Chief Guest. Mr. Abdus Salam Khan, Deputy Chief, Planning Branch, ME&FWD delivered a power point presentation on SDGs in all the events. A large number of participants joined group discussions on the above four indicators.





**Divisional workshop on SDGs conducted by ME&FWD**

## TA Committee Meetings

The 6th and 7th TA Committee meetings took place under the chairmanship of the Joint Chief, HSD and chair of TAC on 20 May and 24 June 2019 respectively. In these meetings, 10 TORs for different TAs to support the LDs to implement their relevant OPs were recommended for approval. The TAs are going to be provided by the 'Better Health for Bangladesh: Interim TAs to 4th HPNSP' project of DFID, being implemented by Management Sciences for Health (MSH).

## DLI Monitoring Committee Meeting

The sixth meeting of the DLI Monitoring Committee was held on 13 May 2019 under the chairmanship of Joint Chief, HSD and chair of the committee. Progress of achievement of the Disbursement-Linked Results (DLRs) of FY 2017-18 as well as the DLRs pending with the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) for verification were reviewed in the meeting.



**6th DLI Monitoring Committee meeting**

## Orientation Workshop for HSD Officials



**Mr. Md. Ashadul Islam, Secretary, HSD, inaugurated the orientation workshop**

A two-day long residential workshop was organized jointly by the Planning Wing and Admin Wing of HSD in collaboration with the SHARE project of icddr,b. The objective of the workshop was to orient the officials of the HSD about functions of its different Wings and also to familiarize them with some major issues of the HNP sector like health-related SDGs, UHC, 4th HPNSP, Gavi, GFATM, the major primary health care activities of HSD, etc. The workshop was held at BRAC CDM, Rajendrapur, Gazipur in two batches: one on 21-22 June 2019 and the other on 28-29 June.

Secretary, HSD inaugurated both the workshops. Presentations by different experts covering major issues of the HNP sector included health policy and health care financing strategy; health service delivery system; primary health care and major public health programs in Bangladesh; SDGs and their relation with Election Manifesto 2018 of the present Government; 4th HPNSP; Jhenaidah-Chougachha model; EPI services in Bangladesh; roles of Gavi and GFATM; etc.



**Officials of HSD attending the 1st batch of orientation workshop**