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Team Management



Equity & Equality



Work-life Balance

This e-newsletter of PMMU covers the second quarter of FY 2019-20, i.e., October-December 2019. Some important events/activities of this quarter are highlighted below:

Dissemination of Annual Program Implementation Report (APIR) 2019

The process of preparing Annual Program Implementation Report (APIR) 2019 of 4th HPNSP for FY 2018-19 started in end-June 2019. Information on physical progress including training and OP-level indicators was collected by PMMU from all the OPs in customized templates. A report was then drafted by the PMMU under guidance of the Joint Chief, HSD and Line Director (LD) of SWPMM-OP. A dissemination workshop was held on 23 October 2019 under the chairmanship of Secretary, HSD where Additional Secretary (Admin) of ME&FWD was present as the Co-chair. LDs/their representatives, other relevant GOB officials and HNP development partners (DPs) participated in the workshop. A power point presentation on the report was delivered by the HIS/M&E Advisor of PMMU. The participants were requested to send their comments on the report within 30 October, 2019. Based on their feedback, the report was finalized and approved by the MOHFW for circulation among all the relevant stakeholders.



APIR Dissemination workshop, presided over by Secretary, HSD, MOHFW

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Preparation for Mid-term Review 2020

The Planning Wing of HSD, in collaboration with the Planning Branch of ME&FWD and the DPs, started preparation for conducting the Mid-term Review (MTR) of 4th HPNSP during February-March 2020. Meetings of the APR-SC were held on 10 October, 26 November and 9 December 2019. The thematic areas, number of consultants, TORs for MTR and the Team Leader were finalized in these meetings. Some other thematic area-based TORs were also drafted by the committee members which were in the process of finalization in December 2019.



APR-Steering Committee meeting, presided over by Joint Chief, HSD, MOHFW



G&S Task Group meeting, presided over by Additional Secretary (Admin), HSD, MOHFW

Review Implementation Progress of PAP 2018

An Independent Review Team of consultants, hired to conduct APR 2018, recommended a Priority Action Plan (PAP). The PAP was finalized jointly by the GOB and DPs identifying the implementers and supervisors. The PAP includes 22 actions, implementation progress of which were reviewed in a meeting held on 24 October 2019 under the chairmanship of Secretary, HSD where the Secretary, ME&FWD was present as the Co-chair.

Task Group Meetings

The second round of Task Group meetings were held during August-October 2019. A number of recommendations were made in these TG meetings, like taking initiatives by the MOHFW to mitigate the audit observations at the earliest; FMAU to coordinate with MOF regarding MOF's concurrence on FMAU recruitment rules; strengthening coordination between the two Divisions of MOHFW and among the OPs-especially PFD, HRD and HSM; submission of bi-annual reports by the DPs on their off-budget activities; complete finalization of the draft Accreditation Act of health facilities; establish an accreditation body; MOHFW should ensure that 10% beds of private hospitals are available to the poor; etc.

Fourth Meeting of LCG WG-Health

The fourth meeting of LCG WG-Health was held on 23 October 2019 under the chairmanship of Secretary, HSD. The Secretary of ME&FWD was present in the meeting as the GOB Co-Chair while the Chair of the HNP DP-Consortium was present as the DP Co-Chair. Members of the WG from both the GOB and DP sides were also present in the meeting which took cognizance of the compliance of the decisions taken in the previous meeting. Then Joint Chief, HSD made a power point presentation covering overall progress of 4th HPNSP between January 2017 to June 2019. He also apprised the LCG about the recommendations made in the TG meetings, the implementation progress of the PAP of APR 2018 as well as progress in preparing for MTR 2020.

First Meeting of Urban Health Working Group

The first meeting of the Urban Health Working Group (UHWG) was held on 16 October 2019 under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Urban Development) of Local Government Division of MOLGRDC. The meeting discussed progress in preparing a Joint Action Plan; reviewed progress of urban health related priority action of the PAP of APR 2018; and urban health information system.

Second Meeting of Urban Health Coordination Committee

The second meeting of the Urban Health Coordination Committee (UHCC) was held on 24 October 2019 under the chairmanship of Secretary, HSD. Joint Chief, HSD provided a brief scenario on the current situation of urban primary health care (UPHC). It was decided that the UHCC would work as the UH Task Group and an updated notification would be issued by HSD.

TA Harmonization Workshop

A TA harmonization workshop was organized jointly by the MOHFW, UNFPA and DFID. A template was circulated among the DPs before the workshop to collect information on the completed, ongoing and planned TAs under the 4th HPNSP that are provided by DPs. The workshop was held on 28 October 2019 under the chairmanship of Joint Chief, HSD where DG, DGHS remained present as the Chief Guest.



TA Harmonization Workshop, presided over by Joint Chief, HSD, MOHFW

Identification Mission of the World Bank

The World Bank fielded an Identification mission between 10 November and 5 December 2019 in order to consult with the GOB, DPs and key stakeholders on preparation of a proposed project on urban health. Two workshops, one in Chattogram on 11 November and the other in Dhaka on 14 November, were held to discuss with the GOB, DPs and other stakeholders about the gaps, scope and broad focus of the upcoming project on urban health. The Hon'ble Mayor, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Health Officer of Chattogram City Corporation (CCC) along with some Councilors of different Wards of Chattogram City Corporation (CCC) as well as representatives from GOB, private health facilities and NGOs participated in the workshop to share their thoughts on how they want to move forward with urban HNP services of CCC. In the workshop held in Dhaka, representatives from the MOHFW including agencies under it, MOGRDC, LGIs, DPs and UN agencies participated and provided comments/suggestions.

Consultation Workshop on Preliminary Findings to update the UHS 2014

A TA team was engaged by MOHFW through MSH with funding from DFID to update the Urban Health Strategy 2014 and Action Plan. A consultation workshop was held on 29 December 2019 under the chairmanship of Joint Chief, HSD where the TA team presented their preliminary findings and recommendations. Relevant GOB officials, DPs and other stakeholders participated and provided comments for further enrichment of the Strategy.



Consultation Workshop, presided over by Joint Chief, HSD, MOHFW