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## Meeting on Strategic Investment Plan (SIP)



A Meeting on SIP presided over by Mr. Mohammed Nasim, MP & Honorable Minister, MOHFW

A discussion meeting for reviewing zero draft of the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) for the 4th HNP Sector Program (2016-21) was held on 12 October 2015 in the conference room of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW). Mr. Mohammed Nasim, MP, Honorable Minister, MOHFW presided over the meeting. Mr. Zahid Maleque, MP, Honorable State Minister and Mr. Syed Monjurul Islam, Honorable Secretary, MOHFW, also attended the meeting.

Md. Helal Uddin, Joint Chief (Planning), briefed about overall progress in the preparation of the 4th HNP Sector Program. He briefly mentioned the goal and purpose of the SIP and its eight strategic objectives and presented policy level issues for discussion. The meeting agreed to continue discussion on policy issues and the honorable Minister after being apprised of the progress, gave guidance for preparation of the SIP.

The honorable Minister directed that food safety and Non Communicable Disease Control (NCDC) should be emphasized in the SIP of the 4th HNP Sector Program. He further advised to include following important issues in the SIP:

- the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- Quality, Efficiency and Accessibility issues;
- Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and steps for gradually moving towards UHC;
- ways of increasing community resources for health financing; and
- preventing Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) by changing lifestyle.

## Dissemination Session on "Cash Transfer Modality for DSF" and "AMC National Strategy and Action Plan"



Dissemination session on DSF and AMC held on November 05, 2015 in the conference room of MOHFW

A dissemination session on "Cash Transfer Modality for Demand Side Financing (DSF)" and "Alternative Medical Care (AMC) National Strategy and Action Plan" was held on 5 November 2015 in the conference room of MOHFW. Syed Monjurul Islam, Secretary, MOHFW graced the session as the Chair. The study on 'Cash Transfer Modality for DSF' was conducted under MNCAH Operational Plan of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

In the meeting, a power point presentation was made by Dr. Abdus Sabur, Consultant, highlighting maternal health demand side voucher scheme in Bangladesh, benefit packages, DSF management set up at union level, existing fund transfer mechanism, etc. The Chair opined for revising the proposed study report and redesigning the existing cash transfer mechanism of taking advance through using existing banking and mobile banking systems.

The 'AMC National Strategy and Action Plan' was presented by the team of consultants of Imperial Health- India and Services and Solutions International Ltd (SSIL) - Bangladesh. They presented the scenario of AMC services considering global and regional perspective. The Chair mentioned that AMC services are important in the context of Bangladesh health sector. The current sector program includes AMC services in a separate operational plan. He highlighted that AMC services need to be institutionalized and be made more effective for ensuring quality health care services to citizens of Bangladesh.

## Workshop on the Draft Annual Program Implementation Report (APIR) 2015 of HPNSDP



Workshop on APIR 2015 of HPNSDP presided over by Syed Monjurul Islam, Secretary, MOHFW

A workshop on draft Annual Program Implementation Report (APIR), 2015 of HPNSDP (2011-15) was held on 18 November 2015 in the conference room of MOHFW. Syed Monjurul Islam, Secretary, presided over the event. Deputy Chief (Family Welfare), MOHFW made a presentation on draft APIR in the workshop. Line Directors, high officials of the Ministry and representatives of the Development Partners (DPs) attended the workshop and provided comments and suggestions.

The PMMU TAST members answered to the queries raised in the workshop. They also mentioned that the draft would incorporate all the valid observations. The Ministry circulated the final APIR 2015 to all concerned after its approval.



A preparatory meeting on APIR 2015 held at PMMU, presided over by Md. Helal Uddin, Joint Chief (P), MOHFW

## Workshop on Draft Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) of 4th HNP Sector Program (2016-21)



A Workshop on SIP of 4th HNP Sector Program presided over by Syed Monjurul Islam, Secretary, MOHFW

The workshop on draft SIP of the 4th HNP Sector Program (2016-21) under MOHFW took place on 29 November 2015 in the Queen's Hall, Spectra Convention Center, Gulshan-1, Dhaka. Syed Monjurul Islam, Secretary, presided over the workshop. Dr. David Daniels, International Consultant of the 4th HNP Sector Program, presented the draft SIP Report version 1.0 at the workshop. Participants from GOB, DPs and Professional Bodies attended the workshop.

Following the workshop, a discussion meeting was held on the 1st of December 2015 in the conference room of MOHFW. Dr. David Daniels, SIP international Consultant made a power point presentation on the draft SIP. Honourable Minister for MOHFW, Mr. Mohammed Nasim, MP and Mr. Zahid Maleque, MP, Honorable State Minister were present in the meeting. A representative from the World Bank, USAID (OPHNE) and DFID were present and participated in the discussions. Following issues were highlighted:

- a) The existing program should be extended up to December 2016. Resources will be available from WB for the extended period as well as for the next program.
- b) The USAID Representative requested the Minister to reach out to the Ambassadors for putting in their country resources for the next HNP Sector Program.
- c) Essential Service Package (ESP) would be updated and costed, based on which the DPs would be requested for funding the HNP sector.
- d) Other Ministries (Planning Commission, Ministry of Finance) would also be moved by MOHFW for raising national resources to finance the next Sector Program.

## Meeting of the Result Framework (RFW) Working Committee



A meeting of RFW Working Committee presided over by Md. Helal Uddin, Joint Chief, MOHFW

A Working Committee was set up for developing results framework (RFW) indicators of the 4th HNP Sector Program, for inclusion in the SIP. The 4th meeting of RFW working committee was held on 30 November, 2015 in the conference room of the PMMU. Md. Helal Uddin, Joint Chief (Planning), presided over the meeting. In the meeting, issues and concerns relating to the proposed RFW indicators of the 4th HNP Sector Program and their linkages with the SIP were presented by the M&E Advisor of PMMU TAST through a power point presentation. LDs and DP representatives present in the meeting took part in the discussion. The Chair appreciated the support and hard work of M & E Advisor in developing the background papers in connection with the formulation of RFW indicators. He requested the M&E Advisor for presenting a set of draft RFW indicators in the next meeting.

## Dissemination Session on "TNA for Personnel from MOHFW and Directorates under MOHFW "

A dissemination meeting on "Training Need Assessment for Personnel from the Directorates and Offices under MOHFW" was held on 15 December 2015, in the conference room of MOHFW to share results of the study on training need assessment for personnel from the Directorates under MOHFW. Syed Monjurul Islam, Secretary, MOHFW graced the session as the Chair. Officials of the Ministry and Directorates attended the meeting and commented on the draft Report. In the meeting, the Executive Director, RTM International, the Consulting Firm for the study, presented key findings of the study. The Chair highlighted the issues to identify the personnel to whom the training would be offered, the quality of training, the subjects of the training, etc. He requested to incorporate the policy level issues on 'training needs' in the Report. The study was supported both technically and financially by the Joint Donor Technical Assistant Fund (JTAF).

## Light Touch Annual Program Review (APR) 2015



Policy Dialogue on Light Touch APR presided over by Secretary, MOHFW

MOHFW arranged the Annual Program Review (APR)-2015 for the Health, Population and Nutrition Sector Development Program (HPNSDP) 2011-16. The light touch APR, was conducted by the Technical Assistant Support Team (TAST) of the Program Management and Monitoring Unit (PMMU) from 06 to 20 December 2015. During 08 to 15 December 2015, thematic area-wise, nine Task Group (TG) meetings were held for preparing the APR, Report. The PMMU TAST prepared working papers for each of the TG meetings. The PMMU TAST led by Chief Technical Advisor (CTA) also prepared the APR Report and placed it in the Policy Dialogue for discussion.

A Policy Dialogue of APR 2015 was held on 20 December 2015 at the CIRDAP International Conference Center, Chameli House, Dhaka for sharing the APR Report with stakeholders and for identifying priority policy issues of HPNSDP implementation. Md. Helal Uddin, Joint Chief, MOHFW, presided over the event. Syed Monjurul Islam, Secretary, graced the occasion as the chief guest.



Participants from GOB, DPs and Others attended the Policy Dialogue on Light Touch APR

In the Policy Dialogue, the key findings of the APR 2015 was presented by Deputy Chief (Health), MOHFW and an open discussion session was moderated by the Chief Technical Adviser (CTA) of PMMU. All concerned including the DP representatives participated in the discussion and put forward their comments. The draft APR Report was finalized based on discussions in the Policy Dialogue and subsequent written comments received from DP's end.

## Essential Service Package (ESP) of the 4th HNP Sector Program (2016-21)

A committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Deputy Chief (Health), MOHFW for finalization of the draft Essential Service Package (ESP) of the 4th HNP Sector Program to be included in the SIP. The committee reviewed the proposed ESP and prepared the draft package for primary health services. The committee met several times to update the ESP services tier-wise and submitted its report.

Further meetings were held on 28 and 29 December 2015 in the conference room of PMMU for finalizing the draft ESP. Md. Helal uddin, Joint Chief (Planning), MOHFW presided over the meetings. The ESP will be incorporated in the SIP of the 4th HNP Sector Program (2016-21) once it is approved by the appropriate authority.



A meeting on Essential Service Package (ESP) of the 4th HNP Sector Program held in the conference room of PMMU, MOHFW, Azimpur, Dhaka