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Team Management



Equity & Equality



Work-life Balance

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) initiated an enormous task of 4th HNP Sector Program preparation in January, 2015. In addition to regular monitoring of the progress of 3rd sector program HPNSDP and other usual tasks of the Planning Wing (PW), a number of activities are continuously taking place under the PW for preparation of the 4th HNP Sector Program. Some of the activities during April-June 2016 are highlighted in this issue.

Dissemination of SmPR (July-December 2015) of HPNSDP



Workshop on draft SmPR of HPNSDP, presided over by Syed Monjurul Islam, Secretary, MOHFW

The Six-monthly Progress Report (SmPR) (July-December, 2015) was finalized and disseminated by the PW, MOHFW in May 2016. The SmPR was prepared by PMMU through an extensive process of data collection from all the OPs, analyzing collected data and consultation with relevant stakeholders in a workshop held on 19 April, 2016. The SmPR highlighted physical and financial progress made during July -December 2015 as well as the issues needed to be considered for better implementation of OP activities and ADP fund utilization.

Visit of MEASURE Evaluation Team

Dr. Jim Thomas, Director; Gabriela Maria Escudero, Country Coordinator; and Sean Curtis, Evaluation Advisor of MEASURE Evaluation visited Bangladesh during late April-early May. A discussion meeting with MEASURE Evaluation team was held on 24 April 2016 in the conference room of PMMU. Dr. A. E. Md. Muhiuddin Osmani, Joint Chief, MOHFW, presided over the meeting. The areas of technical support of the 4th HNP Sector Program and over all progress of the HNP sector in Bangladesh were discussed in the meeting.



Discussion meeting with MEASURE Evaluation Team

1st Meeting of Program Preparation Team for 4th HNP Sector Program



1st meeting of Program Preparation Team (PPT), presided over by Dr. A. E. Md. Muhiuddin Osmani, Joint Chief, MOHFW

A Program Preparation Team (PPT) was formed for preparing Program Implementation Plan (PIP) and the Operational Plans (OPs) of 4th HNP Sector Program comprising of MOHFW officials and representatives from agencies under MOHFW.

The 1st meeting of PPT was held on 25 April 2016 in the conference room of PMMU, Azimpur, Dhaka. Dr. A. E. Md. Muhiuddin Osmani, Joint Chief (PW) and Coordinator of PPT, presided over the meeting. The PPT members were briefed on the progress made so far in preparation of the PIP and their responsibilities in the PIP preparation process.

Divisional Stakeholder Consultation Workshop



Stakeholder Consultation Workshop in connection with preparation of 4th HNP Sector Program held in Khulna

A Divisional Stakeholder Consultation Workshop in connection with preparation of the 4th HNP Sector Program was held on 15 May 2016 in Khulna having Divisional Commissioner, Khulna as Chief Guest and Joint Chief (PW) as the Chair. GOB Officials of all tiers of HNP services of Khulna Division along with adolescent, local government and civil society representatives actively participated in the Workshop. A number of recommendations came up which would be considered during OP/PIP preparation.

Meeting of Planning Working Committee for 4th HNP Sector Program

The 6th Meeting of the Planning Working Committee (PWC) was held on 18 May 2016 in the Conference Room of the PW, MOHFW. Dr. A. E. Md. Muhiuddin Osmani, Joint Chief presided over the meeting. Dr. Edwin Salvador, Vice Chair of DP Health Consortium (WHO) and other GoB-DP participants were present in the meeting. The roadmap of the 4th Sector Program was further updated in the meeting. Status of consultant recruitment for the PIP as well as for some of the OPs was also reviewed.

Negotiation with the World Bank for Additional Financing



Wrap-up meeting with the World Bank on Additional Financing

Duration of the current sector program HPNSDP has been extended till December 2016. The World Bank agreed to fund 150 million USD as additional financing to HPNSDP through a different aid modality. Negotiation following a wrap-up meeting with the World Bank for additional financing was held on 26 May 2016 at the World Bank Office.

The RFW of the 4th Sector Program



Meeting on RFW , presided over by Joint Chief (PW)

A meeting on the draft RFW was held on 9 June 2016 in the conference room of MOHFW under the chairmanship of Joint Chief (PW). Officials of different GOB agencies, MOHFW and DP representatives were present in the meeting. DP's feedback on the draft RFW was discussed and final draft of the RFW was prepared.

2nd Meeting of Program Preparation Team (PPT)



The 2nd meeting of PPT was held on 12 June, 2016 in the conference room of PMMU. Dr. A. E. Md. Muhiuddin Osmani, Joint Chief (PW) and Coordinator of PPT presided over the meeting. Issues relating to preparation of the PIP and OPs in the light of past experience of the PPT members were discussed in the meeting.

Meeting on the draft ESP for 4th HNP Sector Program



Presentation on draft ESP, presented by Dr. Xavier Modol, Consultant, WHO

The 5th meeting of the ESP Committee was held on 20 June 2016 in the Conference Room of PMMU. Joint Chief, MOHFW and Chairperson of the Committee presided over the meeting. A power point presentation on 'Bangladesh ESP operational and Financial Feasibility Analysis; Current Status and Next steps' was made by Dr. Xavier Modol, Consultant, WHO.

Following decisions of this meeting, the 6th meeting of ESP committee was held on 26 June, 2016 in the conference room of PW, MOHFW. Joint Chief (PW) presided over the meeting. Concerned Line Directors of HPNSDP were present in the meeting and provided comments and suggestions on the draft ESP. It is expected that ESP will be finalized in a wider consultation workshop.

Technical Assistance Committee (TAC) Meeting

The 24th TAC meeting was held on 22 June 2016 at the PW, MOHFW under the chairmanship of Joint Chief, (PW). Following decision of the meeting, the JDATF consultant team including the Team Coordinator recruited for preparation of the part of PIP and the OPs commenced their work from July 2016.

Meeting of Planning Working Committee (PWC) of 4th HNP Sector Program

The 7th PWC was held on 27 June 2016 in the conference room of PMMU. Dr. A. E. Md. Muhiuddin Osmani, Joint Chief (PW) and chairperson of PWC presided over the meeting. Roadmap for PIP preparation was reviewed in the meeting. The JD-TAF Consultant Team Coordinator also presented the draft work plan of the Team.

The meeting suggested holding two divisional workshops in connection with 4th Sector Program preparation in Sylhet and Chittagong in July and early August. It was recommended that important issues related to health sector should be placed for wider discussion with relevant Ministries/Divisions and agencies for preparation of PIP of the 4th HNP Sector Program.

Meeting on the Routine Health Information System



A discussion meeting on RHIS held on 28 June 2016 at PMMU

A discussion meeting on the RHIS was held on 28 June 2016 in the conference room of PMMU. Joint Chief (PW) presided over the meeting. A presentation on RHIS was made by Senior Strategic & Technical Advisor (SSTA) of MEASURE Evaluation before the PW officials and PMMU TAST. Following SSTA's suggestion to roll out RHIS to more districts through the 4th sector program, additional consultations on RHIS are likely to take place with relevant stakeholders for firming up the specifics of the roll-out program.

Letter of Collaboration signed with Save the Children



Letter of Collaboration signing between MOHFW & SCI

The existing agreement between ICDDR,B and the PW for PMMU support service ended in June 2016. For continuation of the service from July 2017 to March 2017 and to provide technical assistance in PIP preparation, a Letter of Collaboration (LOC) was signed between Joint Chief (PW) and Country Director (Save the Children) on behalf of MaMoni HSS on 30 June 2016.