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Team Management



Equity & Equality



Work-life Balance

During October - December 2016, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) was deeply involved in developing the Program Implementation Plan (PIP) of the 4th Sector Program- 4th HPNSP (FYs 2017-2022). In addition to regular monitoring of the progress of the HPNSDP and other usual tasks of the Program Management and Monitoring Unit (PMMU), a number of activities took place under the Planning Wing's lead for finalizing the PIP of the 4th HPNSP. Some of the important activities of October - December 2016 are highlighted below:

Letter of Cooperation Signing Ceremony

A Letter of Cooperation was signed between the Joint Chief (Planning), MOHFW and the Chief of Party, NHSDP funded by the USAID-DFID in a ceremony held at the Conference Room of the Planning Wing, MOHFW on 02 October 2016. Under the Letter of Cooperation, the NHSDP provided logistics support to the PMMU and the Planning Wing to facilitate PIP preparation tasks.

Cost Estimation Workshops on OPs of the 4th HPNSP

The Planning Wing, MOHFW continued detailed discussion on estimated cost of the draft OPs of the 4th HPNSP. Two additional rounds of workshops on the 32 OPs of the MOHFW, DGHS, DGFP and other Agencies took place during October - early December. Through these workshops OP cost estimates were finalized, which contributed to the preparation of the PIP cost estimates.



Cost estimation workshop, presided over by Dr. A. E. Md. Muhiuddin Osmani, Joint Chief (Planning), MOHFW

Functional Integration Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Functional Integration Committee was held on 16 October 2016 in the Conference Room of the Planning Wing under the chairmanship of the Additional Secretary, MOHFW. A draft write-up on 'Harmonization of the Field Level Activities of DGHS and DGFP' prepared by PMMU-TAST was endorsed by the Committee with some suggestions. The write-up was included in the PIP of the 4th HPNSP following the decision of the meeting.

It may be worth mentioning that the MOHFW has developed a functional coordination mechanism to be implemented during the 4th HPNSP for provision of HNP services without affecting the organizational structure of DGHS, DGFP, DNS and other stakeholders. The functionally coordinated service delivery mechanism has been emphasized with a view to addressing the challenges of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) with limited resources, and in order to implement the updated essential service package (ESP) cost-effectively.

Preparation and sharing of the Draft PIP of the 4th HPNSP



Workshop on the draft PIP for 4th HPNSP , presided over by Dr. A. E. Md. Muhiuddin Osmani, Joint Chief, MOHFW

Narrative part (comprising background of HNP SWAp, the new Program, area-wise Program descriptions, etc.) of the draft PIP of the 4th HPNSP, developed by the PMMU-TAST, was sent to the LDs, DPs, and others concerned on 06 October 2016 for their comments. On 12 November 2016 the full draft PIP consisting of the narrative part, OP summary and expenditure plan was sent to the DPs and others concerned for their comments. The full draft PIP was presented before the LDs, DPs and other stakeholders in a workshop held on 23 November 2016 under the chairmanship of Joint Chief (Planning), MOHFW at the FARS Hotel and Resorts. The draft PIP was updated incorporating the observations/comments of the DPs as well as of the LDs.

Visit of Country Coordinator, MEASURE Evaluation

The World Bank's 1st Identification Mission took place during 01-10 August 2016. Presentations on Program for Results (PforR) and Global Financing Facility (GFF) were made by the Mission. On 02 August 2016 two consecutive meetings of the Mission took place- One with the DPs of the HNP sector and the other with the Planning Working Committee (PWC). Further discussion on PforR and Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) was made in the meetings. The wrap-up meeting chaired by Secretary, MOHFW took place on 10 August 2016. PMMU-TAST assisted PW in formulating GOB's comments on the aide-memoire of the World Bank.

Meeting on the draft Program Concept Note (PCN) of the World Bank

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Preparatory Mission of the World Bank

The World Bank's Preparatory Mission took place during 06-10 November 2016. For the Bank's funding in the 4th HPNSP, the Mission further developed the probable areas of Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) through consultation with the DPs, LDs and other stakeholders. The Mission met with the Task Groups of HPNSDP on different dates starting from 6 November to 9 November 2016, in which representatives of the Government and the DPs took part. PMMU-TAST members also actively participated in the TG meetings.



Annual Program Implementation Report (APIR) 2016 of HPNSDP

The first draft of the Annual Program Implementation Report (APIR) of HPNSDP was circulated among the LDs and DPs on 23 November 2016. Their comments were addressed in the updated draft which was disseminated in a workshop held at the Conference Room of MOHFW on 14 December 2016 under the chairmanship of Mr. Md. Serazul Islam, Secretary, MOHFW. Following the workshop, the APIR 2016 was finalized and handed over to the Planning Wing (in December 2016) for circulation to all concerned including the APR consultants.

Annual Program Review (APR) 2016 of HPNSDP



Meeting on APR 2016 of HPNSDP, presided over by Joint Chief, MOHFW

A Light-Touch (LT) Annual Program Review (APR) of HPNSDP was held during 01-14 December 2016 by an Independent Review Team of local consultants. The Independent Review Team made full use of the APIR 2016 in formulating their views on the physical and financial progress of the HPNSDP and in drafting the LT-APR report. Meetings of all the Task Groups were held during the LT-APR. A report of the LT-APR prepared by the APR consultants was submitted to the World Bank along with the Planning Wing by the IRT in the last week of December 2016.

Finalization of the Number of OPs

A meeting for the finalization of the number of OPs of the 4th HPNSP was held on 02 December 2016 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble State Minister, MOHFW where the Wing Chiefs of MOHFW, Agency Heads and some other relevant GOB officials were present. The number of OPs recommended by the meeting was later finalized by the Hon'ble Minister, MOHFW with some modifications. MOHFW finally came up with a list 29 OPs (14 for DGHS; 7 for DGFP; one each for DGNM, NIPORT and DGDA; and 5 under MOHFW proper) without dropping on-going activities for implementation under the 4th HPNSP.

Gap Analysis of Essential Service Package (ESP) and Prioritization of Interventions for ESP Implementation

A gap analysis workshop on the updated and approved Essential Service Package (ESP) was held on 14 November 2016 at CIRDAP, supported by the WHO, to identify the readiness of the facilities for providing the updated ESP. The workshop was supported by the WHO and chaired by the Joint Chief (Planning), MOHFW.



A gap analysis workshop on the updated and approved ESP, presided over by the Joint Chief (Planning), MOHFW

Later on 16 November 2016 a Prioritization Workshop, supported by the WHO, was held under the chairmanship of the Joint Chief (Planning) at the FARS Hotel and Resorts. The workshop identified key activities to be incorporated into the OPs of the 4th HPNSP to implement the ESP. The DPs and other GOB officials attended both the workshops.



A prioritization workshop held at the FARS Hotel & Resorts, presided over by the Joint Chief, MOHFW

Briefing the Hon'ble State Minister on Activities of the Planning Wing

At the desire of the Hon'ble State Minister, MOHFW the Planning Wing organized a meeting, on 24 November 2016 and briefed the Hon'ble State Minister on the activities of the Planning Wing. The meeting also discussed monitoring, evaluation & reporting mechanism of HPNSDP. The Planning Wing officials including PMMU-TAST attended the meeting. The PMMU-TAST assisted the Planning Wing by preparing a power point presentation in the meeting. The Hon'ble State Minister was apprised of the diversified activities of the Planning Wing along with the various monitoring tools and reporting requirements required by the HPNSDP.

14th Local Consultative Group (LCG) Working Group (WG) on Health



The 14th LCG working group meeting, presided over by Secretary, MOHFW

The 14th meeting of the LCG Working Group on Health was held on 04 December 2016 under the chairmanship of Secretary, MOHFW. DP Consortium Chair graced the meeting as Co-chair. The LCG was briefed on GOB's contribution to the 4th HPNSP, DPs' commitment for funding in the 4th HPNSP and inclusion of the probable DLIs in the PIP; etc. It was decided in the meeting that the list of DLIs would not be included in the PIP of the 4th HPNSP; however, there will be mention in the PIP about the PforR modality. The meeting also decided that the DPs' probable funding as mentioned in the meeting would be included in the PIP. Finally, the meeting agreed to finalize the Results Framework (RFW) in a meeting of the RFW Working Committee and send the PIP of the 4th HPNSP to the Planning Commission as early as possible.

Finalization of the RFW of the 4th HPNSP

The final draft of the Results Frame Work (RFW) was thoroughly discussed in the 7th RFW Working Committee meeting held on 12 December 2016 at the Conference Room of the World Bank under the chairmanship of Joint Chief (Planning), MOHFW. The Committee finalized the RFW of the 4th HPNSP for further approval of the MOHFW.

Discussion on the probable DLIs of the 4th HPNSP

A technical meeting to discuss the proposed DLIs was held on 12 December 2016 at the Conference Room of the World Bank under the chairmanship of Joint Chief (Planning), MOHFW. The meeting recommended 22 DLIs out of the 23 proposed by the World Bank.

A meeting on the recommended DLIs was held on 15 December 2016 at the Conference Room of the MOHFW under the chairmanship of Secretary, MOHFW. The meeting decided on having 21 DLIs out of the 22 proposed by the World Bank. It is expected that the set of DLIs for the 4th HPNSP would be finalized during the time of World Bank's Appraisal Mission in Bangladesh.



A meeting on the recommended DLIs, presided over by Joint Chief, MOHFW

MOHFW's Program Scrutiny Committee Meeting on the PIP of the 4th HPNSP

The Planning Wing prepared the PIP of the 4th HPNSP which was presented before the Project/Program Scrutiny Committee of the MOHFW in a meeting held on 15 December 2016. The Committee recommended to send the PIP to the Planning Commission upon its approval by the Hon'ble Minister of MOHFW. Accordingly, the PIP was sent to the Planning Commission on 28 December 2016 with a request for holding the Project Evaluation Committee (PEC) meeting of the Socio-economic Infrastructure Division of the Planning Commission on the subject.