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It is my immense pleasure to announce the publication of the 19th issue of National Nutrition Services (NNS) Newsletter. This newsletter provides the national context of current programs, services, intervention, and information regarding nationwide scenarios of nutrition which may guide the policy makers and stakeholders to effectively plan further nutrition services in Bangladesh.

NNS plays a vital role in order to deliver nutritional services to the doorsteps of mass people under 4th sector program HPNSP (2017-2022) across the country through the mainstreaming with Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) and Directorate General of Family Planning (DGHP) activities. This newsletter presents the activities and improvement of NNS supported services at facility levels, community-based nutrition activities and overall information on various nutrition events of all over the country. In this newsletter we focused on the National Vitamin A plus Campaign, January, 2020 which is one of the most successful programs implemented by NNS along with other relevant stakeholders having the coverage of 98.5%. Real Time Monitoring and Reporting (RTMR) during the campaign day by using apps were successfully done countrywide. Activities on Maternal and child Nutrition, Geriatric nutrition, Progress of 'Disbursement Linked Indicator' (DLIs), Reports of functional SAM unit and Urban nutrition also covered in this 19th issue of this Newsletter.

It is also to note that NNS taken immediate initiative in COVID-19 pandemic at earliest; developed guideline, provided training to the managers and services providers, and contributed to the control room at DGHS. NNS is monitoring intensively with the COVID-19 pandemic situation in national level as well as the global.

I express my heartfelt thanks to the entire team of NNS for their support and contribution to publish this newsletter. I am thankful to the members of Nutrition Information and Planning Unit (NIPU) and UNICEF for their continuous support to publish this Newsletter.

It should be noted that, this edition covers events, programs and services that took place between January, 2020 to March, 2020. Hoping for the next issue in time with resourceful contents.

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National Vitamin A Plus Campaign on 11 January, 2020



Zahid Maleque, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare along with other dignitaries, in the Opening Ceremony of National Vitamin A Plus Campaign (NVAC+) on 11 January, 2020.

The National Vitamin A Plus Campaign was launched on 11 January, 2020. Approximately 25 lakh children, aged between 6 to 11 months, were given blue vitamin A capsules while around 2 crore children, aged between 12 and 59 months, were given red vitamin A capsules. The campaign in Gazipur City Corporation was observed on January 25, 2020 instead on January 11, 2020 due to Bishwa Ijtema. Honorable Health Minister Mr. Zahid Maleque, MP inaugurated the five-day campaign by administering vitamin A capsules to children at the Dhaka Shishu Hospital. The government provided vitamin A capsules to the children for free. Approximately 120,000 permanent and 20,000 mobile health centers (at bus stands, railway stations, launch and ferry terminals, airports, bridge toll centers and kheya ghats etc.) across the country were open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm during the campaign days to make sure that all the children of the specific age group are administered vitamin A. The honorable Health Minister said, "We want to prevent childhood blindness by administering vitamin A capsules. Blindness has been reduced significantly in the country through the vitamin A plus campaign.

Giving children vitamin A capsule not only keeps them safe from night-blindness, but also enhances their immune system, keep their eyesight perfect, brings down child mortality rate and ensure their natural growth." The minister also mentioned that Nutrition International has played an instrumental role in supporting the National Vitamin A Campaign in Bangladesh since more than a decade. In this 2nd round of 2019 (held in 11 January, 2020), Nutrition International extended their support to the National Nutrition Services, Institute of Public Health Nutrition under the Health Services Division of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to implement the nationwide bi-annual Vitamin A Supplementation program, by donating blue capsules (these capsules are surplus of previously donated of 19 million blue capsules). Nutrition International also provided the essential support for Child (C-t-C) searching strategy in the remote areas of 240 unions under 42 upazilas in 12 districts where about 28,555 unreachable children aged 6-59 months received the capsules within the next four days of the campaign.

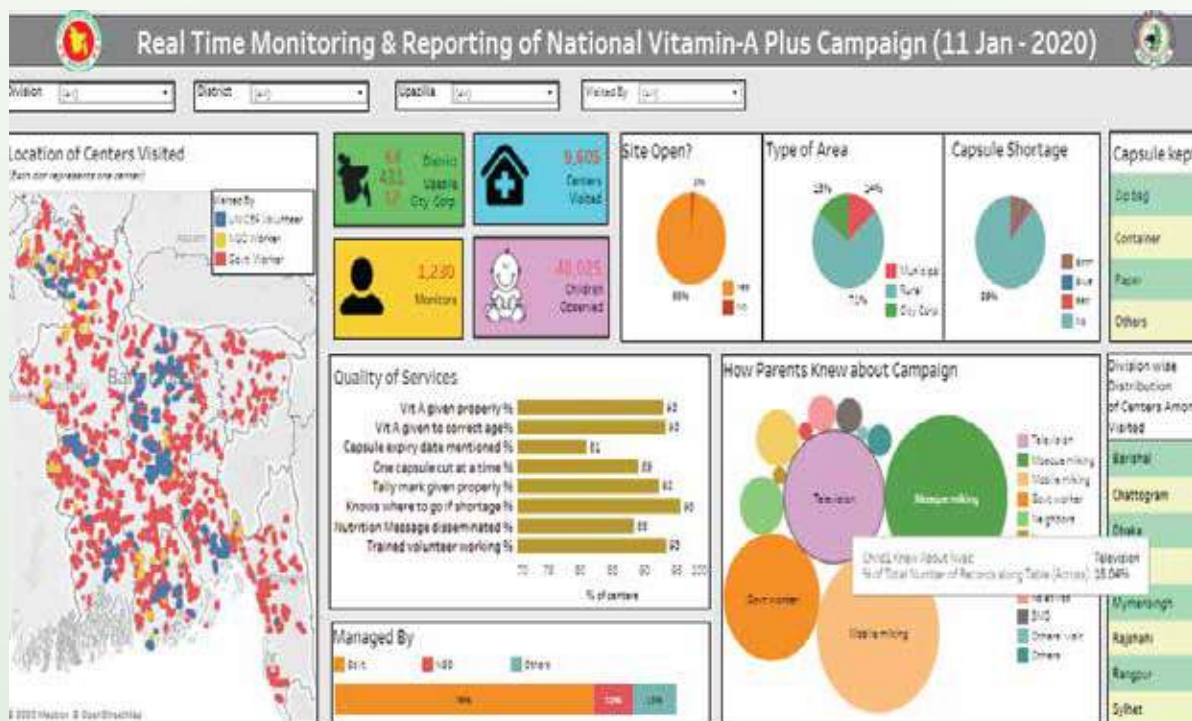
Real Time Monitoring & Reporting of National Vitamin-A Plus Campaign (11 January 2020)



Zahid Maleque, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare using Realtime Monitoring

The National Vitamin-A plus campaign (NVAC+) was held successfully on 11th of January, 2020.

Targeted children were 22 million (22 million) children aged from 6 months to 59 months across the country through 140,000 centers. The campaign was monitored and reported real-time by using SMART mobiles. The data collected has been automatically uploaded to database, analyzed and the findings were reported through online dashboard.



Key Findings of monitors

- Eight Divisions, 64 districts, 431 upazila and 12 City corporations were covered.
- 1230 monitoring officials were visited.
- 48025 children receiving Vitamin-A Capsules were observed in 9650 centers
- 98% of the distribution centers found open where 7.6% were managed by government staffs & rest by others
- In 11% of the centers there was vitamin A capsule shortage; because of this monitoring timely resupply was made
- Four key sources of the information were mosque miking, television, mobile miking and government workers' visits.

Live BTV Discussion Program on NUTRITION



BTV Live Discussion on Nutrition: The discussion involved TV viewers through question.

National Nutrition Services (NNS), IPHN of DGHS has signed a Mo U with Bangladesh Television (BTV) to produce and telecast programs as like phone-in (live program) such as short drama serial, Documentary, Song, Jingel, Jari song, Spot drama, Nutrition filler etc. Under this MoU NNS has started LIVE TV Discussion Program since 28 November 2019 named *Pustie Sommriddhi* (Nutrition means Prosperity). From November 2019 to March 2020, nineteen episodes have been aired weekly. The programs were presented by Nutrition expert and involving the viewers through phone-in, they can directly ask question on nutrition. Under the guidance of LD – NNS; NIPU and USAID Ujjiban SBCC project are committed to be actively involved in planning, designing, drafting and TA to telecast all these programs in more effective and successive way. So long BTV live discussion were done on – nutrition situation in Bangladesh, Maternal, Child, Adolescent's Nutrition and Vitamin A

Prepared script of developing TV spot under NNS OP: in the annual work plan of NNS 2019-20, as a SBCC activity it has been proposed that NNS will develop some TV spot on MNCAH high lighting Nutrition. Ujjiban has provided TA to NNS to develop script of TV spot, shooting and in one spot Sr. Communication Specialist attached to NNS also acted as father of an adolescent with focused to address Anaemia. The TV spot is already been broadcasting in BTV on regular basis.



TV Spot on prevention of Anaemia; regularly broadcasting in TV

Refresher training on DLIs & DLRs



DLIs & DLRs Refresher Training session in Kamalnagar



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The Upazila level refresher training on Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) & Disbursement Linked Results (DLRs) was held in six Districts of Chittogram Division and one District of Sylhet Division in March 2020. The main objective of this training was to disseminate appropriate information on DLIs & DLRs, introduce the relevant activities and its impact on society as well as the online reporting system.

There were several facilitation techniques used which included question and answer, brainstorming and practical implementation of some of the topics etc. The multitude of training methodologies was utilized to make the session more effective and useful. All the sessions were facilitated by the representatives of National Nutrition Services (NNS) and Nutrition Information and Planning Unit (NIPU) at the Upazila Health Complex in each Upazila.

Participants of the training were including Community Health Care Provider (CHCP), Health Inspector (HI), Assistant Health Inspector (AHI) and Statistician.

During the training day, Upazilla Health and Family Planning Officers (UH&FPO) and other relevant officers e.g. Medical Officer of Disease Control (MODC), Residential Medical Officer (RMO) also were present in the training session in their respective Upazila. In Addition, Civil Surgeon of each district played a key role in successful implementation through his sincere guidance and appreciation.

Overall, it is expected that participants received a clear conception of online reporting through hands-on training on the DHIS2 reporting system which may help them to do accurate online reporting in future and will help to achieve the annual targets.

Recommendation

- Need regular monitoring by frontline supervisors (HI, AHI)
- Need to increase follow up over phone and undertake field visit
- Need to motivate & monitor those CC who are not reporting in DHIS2

Capacity development training on adolescent nutrition interventions



Capacity development training on adolescent nutrition interventions

NNS/IPHN and DSHE with technical support from UNICEF and consultation with stakeholders have developed an Operational Guideline for implementation of adolescent nutrition interventions. NNS/IPHN and DSHE jointly organized capacity development training for health managers and service providers from 51 upazilas of 25 districts under 07 division during December 2019 – March 2020. Around 307 participants (Divisional Directors Health, Civil Surgeons, Upazila Health and Family Planning Officers, Medical Officers, Health Inspectors, Assistant Health Inspectors, District Health Education officers etc) received training on implementation of Adolescent nutrition interventions using operational guideline. The component of training program was informing nutrition status of adolescents in Bangladesh

describing strategies for implementation of adolescent nutrition interventions, defining roles and responsibilities of health and education managers and service providers, implementation of nutrition education, weekly iron folic acid supplementation (WIFA), anthropometry measurement and BMI calculation, requirement of physical exercise, deworming at secondary schools, colleges, madrasahs, Community adolescent clubs and adolescent friendly health services (AFHS). With this training health managers and service providers are able to support implementation and monitoring of adolescent nutrition interventions using multiple platforms. MOHFW, MOE, DSHE, NN/IPHN and UNICEF resource persons facilitated total eight batches training in seven divisions.

Adolescent Nutrition Program: Update sharing workshop



An update sharing workshop on adolescent nutrition program was held on 09 March 2020 at CIRDAP International Conference Center. The purpose of this workshop was to share progress on adolescent nutrition program and its interventions through secondary school clubs in first phase for supporting the policy and programs for advancing the commitment towards achieving national goals. The workshop was jointly organized by NNS/IPHN and DSHE, supported by UNICEF Bangladesh and Shornokishoree Network Foundation (SKNF).

Learning Exchange visit at Purnea, Bihar, India



Learning Exchange visit at Purnea, Bihar, India to learn about India experiences on adolescent nutrition program.

A team consist of seven participants from NNS/IPHN, Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE) and UNICEF visited Purnea, Bihar state of India during February 03-06, 2020. This learning Exchange visit was organized and supported by UNICEF Bangladesh. The objectives of the learning visit was to learn about implementation of nutrition education and Weekly Iron Folic Acid (WIFA) supplement to the adolescents using school platform and community platform and also demand generation for the nutrition education and IFA supplementation among the adolescents through creative social behavioural change communication (SBCC) strategy especially for the unserved populations. The team visited secondary schools in Purnea and observed implementation of comprehensive adolescent nutrition program which includes Nutrition education, Weekly Iron Folic Acid supplementation,

Mid-day meal, school gardening and other activities such as prevention of early marriage, increase school attendance etc.

The visiting team also observed facility based services linking with community-based program and school-based program for comprehensive adolescent services.

NNS/IPHN and DSHE with technical support from UNICEF and consultation with stakeholders have developed a package of adolescent nutrition interventions focusing on multi-sectoral approach. The lesson learnt from the learning exchange visit will support fine tuning of the implementation strategy of the adolescent nutrition interventions using different platform and engaging relevant ministries to support different component of the adolescent nutrition program.



Activities of Nutrition International in partnership with NNS, IPHN from January to March 2020

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for Adolescent Nutrition



Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for Adolescent Nutrition Meeting

National Nutrition Services (NNS), Institute of Public Health and Nutrition (IPHN) under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) formed a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for adolescent nutrition supported by School Nutrition for Adolescents Project (SNAP) of Nutrition International, Bangladesh. The committee comprises of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (DGHS, DGFP, IPHN, CDC, CBHC, HMIS); Ministry of Education (Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, National Curriculum Textbook Board), Ministry of Women & Children Affairs and different development partners like Nutrition International, BRAC, UNICEF Bangladesh, WHO Bangladesh, Alive and Thrive etc. under the leadership and guidance of Dr. Mustafizur Rahman, Line Director, NNS and Dr. Nandalal Sutradhar DPM, Adolescent Nutrition. This TAC will continue as a National Technical Advisory Committee (NTAC) for Adolescent Nutrition in Bangladesh and will convene at least twice in a year., NNS formed this technical advisory committee for adolescent nutrition in Bangladesh and organized the first meeting.

NNS provides 1 million IFA tablets to BKMEA for Readymade Garments Workers for Nutrition International supported Nutrition of Working Women (NoWW) Project

Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers & Exporters Association (BKMEA) is implementing the NoWW project which the aim to benefit a total number of 240,000 workers including 180,000 women employed in garment factories in Bangladesh located in greater Dhaka and Narayanganj, with the partnership of NNS and financial and technical support from Nutrition International. The project's key components are nutrition orientation sessions for all workers and Weekly Iron-Folic Acid Supplementation (WIFAS) for the female workers. This project aims to demonstrate a delivery mechanism of nutrition services through the workplace. NNS provided 1 million IFA tablets to BKMEA for Readymade Garments Workers of NoWW Project

NNS and Nutrition International: Scaling-up maternal nutrition package with focus on improved ANC and IFA supplementation



Photo: District Review Meeting on Scaling-up maternal nutrition package with focus on improved ANC and IFA supplementation in selected districts in Bangladesh in Pabna

Nutrition International has been working with NNS, IPHN since 2011 to demonstrate a model for strengthening the existing Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) supplementation program through government service delivery points e.g. Community Clinics (CCs), Family Welfare Centers (FWCs), Union Sub Centers (USCs), Upazila Health Complexes (UHCs) of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW). As part of the process Nutrition International through its Right Start program is supporting the government in ‘Scaling-up maternal nutrition package with focus on improved ANC and IFA supplementation in selected districts in Bangladesh’. The objective of this program objective is to improve the nutritional status of the pregnant women through increased coverage and adherence to nutrition related services delivered as part of the ANC package in Bangladesh.

A technical advisory committee meeting was held at IPHN in February 2020 to review progress, challenges and the way forward of the Right Start program. There was effective discussion on the quality of service delivery, supply gaps, and planning to strengthen the implementation of the program through regular monitoring visits. The committee also discussed about the importance of inclusion of enteric coated IFA tablets and separated colored tablets for Non-Pregnant and Non-Lactating Women (NPNL)/ adolescent girls and pregnant women in the existing supply chain.



Photo: Capacity Building Training of the field functionaries in Kishoreganj on Scaling-up maternal nutrition package with focus on improved ANC and IFA supplementation in selected districts in Bangladesh

Training on Basic Nutrition and Food Supply System in the RMG sector for the factory inspection Division.



TOT of Basic Nutrition and Food Supply System in the RMG sector

On the 9th February 2020, Workforce Nutrition Programme of the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), jointly with Ministry of Labour and Employment and Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishment (DIFE) organised a two days training for the factory inspection division on Basic Nutrition and Food Supply System in the Readymade Garment (RMG) sector. National Nutrition Services (NNS) and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) facilitated the training session.

Honourable Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Employment (MOLE), Mr. K M Ali Azam, inaugurated the training session as a Chief Guest, Mr. Mostafizur Rahman, Joint Inspector General, DIFE inaugurated the event with a welcome speech. Mr. Shib Nath Roy, Inspector General of factory Inspection Division Chaired the inaugural session. Dr. S M Mustafizur Rahman, Line Director of National Nutrition Services (NNS), Institute of Public Health Nutrition (IPHN), and Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare was the Special Guest and Mr. Farooq Ahmed General Secretary of Bangladesh Employers' Federation was Guest of Honours.

27 DIFE inspectors have received TOT (Training of Trainers) on Basic Nutrition and Food Supply System in RMG Sector. They will in turn train the inspectors and ensure nutrition and healthy diets checklists are included. Mr. Moniruzzaman Bipul portfolio lead, GAIN, gave his speech on Workforce Nutrition Programme. Dr. Rudaba Khondker, Country Director, GAIN was also shared the importance of Nutrition for the RMG workers.

The Honourable Secretary of MOLE along with the senior officials from NNS/IPHN, BSMMU, and the Secretary-General of Bangladesh Employers Federation endorsed the training programme for the DIFE Inspectors and committed to extending their cooperation to GAIN for workforce nutrition. The Honourable Secretary of MOLE highly appreciated the initiative and shared his insightful and valuable thoughts encouraging the inspectors to utilize their knowledge received at the training to ensure good health and nutrition of the workers.

CRAAIN program of Concern Worldwide launched in Bagerhat



On 11th March 2020, Concern Worldwide new nutrition governance program '**Collective Responsibility, Action and Accountability for Improved Nutrition (CRAAIN)**' launched in the Deputy Commissioner Conference Hall of Bagerhat district.

The program will be implemented under '**Coastal Consortium with Water Aid Bangladesh, Rupantar and Jagrata Juba Shangha (JJS)**' with the funding of European Union. This program will be implemented under a **memorandum of understanding with National Nutrition Services (NNS), Institute of Public Health Nutrition and Bangladesh National Nutrition Council (BNNC)**.

Md. Mamunur Rashid, Deputy Commissioner of Bagerhat attended as chief guest, **Dr. Kazi**



Shamim Hossain, Program Manager, National Nutrition Services attended as **special guest** and Nellie Kingston, Program Director, Concern Worldwide chaired the launching event. Deputy Director, Family Planning; Deputy Director, Social Welfare; Deputy Director, Agriculture Extension; Executive Engineer, Department of Public Health Engineering attended the event. Representatives of civil society, private sector, local government actors, and local media also participated in the event.

The chief guest remarked "To improve nutrition, this program is a great initiative to enhance capacity, coordination, and representativeness of all stakeholder. All our departments related to health and nutrition will work closely with the program".

Concern Worldwide's COVID-19 response in Bangladesh

Concern Worldwide immediately approached with humanitarian mandate and response to fight against COVID-19. To protect the community, we have focused on handwashing facilities, information and knowledge transfer on the prevention and to promote prevention measures. In addition, Concern has expanded the digital communications with community leaders and community volunteers to promote the prevention information including nutrition. In all the working areas, community volunteers are



acting as emergency communication channels to continue the information flow for the community people. As the outbreak continues to spread, Concern along with local partners coordinated with the district administration and local government authorities for mass campaign. In response to COVID-19 pandemic, Concern Worldwide has been working in Bagerhat, Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Feni and Chandpur district, Dhaka and Chattogram City Corporations and Cox's Bazar targeting around one million poor and extreme poor of different vulnerable groups.

Multi-Stakeholder Participation (MSP) Orientation Success for Governance platforms for Nutrition in Gaibandha and Kurigram.



Sustained Opportunities for Nutrition Governance (SONGO) Project funded by the European Union and implemented by ICCO Cooperation and RDRS Bangladesh, has engaged with global experts in Multi-Stakeholder Participation (MSP) - Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation (WCDI - Netherlands), to foster effective and inclusive nutrition planning, in District and Upazila Nutrition Coordination Committee Forums and Union Governance Platforms.

The need for effective and inclusive nutrition planning, in SONGO's working area, Brahmaputra embankment unions and upazilas under Gaibandha and Kurigram Districts, is profound. Contexts like these disaster-prone and remote working areas, home to impoverished and climate-vulnerable households and high indicators of malnutrition, signal the need to include many nutrition-specific and sensitive stakeholders effectively for maximum effect to ease the burden of malnutrition - right from the community through to the district level. Part of the WCDI's strength is their proven track record in supporting nutrition governance development in other developing nations globally. In January of 2020, their engagements with DNCCs with SONGO and Deputy Director of the BNNC - Dr. Nazmus Salehin yielded great success in orienting committees onto the country's NPAN2 and embracing the culture of MSP.

This was achieved through training DNCCs on driving their platform towards better maternal and child nutrition, accompanied with interactive participatory exercises to achieve consensus and awareness on principled and practical MSP approaches to ensure no voice is left behind.

Deputy Commissioner *Abdul Matin* and Civil Surgeon of Gaibandha, *Dr ABM Abu Hanif* in particular championed the approaches with the team, with participatory and interactive workshops on problem identification, nutritional prioritisation for the districts, combined with visioning exercises setting goals and aspirations for the governance actors' dreams regarding a nutritionally improved district. With similar success in Kurigram, the project has been working till March from Union and Upazila levels, across the embankment to co-facilitate MSP focused nutrition planning using the proven approaches of WCDI. Union Parishads, and UNCCs engaged collaboratively in similar fashion, on nutrition problems, voting and visioning, with drive from the Union and Upazila Chairmen, UNOs and UH&FPOs of Sundarganj, Char Rajibpur and Fulchari Upazilas through March. 15 Unions further managed to complete a second workshop tackling problem analysis, and firmer action planning from the vast array of multidisciplinary stakeholders of the UDCCs, becoming well equipped to advocate for nutrition focused actions across their coming year, including when their Chairmen participate in their UNCCs. The WCDI has through collaboration with the BNNC and SONGO been successful so far in promoting positive cultures and tools crucial to lay foundations, holding the multi-stakeholder nutrition interests at heart for years to come. SONGO, buoyed by the collaboration of these governance committees, awaits with great anticipation and delight to see if the visions will one day, become a reality.

Intensifying use of Nutrition Information System (NIS) for data driven actions to ensure delivery of nutrition services in Bangladesh during COVID

The Government of Bangladesh, Gates CIFF and UNICEF have collaborated to operationalize integrated Nutrition Information System for National Nutrition Services Operational Plan (NNS_OP) with a focus on tracking of service provision through routine system. A national framework for Priority Nutrition Results and Interventions Indicators (PNRI) was formulated and it was decided that the priority interventions will be delivered in all health facilities in 64 districts.

To facilitate timely and effective use of data a multifunctional nutrition Information visualization platform was also designed. <http://mukto.nnsop.org/dashboard> and use NNS score card comprising of 5 priority interventions have been intensified. Institutionalisation of supportive supervision and Realtime Monitoring and Reporting (RTMR) of nutrition services using Smart phones has also been initiated. The support to the Government has also been extended to achieve two nutrition targets in the Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLI) Performance financing for results initiative. In 2019, the coverage of pregnant women receiving all three nutrition services increased from 23% to 65% through enhanced evidence planning, use Realtime information system, capacity building and mentoring support.

Apart from intensifying district engagement through Nutrition Information Planning Unit (NIPU) and District Nutrition Coordinator in selected districts, the Government had started using its own resources to rollout Comprehensive Competency Based Training and DLI orientations.

Moving forward:

Now, because of COVID pandemic, all planning and reviews activities as well as the trainings have been halted till the end of the year. All meetings and gatherings with more than 5 people have been banned. There is also indication of reallocation of Gov funds for development activities to support COVID activities and resource pool of (Institute of Public Health Nutrition) IPHN will also be affected. The Following steps has been undertaken to enhance support the Government to prevent disruption of nutrition service delivery:

- **Intensifying tracking of Priority Nutrition Interventions**

NIPU has intensified efforts to review and track the priory indicators using NNS score that is reported through DHIS2 monthly. A Composite Index (CI) is generated to assess the overall implementation status of NNS and the districts are categorized depending on their performance. Compared to February 2020, delivery of several indicators has seen a slight decline in March. For instance, the coverage of facilities providing IYCF counselling has reduced from 95% to 91% and weighing of pregnant women in community clinics has declined from 65% to 59%. The screening of children for SAM in IMCI corners in the Sub district hospitals/Upizilla Health complexes continues to low-35% and there is also decline in SAM admission in inpatient facilities.

Reporting Period Source: National DHIS2	% of facilities reporting on complete nutrition indicator	% of facilities providing IYCF counselling to caregivers	% of pregnant women weighted during clinic visit	% of children screened for SAM at facility	Composite Index
Dec-19	49%	89%	56%	39%	0.718
Feb-20	52%	95%	65%	33%	0.734
Mar-20	49%	91%	59%	35%	0.71

The Government disseminated NNS score for all Upazila in the country as well their ranking. The score card has also been uploaded in the NNS website <http://mukto.nnsop.org/division>. This will help identify low performing districts and upizilla and prioritise engagement and follow up with.

- **Understanding and tracking preparedness functionality of health facilities to deliver nutrition services.**

Within four days, a 'Real Time' online rapid assessment to understand the preparedness of the 394 Sub districts health facilities with SAM units throughout the country was carried out through District Nutrition Coordinators, UNICEF Zonal Officers and NIPU members. Overall, as described in the graph below, only 5% of the facilities have F-75 therapeutic milks and UNICEF has supported the Government to immediately supply the milks required for 3 months and other essential supplies.

The assessment also found various problems-poor technical capacity and lack of proper data recording and reporting. There is no practice of review screening, admission and treatment performance related indicators.



RapidPro- a two way interactive SMS gateway system has been expanded to connect, communicate and follow up with districts managers and health workers. Previously it was used to share health facility specific DLI score to Community Health Care Providers (CHCP) in 15 districts by automatically extracting the data from DHIS2 individual tracker and linking with Rapid Pro.

The system has also been used to follow up with them of supply gaps and take timely actions. Last week SMS was sent to 14,267 CHCPs in community clinics regarding their Iron Folate Acid stock. After sending the SMS, NIPU and DNCs followed with subdistrict authorities and CHCP supervisors with SMS reminders, through telephone and Facebook. It is encouraging that 59% of CHCP responded back within one week period; of whom 20% reported that they don't adequate stock for 3 months. Actions is being taken to dispatch the stock

- **Engagement with nutrition stakeholders and mothers with nutrition and COVID related information.**

Nutrition promotion has been integrated into UNICEF supported C4D and social media activities. Apart from this, expansion of Rapid Pro use has been agreed with the Government to cover whole country to reach different stakeholders and other programs (urban, Mother@Work, adolescents) beyond DLI initiative. A workplan is being developed to equip NIPU with IT capacity and tools to work from home and to virtually communicated with district and sub district planners to track nutrition service status and help address any bottlenecks.

SAM Status Bangladesh January-March 2020

Source: DHIS2 database

The status of SAM facilities is total number children screened, children with SAM, Children with MAM, Children well-nourished and Admission of SAM patients.

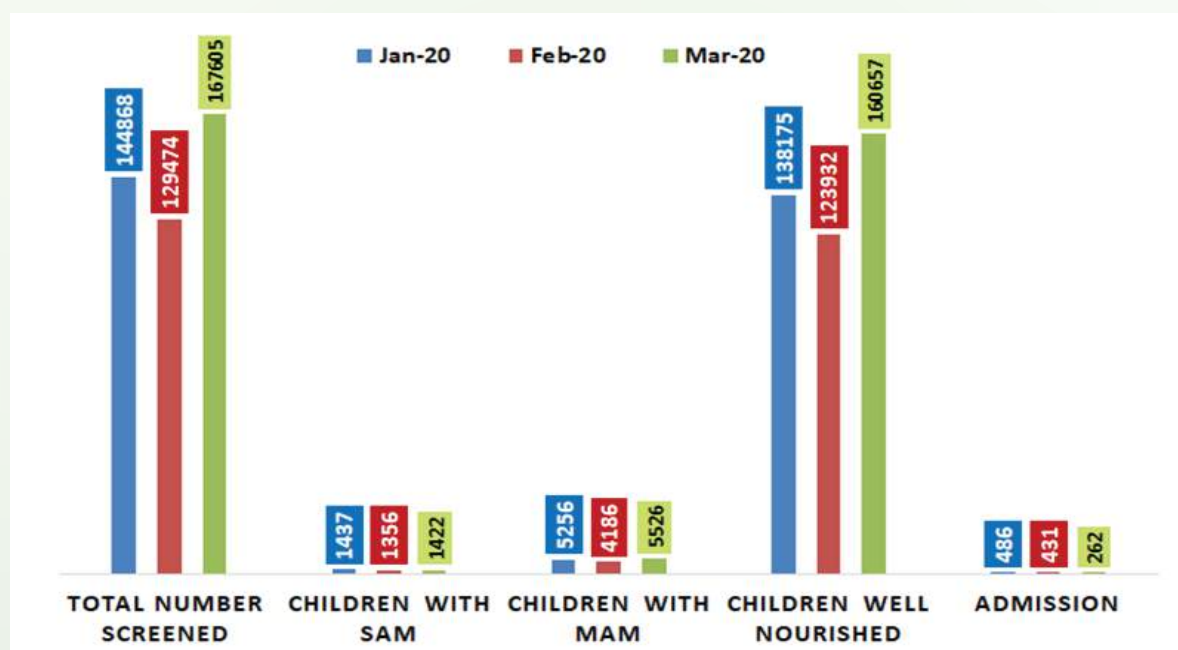


Figure shows the status of total number children screened, children with SAM, Children with MAM, Children well nourished, Admission SAM patients. The total number of screened is high (167605) in March 2020, children with SAM is little high number (1437) in January 2020 and admission is also highest (486) in January 2020.

SAM Case Management Status of Cure, Death, Defaulter & Discharged Stabilizer after Admission Bangladesh since January-March 2020.

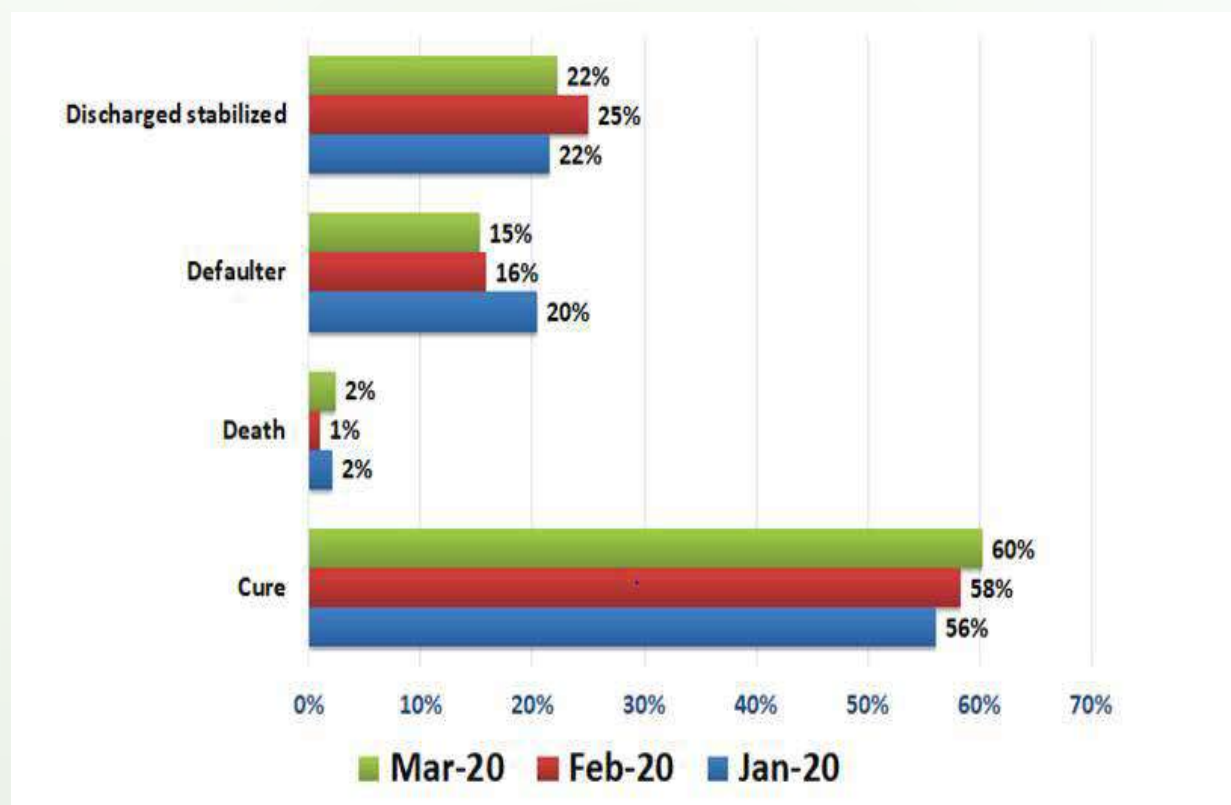


Figure shows the status of SAM patients in different facilities is SAM children Cure, Death, Defaulter and Discharged stabilized on January-March 2020. Here shows cure rate in high (60%) in March 2020 and Death rate is low (1%) in February 2020. Discharged stabilized is high (25%) in February 2020.

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Vitamin 'A' Plus Campaign Inauguration



IFA Advocacy Program at Rangamati Civil Surgeon Office



Divisional Refresher Training on DLIs & DLRs of NNS OP at Sylhet, 29th January 2020



DLIs Refresher Training at Ramgonj Upazila, Laskhimpur District on 5th March 2020



10-11 March 2020: Group Work Ongoing At The Workshop On CCTN Module Finalization In Platinum Grand Hotel, Dhaka



NVAC+ RTMR 11 January 2020: A successful event where engage 'Blue Force' was worked with NIPU team at Vitamin Cell



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ভিটামিন 'এ' দেহের স্বাভাবিক
বৃদ্ধিতে সহায়তা করে,
রোগ প্রতিরোধ ক্ষমতা বাড়ায়
এবং শিশু মৃত্যুর ঝুঁকি কমায়।

ভিটামিন 'এ' শিশুর রাতকানা
রোগ প্রতিরোধ করে।

১২-৫৯ মাস বয়সী শিশুকে 'লাল রঙের'
১টি ভিটামিন 'এ' ক্যাপসুল খাওয়ান।

জন্মের পর প্রথম ৬ মাস (১৮০ দিন)
শিশুকে শুধুমাত্র মায়ের দুধ খাওয়ান।

শিশুর বয়স ৬ মাস পূর্ণ হলে
মায়ের দুধের পাশাপাশি পরিমাণ মত
ঘরে তৈরি সুস্থ খাবার খাওয়ান।

সুস্থ থাকতে প্রতিদিন রান্নায়
ভিটামিন 'এ' যুক্ত তেল
ব্যবহার করুন।

জন্মের পরপরই
নবজাতককে শালদুধ খাওয়ান।

জাতীয় পুষ্টিসেবা, জনস্বাস্থ্য পুষ্টি প্রতিষ্ঠান
স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর, স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়

