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Editorial

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It is a great pleasure for me to let you all know that Nutrition Services (NNS) is going to publish newsletter 29th issue (October-December 2022).

I hope that this newsletter is the platform to provide some nationwide scenarios of programmatic information that express at a glance the current nutrition information system and latest interventions of NNS during the given period. It also highlights different aspects and approaches that have been taken by the government and its development partners on a regular basis.

This newsletter has focused on the October to December time period of NNS activities. During the period 2nd National Micronutrient survey 2019-20, costed Severe Acute Malnutrition(SAM) action plan and Launching of SAM eLearning, NVAC eLearning Solution grand launching, Sustainable strategy for the institutionalization of the Nutrition Information and Planning Unit (NIPU), Infant and Young Child Feeding IYCF and Adolescent workshop etc. activities have been done.

I would like to convey my special thanks to the Honourable Secretary, MoH&FW, and the Director-General of DGHS & DGFP for their continuous support to NNS, and acknowledge the support of health managers and other service providers who collaborate with NNS.

I appreciate the efforts of NNS and NIPU officials, editors, consultants for their compilation, and organization. I thank the development partner, NGOs, and other stakeholders for their involvement and continued support to NNS.

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Activities of NNS OP (Chapter-4, continue.....)

4th HPNSP: Brief Introduction of NNS

1. Name of the Operational Plan (OP)	: National Nutrition Services (NNS).
2. Name of the Sector Programme	: 4 th Health, Population and Nutrition Sector Programme (4 th HPNSP).
3. Sponsoring Ministry and Division	: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW), Health Service Division.
4. Implementing Agency	: Institute of Public Health Nutrition (IPHN), Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).
5. Implementation Period	: 2017-2023

From the last 26th issue of the NNS newsletter, the activities of National Nutrition Service have been published continuously. As part of this, here newsletter (29th issue) is also describing the activities of *Promotion of Adolescent Nutrition* under nutrition specific activities of NNS OP.

A3. Promotion of Adolescent Nutrition:

Guideline on adolescent nutrition has been developed and updated. Adolescent girls aged 10-19 years receive IFA supplementation as per National strategy/guideline. Health and family planning workers capacitated to provide proper counselling at all the contact opportunities on adolescent nutrition including health facilities, secondary school clubs and community clubs. Appropriate SBCC activities conduct and linkage established with ESP to increase awareness on adolescent nutrition.

Functional linkage established between Ministry of Education and Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, and other relevant sectors to include nutrition activities in the existing school health/nutrition programme.

Adolescence is a critical period in life cycle because of rapid growth and preparation for adulthood. Malnutrition in adolescence, encompassing both underweight and overweight and a major problem with important consequences for survival and healthy development.

In our country, intake of energy and nutrients among male and female adolescents generally are below their requirements due to lack of awareness and knowledge about the adolescent period. In the above context, there is an urgent need to ensure optimal nutrition of adolescents to break the intergenerational cycle of malnutrition.

Activities:

1. Awareness raising Programme to promote adolescent nutrition in secondary schools/madrasha and adolescent clubs in community
2. Development of adolescent nutrition guideline for service providers, teachers and other relevant personnel
3. Micronutrients supplementation i.e. IFA according to government guideline
4. Establish links with relevant authorities to include/ strengthen the nutrition component in academic curriculum.
5. Introduce Adolescent nutrition indicators in the DHIS2.
6. Coordination & Collaboration with school health, MNC&AH, MCRAH, DSHE & CDC programme.

National Micronutrient Survey, Bangladesh 2019-2022



Photo: National Micronutrient Survey dissemination workshop at Lakeshore Hotel, Dhaka.

According to 2nd National Micronutrient Survey 2019-2020 there is significant micronutrient deficiency among children (6-59 months) and in Non-Pregnant Non-Lactating Women in Bangladesh. It is shown that among the under-5 children, 31% had zinc deficiency, and 19.7% had iodine deficiency and 15% had iron deficiency. In the case of vitamins, 21.9% had vitamin 'D' deficiency, and 7 percent of children had moderate vitamin 'A' deficiency. Alongside children, what the survey reported about micronutrient deficiency among non-pregnant and non-lactating women (NPNL) is also disheartening. The prevalence of zinc deficiency is 43.4%, which was proportionally higher in middle to lower SES compared to upper SES among the among non-pregnant and non-lactating women (NPNL) and the prevalence of iodine deficiency is 29.6%, folate deficiency is 29% and iron deficiency is 14%. The prevalence of vitamin D deficiency in NPNL women is 69.9%, which is proportionally higher in urban than rural areas, Vitamin B12 deficiency is 20.2% and moderate Vitamin A deficiency is 6.9%.

Field survey and biological sample collection

Household survey

- Socio demography characteristics
- Information of household members
- Dietary diversity
- Hygiene practices
- Food insecurity
- FACT survey
 - Salt, oil, rice fortification coverage

Selected biomarkers

- Blood Sample:
 - Vitamin A
 - Vitamin D
 - Vitamin B12 (only NPNLW)
 - Vitamin E
 - Zinc
 - Iron
 - Folate (only NPNLW)
 - Hemoglobin%
- Urine Sample
 - Urinary Iodine

Dr. Aliya Naheed, scientist of the Health Systems and Population Studies Division at icddr,b, and the survey's principle investigator said *"Our study findings provide another direction for policymakers to design the next-generation nutrition programmes in the 5th health programme in Bangladesh"*.

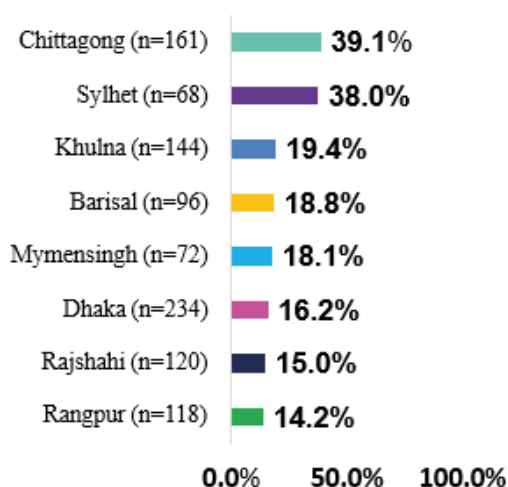
Dr. Tahmeed Ahmed, Executive Director at icddr,b said *"I am confident that the result to the survey will prepare a strategy for combating food and nutrition insecurity and identifying appropriate intentions."*

The findings were shared at an event on 30 October 2022 at Lakeshore Hotel, Gulshan, organized by NNS. Participants of the workshop were different scientists, Government officers from different Ministries, Development partners, INGOs & NGOs officers. The 2nd National Micronutrient Survey, Bangladesh 2019-2020 was conducted under the authority of National Nutrition Services of the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and was carried out by icddr,b. Financial assistance for the survey was provided by Government of Bangladesh,

Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), Bangladesh, Nutrition International (NI) and World Health Organization. The survey was a cross-sectional study with a complex survey design in which 250 sub-districts were randomly selected by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics from 64 districts of eight divisions following the multi-state cluster sampling method. These 250 clusters (66% rural and 34% urban) identified from the nationwide Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) conducted in 2019 covered 4,090 households including 1,014 NPNL women (15-49 years) and 1,041 under-5 children (6-59).

Vitamin D deficiency in children by division and place of residence

Proportion of vitamin D deficiency varies across division (P=0.001)

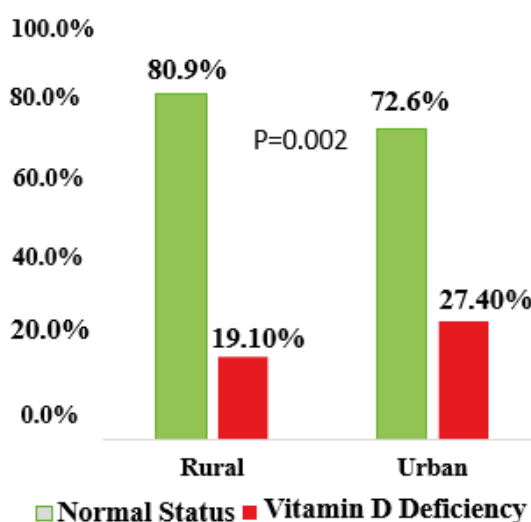


Recommendation:

1. At least one of three children and women have zinc deficiencies in Bangladesh, which needs further attention to the Zinc supplementation program.

2. The nationally representative sampling frame established under the current survey creates a wonderful opportunity to conduct periodic surveys of micronutrient status of children and women as a means of monitoring the progress of micronutrient supplementation programs of National Nutrition Service of DGHS.

8.3% higher in urban than rural areas



Micronutrient deficiencies are substantial in both children under five years and NPNL women of reproductive age in Bangladesh. The status of deficiency did not significantly improve either in women and children under 5 years over the past decade (2011-2021). Vitamin D deficiency is highly prevalent in women and needs urgent attention of the policymakers and the programme managers for introducing Vit D supplementation in the national program.

Kakali Das Poddar, Planning & Admin Officer, NIPU, NNS

Dissemination of Costed SAM Action Plan and Launching of SAM eLearning Module

Date: 22 October 2022

Bangabandhu International Conference Center, Agargaon, Dhaka



Photo: Workshop on 'Dissemination of Costed SAM Action Plan and Launching of SAM eLearning Module'

To launch SAM eLearning Module a glorious workshop was held at Bangabandhu International Conference Center, Agargaon on 22 October 2022 titled 'Workshop on Dissemination of Costed SAM Action Plan and Launching of SAM eLearning Module'. At the beginning of the workshop, Dr. S M Mustafizur Rahman, Line Director, National Nutrition Services (NNS) was given his warm welcome and opening speech. A total of almost 60 participants were from different National organizations, higher officials from government and development partners. Syed Mojibul Huq, honourable Additional Secretary (PH Wing), Health Services Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Md. Jahangir Hossain, Additional Secretary (Planning Wing), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Ahmedul Kabir, Addl. Director General (Administration), DGHS, Dr. Khaleda Yesmin, Director, INFS.

Professor Dr. Nazmun Nahar, Ex-Head, Paediatric Department, Dhaka Medical College, Piyali Mustaphi, Chief, Nutrition Section, Unicef Bangladesh, Golam Mohiuddin Khan Sadi, Nutrition Specialist, Unicef Bangladesh, Mayang Sari, Nutrition Specialist, Unicef Bangladesh etc. were present at the event. Dr. M Islam Bulbul, PM, NNS was presented the objectives and expected results of the workshop and Dr. Md. Maniruzzaman Program Manager, NNS conducted the session on Costed SAM Action Plan and way forward. After the 'Audio Visual presentation on SAM eLearning module' was shown and a plenary session was conducted on open discussion and question & answer on SAM eLearning module. Finally, the workshop ended with the grand Launching of SAM e Learning module.

Objectives:

- ❖ Share the updated road map of Costed SAM Action Plan exercise.
- ❖ Discuss and agree way forward for the implementation of action plan.
- ❖ Launching of SAM eLearning module.

Expected Output:

Expected output of the workshop was agreement on the way forward and milestones for the implementation and monitoring of the action plan.

Recommendation:

1. SAM training should be decentralized.
2. Need to be allocated funds for SAM patients' mothers/caregivers.
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5. SAM related issue should be included in 5th HPNSP with special attention. Also need to pay attention on the 23-24 fiscal year for funds.
6. F-75, F-100 and ReSoMal into the Medical Emergency List (MEL). F-100 and F-75 therapeutic food need to include in an essential drug category.
7. Need to allocate of adequate amount of budget for the supply of SAM related logistics need to be implemented (including budget for CD/VAT procurement
8. Need to be included refresher training on SAM.
9. SAM patients' mothers/caregivers should be included in SAM training.
10. Plan is needed for the financial year 2023-24 on SAM activities and funds.
11. To arrange accommodation for mothers/fathers/relatives accompanying SAM patients who come for treatment in the Upazila Health Complex or SAM units in other Government facilities.
12. When SAM patient is placed in the pediatric ward, various infections can occur, so need to keep separate section for SAM patients.
13. SAM topic needed to inclusion in the curriculum of medical college with discussion the relevant department.
14. The SAM training module should be translated into needs to be Bangla.

Way Forward:

- NNS will allocate funds for SAM management based on the costed SAM action plan for the subsequent NNS-OP starting from fiscal 2023-2024.
- NNS with the support of UNICEF, will develop work plan for implementation of costed SAM action plan.
- The SAM eLearning module launching event was concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. Hasan Shahariar Kabir, Directorate General of Bangladesh National Nutrition Council. It was a great initiative of NNS & UNICEF.



Photo: Workshop on 'Dissemination of Costed SAM Action Plan and Launching of SAM eLearning Module'

Kakali Das Poddar, Planning & Admin Officer, NIPU, NNS

Grand Launching Event of NVAC eLearning Solution



Photo: Grand Launching Event of NVAC eLearning Solution

National Nutrition Services (NNS), Nutrition International (NI), and mPower Social Enterprises Ltd jointly organized the 'Grand Launching Event of the NVAC eLearning Solution' at hotel Golden Tulip the Grandmark - Dhaka, Bangladesh on September 27, 2022. The event was enlightened by the presence of high officials from different government departments and representatives of the development partners including Dr. S M Mustafizur Rahman, Line Director, NNS, Prof. Dr. Md. Shahadat Hossain, Director, MIS-DGHS, Dr. Md. Shamsul Haque, Line Director, MNC&AH and Dr. Hasan Shariar Kabir, DG, BNNC. The event was presided over by Saiqa Siraj, Country Director of Nutrition International. Dr. S M Mustafizur Rahman, Line Director, NNS launched the NVAC eLearning Solution and said, "Digitalization is a highly preferred issue for the govt of Bangladesh, and launching of NVAC eLearning Solution is a landmark step in the Nutrition sector of Bangladesh that it will not only help to create a vibrant pathway to transform the digitalization process but will also support to build the capacity of the Community Health Workers (CHWs) and Volunteers involved in the NVAC activities using the digital platform comparatively at low-cost with high impact". The NVAC eLearning solution is now available on the website of DGHS, MoH&FW, Bangladesh, and can be found at the following link:

<https://old.dghs.gov.bd/index.php/bd/4564-elearning-bangla>

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Inclusion Process of GMP into EPI



Photo: Model Development Workshop on “GMP integration into EPI”

Mid Term Review (MTR) - 2020 of the 4th “**Health Nutrition and Population Sector Programme (HNPSP)**” recommended “**Integrate Growth Monitoring and Promotion (GMP) into Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) services in the community clinic and during the vaccination outreach sessions nationwide**”. Recommendation has already been incorporated in Revised Operation Plan (ROP) of NNS.

GMP integration into the EPI issue was discussed in the “**Nutrition Implementation Coordination Committee (NICC)**” meeting and the “**Steering Committee for Nutrition Implementation (SCNI)**” meeting. Considering the MTR recommendation, it was decided in both meeting that, with the technical support of UNICEF, GMP will be integrated into EPI session under the pilot project on community-based comprehensive nutrition services.

With the technical support of UNICEF a **High-Level-Coordination** meeting was conducted with Line Directors of relevant OPs (NNS, MNCAH, EPI, CBHC, UHC, MCRAH, MIS) and they were

they were committed to providing the necessary support for the sustainable implementation of MTR recommendations within the Government system by utilizing the GoB resources in facility and community level. A **Technical Coordination Committee (TCC)** has formed with nominated representatives of relevant OPs, Ministries, BNNC, UNICEF and WHO to conduct a field test for evidence generation, lesson learned and model development for the nationwide implementation of GMP integration into EPI services. A **Learning Sharing Workshop** of TCC was conducted with relevant partners; Alive & Thrive, FHI360, World Vision, Save The Children and CARE, who are working on GMP integration into EPI. All partner shared the modalities and experiences of their pilot projects on “GMP into EPI services” in the selected Upazilas over the country.

A **Model Development Workshop** of TCC was conducted to analyse the partner's experience and develop a model for a field test in selected areas. UNICEF has been providing technical support to the Government in the inclusion process of GMP into EPI.

Farzana Akhter, Consultant UNICEF,

Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Policy Dialogue



Photo: Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Policy Dialogue

To kickstart the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) 3.0 movement in Bangladesh Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) under the leadership of SUN Country Focal Point, National Nutrition Services (NNS), Bangladesh National Nutrition Council (BNNC) along with the support of World Health Organization Bangladesh, Nutrition International, Save the Children and GAIN organized a High-level Policy Dialogue with multistakeholder and multisectoral partners showcasing how the Country Nutrition Profiles, SUN Strategy and the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Commitment tracker are invaluable tools for those with an interest in improving nutrition outcomes – whether globally or nationally or even at the community level in Hotel Intercontinental on September 26, 2022.

The event was chaired by Kazi Zebunnessa Begum, Additional Secretary (WH wing), HSD, MoHFW and SUN Focal and the chief guest was Dr. Md. Anwar Hossain Howlader, Secretary, Health Services Division, MoHFW.

The five platforms of SUN: UN network, donor network, civil society network (SUN S), business network and academia reiterated their commitment

to unite their efforts to maximize the achievements in nutrition through nutrition direct and indirect interventions through health systems and multisectoral approaches.

In the policy dialogue meeting, Syed Mojibul Huq, Additional Secretary (PH Wing), HSD, MoHFW provided welcome speech, **Dr. Mustafizur Rahman, Line Director, National Nutrition Services (NNS)** made a keynote presentation on “SUN Bangladesh and Multisectoral issues”. After that, an open discussion session was moderated by the Chair. From different ministries and departments, discussions were made on Urban nutrition, anomalies on maternity leave implementation, agricultural extension policies, focusing on adolescent nutrition interventions through school and non-school platform, actions plan of ministries for 2nd National Plan of Action on Nutrition (NPAN2) commitments. Working collaboratively with the SUN movement and different networks provides an invaluable opportunity to actively engage with a key network of diverse in-country stakeholders. Through bringing together, this policy dialogue will strive to engage policymakers and stakeholders in an active discussion.

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Validation Workshops of National Dietary Guidelines for Bangladesh 2022



Photo: Validation Workshops of National Dietary Guidelines for Bangladesh 2022

Two days' validation workshops have been organized by National Nutrition Services (NNS) with support from WHO on Finalization of **National Dietary Guidelines for Bangladesh 2022**. The workshop was chaired by Line Director National Nutrition Services and during this workshops Nutrition Expert Dr. Quamrun Nahar (Sr. Principal Research Office, Birdem) presented Age and Disease Specific Dietary Guidelines. Medical Professionals and Nutrition Experts have been those were engaged to update the dietary guideline, they provided their final feedback.



Photo: Validation Workshops of National Dietary Guidelines for Bangladesh 2022

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Observation of World Breastfeeding Week 2022

The 30th World Breastfeeding Week was successfully observed from 1-7 August 2022. In Bangladesh, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW), Directorate of Health Services (DGHS), Directorate of Family Planning (DGFP), Institute of Public Health (IPHN), National Nutrition Services (NNS), Bangladesh National Nutrition Council (BNNC) and Bangladesh Breastfeeding Foundation (BBF) along with the support of other stakeholders contributed most to make the event successful and build the momentum of the Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) activities in joint efforts considering this year's theme- "Step up for Breastfeeding- Educate and Support".

To reinforce breastfeeding related services in Bangladesh Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) under the leadership of National Nutrition Services(NNS), Institute of Public Health Nutrition (IPHN), Bangladesh National Nutrition Council (BNNC) along with the support of World Health Organization Bangladesh, UNICEF and Alive & Thrive organized a High-level Policy Discussion with multistakeholder and multisectoral partners showcasing how the Country Nutrition Breastfeeding services and related profiles are invaluable tools for those with an interest in improving nutrition outcomes – whether globally or nationally or even at the community level on September 4, 2022.



Photo: Observation of World Breastfeeding Week 2022

Presentation from National Nutrition Services was made on

- Overview of BMS act 2013 and its Rules 2017
- Role of IPHN/ NNS in implementing BMS Act 2013
- Monitoring mechanism to implement BMS Act and Rules
- Roles and responsibilities of concerned Ministries and departments
- Challenges regarding violations and implementation of BMS act
- Findings from Breastfeeding services in health care facilities of Bangladesh during COVID-19 pandemic and beyond

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Feed the Future Bangladesh Nutrition Activity (July 2022)



Photo: DAE officials briefing the Line Director of NNS about homestead gardening facilitated by Feed the Future Bangladesh Nutrition Activity in Khulna.

Feed the Future Bangladesh Nutrition Activity (BNA) is a USAID-funded project, which is implemented by Abt Associates Inc. It aims to improve nutrition outcomes of children under 5, pregnant and lactating women, and adolescents by strengthening the market systems for nutritious foods and WASH products and applying Social Behavior Change approaches that empower market and community actors to address underlying causes of malnutrition in Bangladesh. Bangladesh Nutrition Activity will contribute to improved nutritional outcomes in 31 selected Upazilas of 7 districts (Faridpur, Rajbari, Khulna, Jessore, Patuakhali, Barguna, and Coxsbazar), Bangladesh through improvements in three results:

- Result 1: Increased consumption of nutritious, diverse, and safe diets by rural households.
- Result 2: Increased social and economic empowerment of women and adolescents.
- Result 3: Increased adoption of improved water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) practices.

Dr. S.M. Mustafizur Rahman, Line Director, National Nutrition Services (NNS) visited Feed the Future Bangladesh Nutrition Activity interventions on July 26, 2022.

The Line Director visited the homestead gardens in collaboration with the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) and discussed with the community of homestead producers and DAE officials. He also observed courtyard sessions for demand creation on diverse safe nutritious food consumption which was conducted by jointly Sub Assistant Agriculture officer (SAAO) and project staff. He reinforced the government message of producing year-round vegetables and utilizing every space in their homestead spaces.

Dr. Mustafiz said, “Multisectoral nutrition sensitive interventions like homestead gardening, adolescent program and WASH interventions should be implemented holistically so that nutrition status would improve faster.”

Homestead gardens can be an excellent source of nutritious food for rural households. However, limited knowledge of good agricultural practices, and the use of sub-standard inputs, limit the quality and quantity of the yield rural households receive from their homestead gardens.

BNA collaborated with private sector companies to promote quality agricultural inputs, good gardening practices, and educate rural homestead farmers.

BNA further expanded its support by collaborating with DAE’s “Establishment of Family Nutrition Garden in Homestead and Uncultivable Fallow Land Project.”

BNA supported the establishment of 1,068 homestead garden demonstrations, facilitated by DAE and private sector input company. The project oriented 44,509 people on vegetable gardening and using climate smart technologies in their homestead fallow land; as a result, peoples gained knowledge and skilled in nutrition and are now being encouraged to establish their own homestead gardens.

With BNA’s support of the DAE project and collaboration with the private sector, more people now have access to nutritious food production and consumption through their homestead garden. This collaboration will continue in future and increase the quality and quantity of nutritious food. As a result, the communities consume diversified and nutritious food, distribute to their neighbors and also sell their surplus production in the markets. The Annual Performance Survey of Feed the Future Bangladesh Nutrition Activity in 2021 showed that women’s dietary diversity increased in 91% from 81% (Baseline-2019) in BNA catchment areas.



Photo: The Line Director of NNS observed a demand creation session of Feed the Future Bangladesh Nutrition Activity in Khulna.

*Dr. Md. Ataur Rahman | Solutions Integration and Nutrition Advisor
USAID Bangladesh Nutrition Activity (BNA) | Abt Associates*

Newsletter article on NIPU assessment workshop



To ameliorate the quality and availability of routine nutrition data, the nutrition information and planning unit (NIPU) as a part of national nutrition services (NNS) was established in 2013 with the technical assistance of different development partners: UNICEF, World Bank, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), and Nutrition International (NI). After functioning NIPU for a significant amount of time, an assessment became essential to assess the NIPU's performance and room for progress, as well as to explore the opportunities and strategies to sustain the NIPU. With regard to this need, a draft report was developed by Dr. AFM Iqbal Kabir, senior consultant, multi-sectoral Coordination, UNICEF Bangladesh. To share and get the formal acceptance of the draft report, as well as to develop a strategy for the sustainability of NIPU, a workshop was held on the 18th and 19th of October 2022.

Key outcomes of the workshop are:

1. Validation of Nine Recommendations of NIPU Assessment Report.
2. Segregation of NIPU's functions into two categories— “NIS functions” and “technical/operational/programmatic functions for NNS” by analyzing the existing job descriptions (JD) of 12 positions in NIPU.
3. Determination of tasks and required skills for solely NIS functions.
4. Development of a roadmap to move from the consolidation and transition phase (2022) to the sustainability phase (2024 onwards) by determining milestones.



Photo: Participants of the NIPU assessment workshop.

Farhana Rahman, Capacity Building Officer, NIPU, NNS.

Meeting on RMG workers Access to Affordable Nutritious and Safe Food Product



Photo Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General, Bangladesh National Nutrition Council was giving his speech.

Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General, Bangladesh National Nutrition Council attended the Kick-off Meeting on RMG Workers Access to Affordable Nutritious and Safe Food Project as the Special Guest. Md. Ehsan-E-Elahi, Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) was in the meeting as the chief guest. DG, BNNC praised this initiative taken by the collaboration of GAIN, Bangladesh and Auchan Foundation with Ministry of Labour and Employment and other government and non-government stakeholders. In Special Guest's speech, he emphasised on the awareness and menstrual hygiene of women garments workers who are the key workforce of this second largest garments industry in the world. Additionally, he suggested of initiating a welfare based insurance system for the workers to ensure their affordability of nutritious food.

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Joint GoB-Unicef Nutrition Programme Review & Planning Workshop



Photo: Joint GoB-Unicef Nutrition Programme Review & Planning Workshop

Two-days-long Joint GoB-Unicef Nutrition Programme Review & Planning Workshop was organized by UNICEF on 26-27 October 2022 Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General, Bangladesh National Nutrition Council attended the workshop as Special Guest. Syed Mojibul Huq was the Chief Guest of the workshop. Divisional Directors (and/or representatives) from all eight divisions and Civil Surgeons from selected districts attended the workshop. On the first day of the workshop, presentation on three thematic areas based on the already completed activities was discussed thoroughly.

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TREND OF National PNRI DATA October 2022

PNRI-Priority Nutrition Result Indicators Framework comprises of 4 functionality indicators and 7 service delivery data NNS score is generated by formulating Composite Index (CI) based on the 4 functionality indicators

PNRI functional data						PNRI service data								
Reporting Period	% of facilities reporting on complete nutrition indicator	% of registered infant and children aged U2 years receiving specified nutrition services	% of registered PW receiving specified nutrition services	% of children screened for SAM at facility	Composite Index	No of children screened for SAM at facility	No of Children Identified with SAM	No of SAM children admitted	SAM Status by Screening	Admission Rate	No of PLW receivein g IFA	No. of 1st ANC services where weight measured	No. of Nutrition counse ling at 1st ANC	No. of children aged U2 years receiving specified counseling
Jun-22	68%	81%	85%	81%	0.79	318,461	2,366	800	0.7%	34%	264,747	14,872	30,783	45,655
Jul-22	70%	82%	84%	85%	0.80	329,489	1,906	771	0.6%	40%	262,340	78,511	78,665	48,868
Aug-22	72%	84%	85%	81%	0.81	325,162	1,696	1,050	0.5%	62%	300,298	93,374	91,843	60,691
Sep-22	72%	84%	85%	76%	0.79	340,727	2,717	1,039	0.8%	38%	298,975	95,280	95,210	65,216
Oct-22	73%	85%	86%	74%	0.79	345,114	2,920	1,094	0.8%	37%	294,899	95,376	95,312	66,065

- Since January 2020 to October 2022, National CI value has increased 0.60 to 0.79
- Both PNRI functional and service data has also improved.

Very Poor	Average	Good	Over Estimate
<50%	50-74%	>75%	>100%

- ❖ Since January 2020 to October 2022, National CI value has increased 0.60 to 0.79
- ❖ Both PNRI functional and service data has also improved.
- ❖ Compared to September 2022, no of children identified with SAM has increased in October '22 (from 2,717 to 2,920). The admission rate has slightly decreased in October 2022 (from 38% to 37%). Despite the no. of children identified with SAM has increased, the admission rate reduced in October'22.
- ❖ In October'22 the number of pregnant women receive IFA (from 294,899 to 298,975) & no. of SAM children admitted in SAM inpatient units (from 1039 to 1094) has increased than the previous month (Figure 1 & 3).
- ❖ The no. of caregiver receiving nutrition counselling has increased from 160,426(Sep,22) to 161,377(Oct'22).

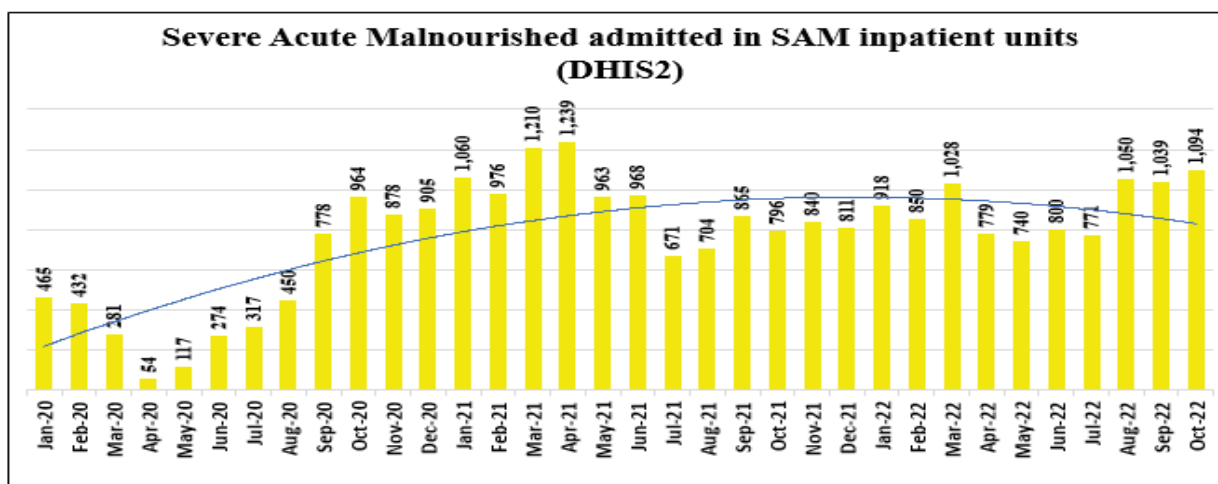


Photo Gallery



Photo: “Development of Sustainable strategy for the institutionalization of the Nutrition Information and Planning Unit (NIPU)” at Hotel Amari, Gulshan, Dhaka.



Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General, Bangladesh National Nutrition Council chaired the Consultative Workshop On Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) of the 5th HPNSP: Nutrition Thematic Area on 27 November 2022. Syed Mojibul Huq, Additional Secretary (PH Wing), Health Service Division was the Chief Guest of the program. Line Directors of nutrition relevant 11 operational plans and Chief Health Officers of two city corporations along with focal persons provided their valuable input on SIP. Brigadier General Jobaidur Rahman, Chief Health Officer, Dhaka North City Corporation, Dr. Md. Shamsul Haque, Line Director, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (MNC&AH) and Prof. Dr. Robed Amin, Line Director, Non-Communicable Disease (NCDC) were also present in this workshop.

Photo Gallery



Photo: Training on Urban Nutrition Service Delivery and Management Information System, Director Health Office, Barishal.



Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General, Bangladesh National Nutrition Council participated as Chief Guest in the workshop on Departmental Multidisciplinary Resource Team (DMRT), Rangpur. Md. Sabirul Islam, Divisional Commissioner, Rangpur Rahman and Dr. were present as coordinators. Md. Habibur Rahman, Divisional Director, Health (Acting), Rangpur. In the workshop held with the technical cooperation of UNICEF, Bangladesh, Sheikh Md. Shahidul Hasan, Divisional Nutrition Officer, UNICEF was present.

Health

Universal Health Coverage for Nutrition: *Everyone, Everywhere*

31% to 25%
by 2025

BDT 4900
Crore

Commitment 1:
Reduce childhood
stunting

9.8% to <7%
by 2025

BDT 1572
Crore

Commitment 2:
Reduce the prevalence
of wasting

14.8% to 10%
by 2025

BDT 322
Crore

Commitment 3:
Reduce the incidence of
low birth-weight

2.4% to no
increase by 2025

BDT 20.78
Crore

Commitment 4:
No increase of childhood
obesity (WHZ >+2) among
children under 5 years

30.2% to 21%
by 2025

BDT 16.17
Crore

Commitment 5:
Reduce the anaemia
among women of
reproductive age

Nutrition officers
are posted in 64
districts

BDT 16
Crore

Commitment 6:
Recruitment of 64
District Nutrition
Officers

Food System

Nutritious and Safe Food for All



13% to 10.5%
by 2025

BDT 177424
Crore

Commitment 7:
Prevalence of
Undernourishment

Moderate: 30.5% to
24.2% and Severe:
10.2% to 6%
by 2025

BDT 58201
Crore

Commitment 8:
Prevalence of
moderate or severe
food insecurity in
the population,
based on the Food
Insecurity
Experience Scale

66% to 60%
by 2025 and
56% by 2030

BDT 433856
Crore

Commitment 9:
Reduce dependence
on cereals for Dietary
Energy Intake

Resilience

Nutrition Focused Social Protection for All



Commitment: 10
Increase the coverage of nutrition-related social safety net programs

28.7% to
35% by 2025

BDT 112650
Crore

Accountability and Finance



Commitment 11:
Strengthen and mainstream the multi-sectoral nutrition surveillance system

Strengthened and mainstreamed nutrition surveillance system by 2025

BDT 85
Crore

Commitment 12:
Strengthen multisectoral tracking of financial allocation for nutrition

Functional multisectoral financial tracking system in place by 2025

BDT 4.7
Crore

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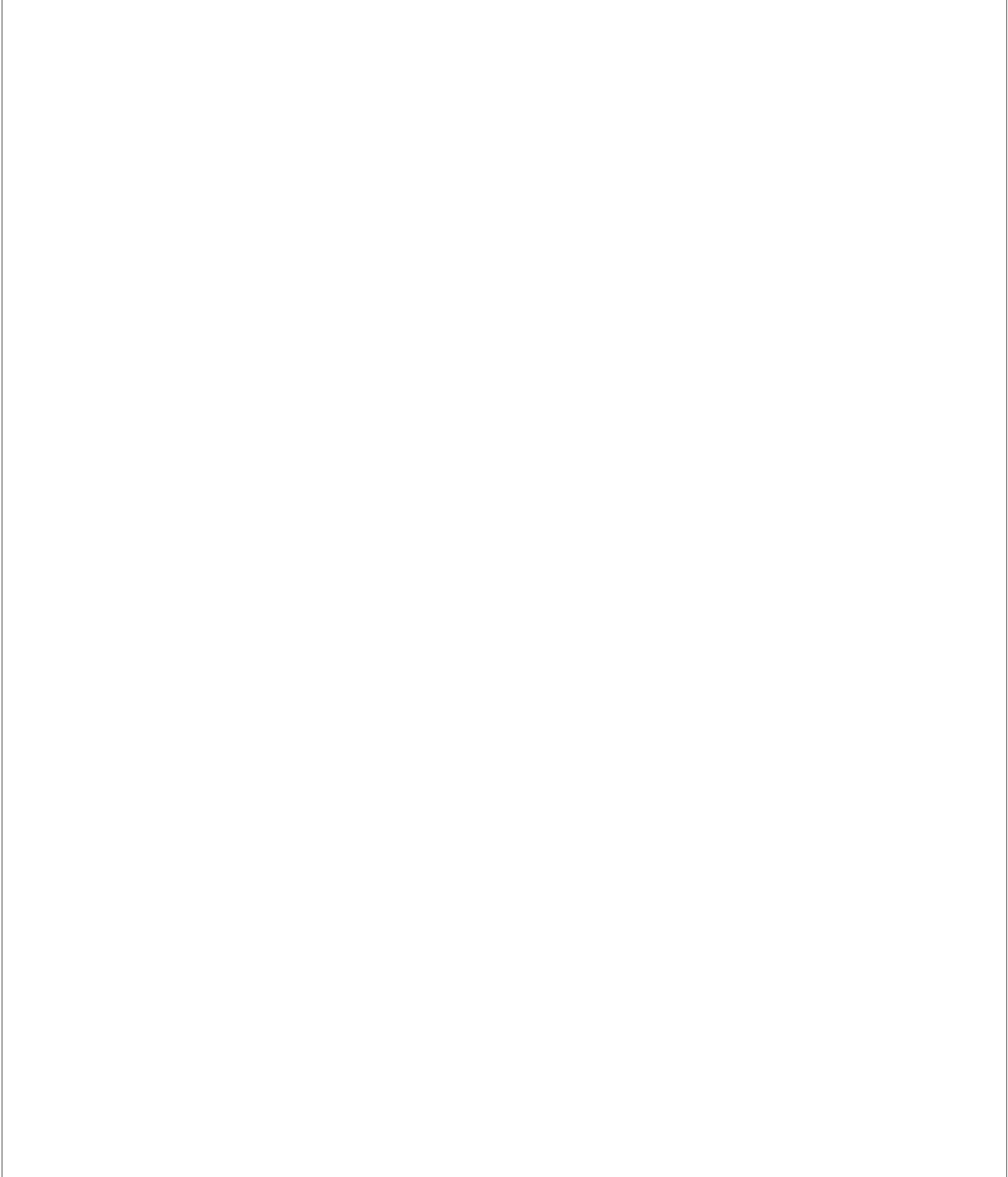
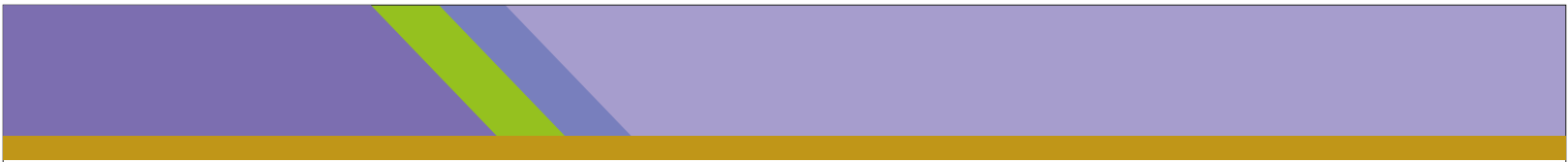
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