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Subject: Review of ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13: Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 November 2012 to discuss the State ICDS APIP with Govt. of Tripura - Reg.

A copy of the minutes of the above cited meeting is enclosed herewith for information and necessary action.



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- i. PPS to Secretary (WCD)
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**Minutes of the meeting to discuss
State ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13
with Government of Tripura held on 6 November 2012**

A meeting to discuss the State ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13 submitted by Govt. of Tripura was held under the **Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), Govt of India (GoI) on 6 November 2012** (*Venue: Shastri Bhawan, Secretary's Chamber*). **Principal Secretary, Deptt. of Social Welfare and Social Education, Govt. of Tripura** made a PowerPoint presentation on the State's annual implementation plan for 2012-13 outlining the key programmatic issues relating to ICDS implementation. *List of participants is annexed.*

2. The APIP for 2012-13 was the first APIP received from the State Govt. since its inception in 2011-12. The document has attempted to capture all programme related issues following the APIP guidelines; however it has not analysed the current implementation gaps and challenges that may require focussed attention and/or additional interventions or resources.

3. Following major issues emerged during the discussion:

- a) It was noted that all sanctioned projects (56) and AWCs (9906) are operation in the State. The State Govt. requested for sanctioning of 11 new ICDS Projects against newly created 3 *Nagar Panchayats* and 5 Blocks and bifurcation of existing 3 ICDS Projects and also 540 additional AWCs for better and smooth implementation of ICDS Programmes. It was suggested that the State may send a separate proposal to GoI on this for due consideration. It was pointed out that since the total number of sanctioned projects and AWCs have already been frozen, such proposal may be examined keeping in view of non-operationalization of the sanctioned projects/AWCs by other States within a definite timeframe.
- b) AWC infrastructure status in the State was appreciated wherein it was observed that as many as 88% of AWCs are running from the own buildings in the State and 71% have water supply and 60% have toilet facilities. 100% AWCs have been provided with outdoor play equipment. 80% of projects have their own office buildings. However, only 10 AWCs have been provided electric connection. The State has committed to provide all AWCs with water and sanitation facilities by 31 March 2013, except for AWCs located in hilly areas. It was suggested that the State may continue taking measures to improve the AWC infrastructure in convergence with water and sanitation programmes to provide these facilities to AWCs. A complete list of AWCs giving details of its infrastructure, potable water and sanitation facilities may be prepared on priority and the same be shared with the Deptt of Water

Supply, Ministry of Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation and MWCD, Govt. of India and also be uploaded on the website.

- c) The State Govt. requested additional funds for construction of kitchen and storerooms in the AWCs which were constructed with the GoI funds, but did not have provision for these. It was suggested that the State may prepare a detailed plan on this and include the same in the next year's APIP for consideration.
- d) The State Govt. highlighted the urgent need for provision of LPG supply with gas oven to 1100 AWCs in the urban and semi-urban areas that are facing acute shortage of fire wood for cooking of hot cooked meals under SNP. It was suggested that the State may seek support from ONGC and other CSR initiatives to address the same.
- e) Low attendance of children 3-6 years was noted in the PSE at AWCs, as most parents in tribal areas tend to send their children to missionary schools. In order to make the PSE in AWCs attractive, on an experimental basis, the State is providing nursery-based training to AWWs and providing audio-visual equipments to AWCs out of the State budget. This initiative has led to increased participation of children in PSE.
- f) The State was requested to upload weekly/daily menus/recipes for SNP on its website for wider dissemination to general public.
- g) The State Govt. proposed that 1% of the overall SNP expenditure may be earmarked for meeting the administrative expenses related to management of supplementary nutrition deliveries. It was pointed out that this is already built-up in the revised cost norms, under the restructured ICDS, which is applicable for the NER from the next FY.
- h) In convergence with health, the State Govt. organizes VHND at each AWC regularly, for which an amount of RS. 8000 per AWC per year has been allotted by NRHM. Using VHND platform and through block/sector level micro planning, the State has been able to provide full immunization to about 50% children (0-1 year) and has made a target of 80% coverage by the next year. It was noted that the State's efforts on VHND also won Civil Service Award. The practice would be disseminated to all States through a letter to Chief Secretaries by Secretary, WCD to ensure regular organization of VHNDs in convergence with NRHM.
- i) The State has rolled out WHO Growth charts and joint MCP Cards; however, only 69% of AWCs are using joint MCP card. It was suggested that the State may ensure quality in growth monitoring of children and usage of joint MCP card by the families.
- j) The State does not have a Middle Level Training Centre (MLTC) for training of ICDS Supervisors and is dependent on NIPCCD Regional Centre

Guwahati. It was suggested that the State may explore tie-up with the SIRD for opening up of an MLTC and send a proposal to GoI accordingly.

- k) It was noted that the State has provided mobile phones to a few AWWs on pilot basis to improve monitoring of delivery of services and plans to scale up this initiative with GoI support. The State has also initiated a pilot GIS based nutrition surveillance system in Dholai district, which is one of the remotest district's of the State.
- l) The State Govt. requested sanctioning of 2 District ICDS Cells (Unakoti & Sepahijala) along with necessary posts. It was informed that the same have been approved and the sanction orders to be issued soon.
- m) The State Govt. was informed about the issuance of guidelines on strengthening and restructuring of ICDS by GoI and was requested to take necessary measures to implement the revised norms in respect of various existing items of expenditure from current year itself. All other new interventions/activities may be included in next year's APIP.

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Annex: List of Participants

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- 1) Shri Prem Narain, Secretary (WCD)
- 2) Shri Nilanjan Sanyal, Addl. Secretary
- 3) Dr. Shreeranjana, Joint Secretary (ICDS)
- 4) Dr. Dinesh Paul, Director (NIPCCD)
- 5) Shri Gulshan Lal, Dy. Secretary
- 6) Shri Rakesh Kumar, Director
- 7) Dr. Saroj K. Adhikari, Asstt. Director
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Govt. of Tripura

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