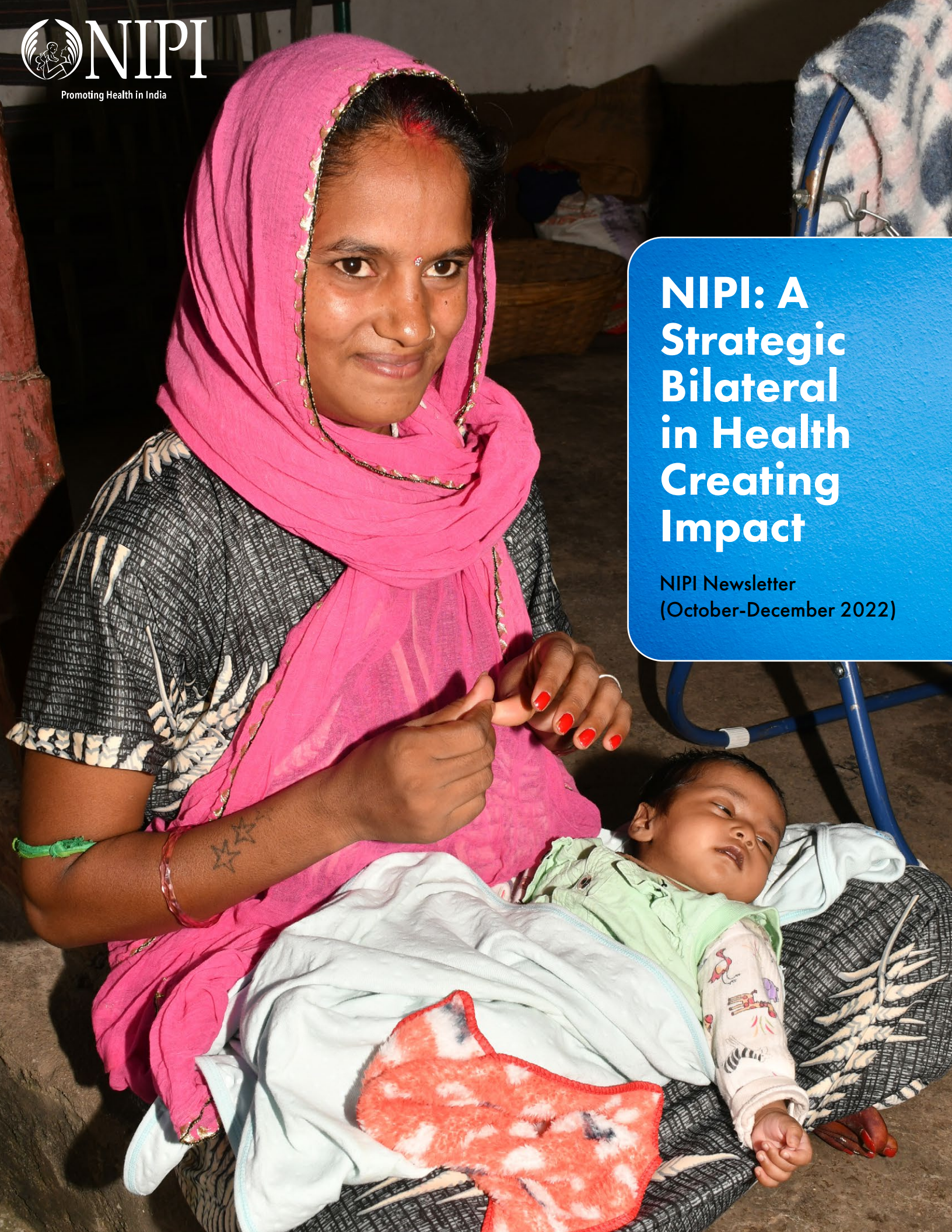




Promoting Health in India



NIPI: A Strategic Bilateral in Health Creating Impact

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Norwegian Delegations Recognizes NIPI's Contributions in India

The Norway India Partnership Initiative (NIPI), a strategic health partnership between the Governments of Norway and India and often cited as the 'textbook example of development cooperation'. Both countries share a common vision for addressing health concerns of national and global importance to timely attain national goals and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Between October & December 2022, delegations from Norway led by the Director General of Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) and Norway's Ambassador to India, Mr. Hans Jacob Frydenlund visited the states of Rajasthan and Odisha, respectively. In Rajasthan, the delegation observed the human milk bank and the critical new-born care services and counselling for mothers at Jaipur's JK Lone Hospital. In Odisha, gains from implementation of Family Participatory Care (FPC) and Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC), Home Based Newborn Care (HBNC) and Home Based Care for Young Child (HBYC) programs were understood and acknowledged in interactions with beneficiaries and community members. The delegation also witnessed the innovative work on Sexual and Reproductive Health through Self-care for Cervical Cancer Screening.

Both visits were heartening and the delegations were impressed with the results being achieved by NIPI. In the view of state health officials & administrators, this bilateral cooperation (NIPI) with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and the states of Bihar, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has delivered consistently by aligning with states' and nation's priorities in health and providing the necessary strategic and implementation support for health programs on the ground.

Both countries must continue the political and administrative resolve to embrace the current established ways of working in bilateral partnership for achieving the SDG goals. Now is the time to reap benefits of this bilateral platform to further by strengthening partnerships in the global context.

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Director General of Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) visits NIPI field project sites in Rajasthan

The Director General, NORAD (Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation) His Excellency Mr. Bård Vegar Solhjell visited Udaipur district in Rajasthan on 14th October 2022 during his visit to India. The purpose of the visit was to understand NIPI's contribution in health in Rajasthan and getting first-hand information on current status of various programs and innovative approaches initiated under NIPI. The delegation was accompanied by H.E. Mr. Hans Jacob Frydenlund, Ambassador of Norway to India, Counsellor Royal Norwegian Embassy, and Director NIPI. Government of India (GoI) was represented by Additional Commissioner In Charge, Child Health and Adolescent Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Government of Rajasthan was represented by Project Director, Child Health.

The delegation interacted with Health Providers and met with the beneficiaries. The delegation also interacted with Community Health Officers and learned about the Decision Support System (DSS) an innovation developed by NIPI. [READ MORE](#)

“The DG Norad and Ambassador of Norway to India were most impressed with NIPI achievements and recognized the state and NIPI officials.”





State Innovation Capacity Building Workshop in Rajasthan

NIPI is working with NHM for institutionalizing a structured mechanism for innovations and fostering innovation ecosystem in public health system. Towards achieving this objective, NIPI in the State of Rajasthan supported State Innovation Capacity Building Workshop on 12th November, 2022 at State Institute of Health and Family Welfare (SIHFW), Jaipur. The workshop was held under the chairpersonship of Director, Public Health, with an objective to build capacity of district officials in the identification of good innovations and best practices for writing proposals.

Details deliberations were conducted on concept of innovation hub, systematic testing & nurturing innovative ideas, addressing recognized challenges in innovations, proposal writing and documenting innovations. During the workshop, 85 officials including State Officials, Development Partners, CM&HOs & District Program Managers (DPMs) from all the 33 districts participated. [READ MORE](#)

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District Hospital Strengthening under 'Mission 60 Days' in Bihar

Strengthening District Hospitals (DH) has been identified as one of the critical step for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and implementing the National Health Policy 2017, to accelerate the progress towards good health and wellbeing for all. Towards achieving this objective and to ensure operationalization of 24x7 functionality, a DH strengthening drive was launched in the state by Deputy Chief Minister and Health Minister of Bihar named as 'Mission 60 days'.

Norway India Partnership Initiative (NIPI) is providing technical support to State NHM for improving quality of Maternal Newborn and Child Health Services and was assigned Aurangabad and Madhepura districts for supporting the Mission 60 days.

Detailed assessment of departments were conducted as per NQAS: OPD Area, Emergency, Labour Room, Maternity OT, General OT, NRC, SNCU, Pathology Services, ICU, Blood Bank, General Administration, Maternity Ward, Postpartum Unit, General IPD, Radiology & USG, Mortuary, Auxiliary Services and pharmacy. [READ MORE](#)

“The aim of the 'Mission 60 days' is to ensure quality accreditation of District Hospitals under National Quality Assessment Standards (NQAS).”





Jammu & Kashmir aims to ensure public health facilities as IPHS 2022 compliant

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) has made major strides in improving health care in the Union Territory (UT) and is undertaking major reforms to improve quality and affordable healthcare for its citizens at a greater pace than ever before. Healthcare services, including referrals, are delivered in the UT by a wide network of public sector facilities including Medical College and Hospitals, District Hospitals, Community Health Centers (CHCs), Primary Health Centers (PHCs) and Sub-centers (SCs) for providing primary, secondary/ tertiary care.

Released on 16th April, 2022, the updated Indian Public Health (IPH) Standards have been shared with all states and UTs with the goal to make at least 20% of their public health facilities IPHS compliant by 2023.

NIPI supported the collection and compilation of data from the assessments using an Open Data Kit (ODK) application based on the IPHS 2022 checklists provided by National Health Systems Resource Center (NHSRC). [READ MORE](#)

“ The baseline assessment report of District Hospitals was released by the Hon’ble Lieutenant Governor, UT of J&K at Jashn-e-Sehat organized on November 4, 2022 at Jammu. ”





Jammu & Kashmir prepares roadmap to ensure a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047

Under the Viksit Bharat Abhiyan (Developed India Mission), the Government of India is formulating strategies and preparing state level action plans to eliminate Anaemia, micronutrient deficiencies, stunting & wasting. Secretary Health & Medical Education, J&K on 5th November chaired meeting of the concerned committee to identify measurable indicators on each area of concern and to undertake preparation of J&K specific strategy/action plan to address the identified gaps following a time-bound approach.

The meeting was attended by Food Commissioner, Mission Director NHM, Additional Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Additional Secretary, School Education Department, Mission Director, POSHAN, Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, Director Health Services Jammu/ Kashmir, Controller Drugs & Food Control Organization, State Program Manager, NIPI, Principal Govt. Medical College Jammu/ Srinagar, Head of Department Preventive & Social Medicine; Director School Education, Jammu/ Kashmir & Additional Professor, Centre for Community Medicine/ Nodal Officer, National Centre of Excellence and Advanced Research on Anaemia Control, AIIMS Delhi. [READ MORE](#)

“ There is a need to assess existing schemes, interventions, supplies, equipments, and instruments needed for screening & treating at health facilities, Anganwadi Centers (AWCs) & schools. ”





Critical Obstetric Care Training for Medical Officers and Nursing Officers in Madhya Pradesh

It is well known that more than 50% of maternal deaths happen because of obstetric complications. Most of the deaths happen due to complications like Anaemia, Hemorrhage (APH/PPH), pregnancy induced hypertension, post-partum sepsis or post abortion sepsis, which can be prevented through timely diagnosis and meticulous management by health providers.

Towards this National Health Mission (NHM) of Madhya Pradesh has established obstetric Intensive Care Units (ICU) in all the regional medical colleges and High Dependency Units (HDU) in 30 district hospitals. NHM has coordinated with MGIMS Wardha, Fortis Gurgaon and JSS Ganiyari hospital and specific training packages for critical obstetric care needed to be developed and operationalized. To fill this gap, Norway India Partnership Initiative (NIPI) in collaboration with S.C.B. Medical College and Hospital, Cuttack, Odisha, developed training module for obstetric HDU, based on the GoI operational guideline.

With technical support from NIPI, the first batch of critical obstetric care training for medical officers and nursing officers was completed in NSCB Medical College, Jabalpur between 14th to 23rd November, 2022. [READ MORE](#)

“ Training material developed by NIPI and approved by Technical Review Committee was utilized during the training including training manual, presentations, emergency drills, case studies, discussion, and training agenda. ”





High level delegation led by Ambassador to India, Royal Norwegian Embassy observed NIPI supported projects in Odisha

A high level delegation from Royal Norwegian Embassy to visited Norway India Partnership Initiative (NIPI) project activities the state of Odisha from 28th to 29th November, 2022. The delegation was led by Ambassador of Norway to India Mr. Hans Jacob Frydenlund accompanied by Ms. Marit M. Strand, Counsellor, Head of Cooperation, RNE, Mr. Johan Bjerkem, Second Secretary, Royal Norwegian Embassy, NIPI team members and State officials from National Health Mission (NHM), Government of Odisha.

The delegation team visited Primary Health Centre and observed care provision for small and sick newborns, Family Participatory Care, Kangaroo Mother Care and counselling services.

The team also interacted with mothers of LBW babies and beneficiaries of Home Based Newborn Care, Home Based Care for Young Child and home-based self screening using HPV kits [READ MORE](#)



“His Excellency Ambassador of Norway and delegation members were most impressed with NIPI achievements on promoting SRH in India and thanked state NHM and NIPI team for showcasing their crucial work.”



Caring for Infants in Bihar: Home Based Care for Young Child (HBYC) program

Home Based Care for Young Child (HBYC) Program of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, is currently being implemented in 13 high focus districts of Bihar since 2021 with an objective of improving nutritional status of children aged 3-15 months adhering to age-specific developmental milestones, management & referral of sick child and promotion of hand sanitization and hygiene. State Health Society (SHSB) of Bihar organized a planning cum review meeting on 9th December, 2022, in order to review the progress of ongoing implementation of HBYC program. The meeting also provided sensitization of NHM officials on HBYC from 7 more districts where HBYC program will be implemented from 2023 onwards.

The meeting helped in improving quality of HBYC reporting, initiation of pending trainings of ASHAs, ensuring supply of HBYC logistics to new districts and improvement of ASHA incentive payment system in the 13 high focus districts. [READ MORE](#)

“As the lead partner for implementation of the HBYC program, NIPI provided technical support for the conceptualization of the review meeting, preparation of training material and facilitated sessions with a special focus on HBYC record keeping.”





Norway India Partnership Initiative Recognises Foot Soldiers For Caring Of Newborn And Young Infants

Ms. Jyoti is awarded for being a promising ASHA in providing Home Based Young Child Care across Madhya Pradesh. This accolade was accorded by the Honourable Health Minister, ACS Health, Health Commissioner, and MD NHM at the event of 'Muskurata Bachpan' organized by National Health Mission Madhya Pradesh on 1/12/2022. Her eyes got filled with tears the moment she received such a big recognition because it is a journey full of struggles. It is a story of an ASHA who belongs to the scheduled tribe community, married at the age of 17, and has 3 daughters. It was very challenging for her to bring up 3 daughters, work in a village for social transformation and act as an agent of change for improving health services, but her golden heart, pure zeal to make a difference, and belief in performing duties and responsibilities without thinking about expectations and outcomes have circumvented all the obstacles. She doesn't want others to go through the same experience as her and to ensure this she educates the community on the consequences of child marriage, the benefits of family planning and gender equality, etc. For eradicating the communication barrier and bringing a sense of belongingness, she speaks with the community in the Gondi language. [READ MORE](#)

“In the last one year, she has conducted a total of 32 visits to 11 children aged 3 to 15 months of age, of which 2 children were identified as malnourished.”



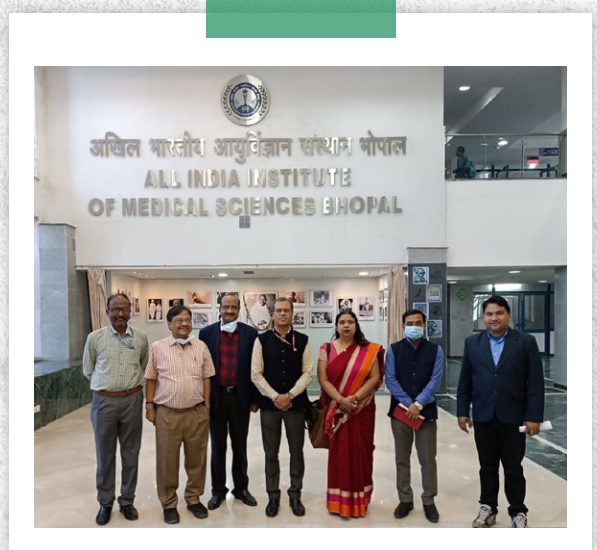
Initiatives to Support Family Participatory Care Program



Initiatives to Strengthen Home Based Care for Young Child Program



NIPs Technical Support for Kayakalp Assessments of Health Facilities



NIPs Technical Support for LaQshya Assessment of Labour Rooms and OTs



Innovations Capacity Building Workshops in the States



High Level Delegation visit to Odisha



Director General (NORAD) visit to Rajasthan





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