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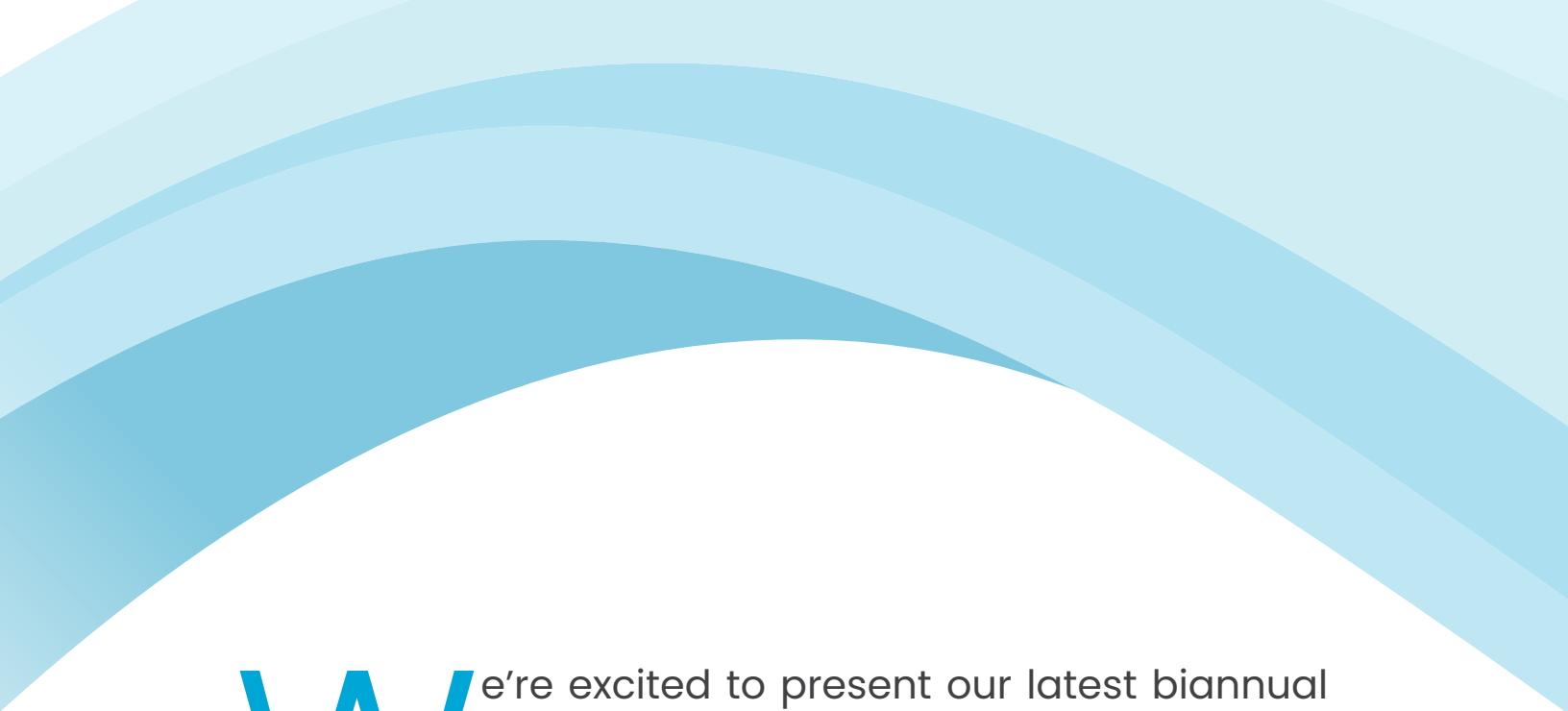


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**Transforming Vision into
Reality: End review of NIPI 3
and Dawn of NIPI 4**





We're excited to present our latest biannual newsletter from the Norway India Partnership Initiative (NIPI), offering insights into our efforts to enhance Maternal, New-born, and Child Health (MNCH) outcomes.

A highlight is the independent end review of NIPI 3.0, commissioned by Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NoRAD), assessing its relevance, effectiveness, and sustainability, along with key stakeholder perceptions conducted between August and December 2023. The review involved field missions, document reviews, and stakeholder interactions, revealing that NIPI 3.0 not only met but exceeded achievements. NIPI is recognized as an exceptional development partner, providing vital support for MNCH goals at national and state levels in India.

With this success, both countries are eager to launch NIPI 4.0. This achievement is attributed to the collaborative efforts of various stakeholders. We hope you enjoy reading and thank you for your ongoing support!

Rajasthan Hosts the Norwegian Independent Review team to Alwar

A high level delegation from Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad), visited India 2023 to evaluate the results achieved during phase 3 from 2018 to 2023. As part of the evaluation a field visit was conducted in District Alwar, Rajasthan one of the NIPI supported states.

The purpose of the evaluation was to get primary information from all the stakeholders and beneficiaries under NIPI supported interventions and understand their effectiveness and impact of NIPI activities.

The delegation from Norad comprised an independent review team with officials from Royal Norwegian Embassy and NIPI national team. The delegation visited Alwar District Hospital, to observe the functioning of Special Newborn Care Units (SNCU), Family Participatory Care (FPC), Emergency Triage Assessment and Treatment (ETAT) and Human Milk Bank. The delegation interacted with the doctors, nurses, paramedical workers, programme managers and community members and discussed innovations, digital tools, Child and Maternal Health interventions supported under NIPI phase 3.

Delegation team also interacted with parents, their attendants and families of the Newborn admitted in the SNCUs, received FPC & ETAT services and got first-hand information on the effectiveness and importance of these NIPI supported interventions and how these interventions are contributing towards newborn and child health in the State of Rajasthan.

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From Innovation to Impact: Odisha's Pioneering Effort in Cervical Cancer Screening

National Health Mission, Government of Odisha with technical support from NIPI has rolled out the second phase of cervical cancer screening in the District Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The approach uses non-invasive technique coupled with high sensitivity identifies presence of high-risk HPV amongst women.

An orientation meeting was organised at Pokhariput, UPHC, Bhubaneswar under the chairpersonship of Additional Director, Government of Odisha attended by Senior Health officials from NHM Odisha along with various key stakeholders, Public Health Managers, NIPI representatives and frontline workers (ASHAs, ANMs). 14 participants were oriented in the meeting.

During the meeting, the crucial importance of early identification for successful cervical cancer treatment was acknowledged. An animated video presentation was presented to guide beneficiaries on sample collection procedures, emphasizing the significance of careful handling, storage and transportation.

The implementation lessons learnt from initial phase in Cuttack will contribute towards further enhancing efficient implementation in Bhubaneswar. NIPI is providing crucial techno-managerial support to NHM in the successful implementation this pilot project.

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“Cervical cancer screening in slums and urban areas for Cuttack using HPV DNA ‘self-care’ sampling approach.”

Decision Support System for Frontline Health Workers for Integrated Management of Childhood Pneumonia: SAANS Abhiyan, Madhya Pradesh

SAANS Abhiyaan 2023-24 is ongoing in the state of Madhya Pradesh (M.P) to create social awareness on prevention of pneumonia and screening of all under five sick children for early detection and identification of pneumonia cases in the community. The SAANS Abhiyan is conducted every year for 4 months to support the state of Madhya Pradesh in this endeavor, NIPI has developed an Open Data Kit based Decision Support System (DSS) tool for Frontline Health Worker (FLW). The DSS tool for frontline workers is based on the algorithms of Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illness (IMNCI).

The state NHM of Madhya Pradesh decided to use DSS tool for the assessment and management of sick children during the SAANS Abhiyan in all the 52 districts of the state. With the help of DSS tool for IMNCI, more than 15,000 children have been assessed by more than 2,000 FLWs including Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM), Community Health Officers (CHO) and Rashtrya Bal Suraksha Karyakaram (RBSK) medical officers. During the assessment, more than 20% of the total reported cases of children having cough & cold, were identified with moderate and severe pneumonia, highlighting the contribution and usefulness of DSS tool during SAANS Abhiyan, for the identification and treatment of pneumonia cases in under five children.

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State Innovation Hubs: Fostering Innovation Ecosystem in Madhya Pradesh

NIPi, is working with National Health Mission, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and State Health Societies for institutionalizing a structured mechanism for innovations and fostering innovation ecosystem with its public health system. NIPi is supporting State NHM of Madhya Pradesh (M.P) for institutionalizing 'State Innovation Hub'. Under this Hub, a State Innovation Scrutiny and Advisory Committee (SISAC) has been established to review and approve the proposals submitted by districts and development partners and NIPi has been providing facilitation support to the SISAC committee.

The first meeting of SISAC was organized at NHM office in which total 8 innovation proposals were discussed. The proposals were largely around the maternal and child health and process for system strengthening. Feedbacks were provided by committee members for the modification and revision of the proposals.

Following this, the State Innovation Committee meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Mission Director, National Health Mission on 16th October 2023 at NHM office, M.P. In this meeting 8 proposals were discussed, the chair has approved 5 proposals, with budget modifications. The budget will be provided through the NHM funds under State Innovation Hub, NHM MP.

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Assessment of HBYC Program in Aspirational Districts of Bihar

NIPI provided technical support to state NHM of Bihar for periodic assessment of HBYC program in twelve aspirational districts of the state. The objectives of the assessment were: Ascertain implementation of the HBYC program implementation status and assess knowledge and practices of field functionaries and mothers of young children visited under HBYC. The assessments was jointly conducted with team members from state NHM and NIPI.

During the assessment more than 1,082 ASHAs, 606 Mothers and 326 other health workers were interviewed. Interviews with district and block programme managers were also conducted in order to assess the preparedness of health system and challenges in the implementation of HBYC in the state.

NIPI shared results and findings of the assessment with state NHM and facilitated its dissemination with other stakeholders. The State Government of Bihar has acknowledged and valued the technical support provided by NIPI during HBYC assessment.

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State level Training of Trainers (ToT) on Family Participatory Care in Bihar

A two days training supported by NIPI was conducted in Bihar with an objective to orient and skill development of service providers who in turn will support the SNCU staffs in conducting FPC sessions at their respective SNCUs.

The training of total 67 participants was conducted through Presentations, Skill Station, Video demonstration, Group work as well as Role play of real time activity in FPC which includes 60 Staff Nurses and 7 Medical Officers.

NIPI as the lead partner for the program has supported the State Health Society Bihar (SHSB) in planning of the training batches, communication follow up with the districts for full participation along with venue support like setting up of skill stations and ensuring all logistics required for the training. Technical facilitation along with orientation on operational aspect of FPC, approval in PIPs, Recording and Reporting was also done during training.

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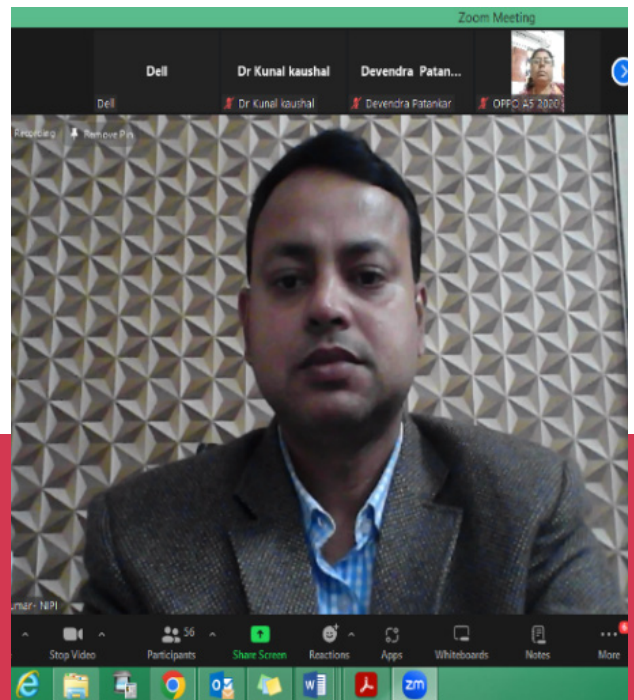
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Striving towards Public Health Standards Compliance of all its Facilities in Bihar

NIPI team along with Health System Strengthening Division, State Health Society, Bihar planned to conduct IPHS assessment of all its 38 District Hospital in first phase. An orientation meeting was conducted for all the District Hospital In-charges, Hospital managers and all departmental nodal officers from each department.

NIPI team provided technical assistance using ODK tool for conducting gap assessment. NIPI team was also entrusted the responsibility for validation of the filled data. The assessment data will be utilized for filling up the gaps and completing all the facilities assessments and the achieving the desired goal of attaining minimum of 50% facilities in Bihar compliant by 2025.

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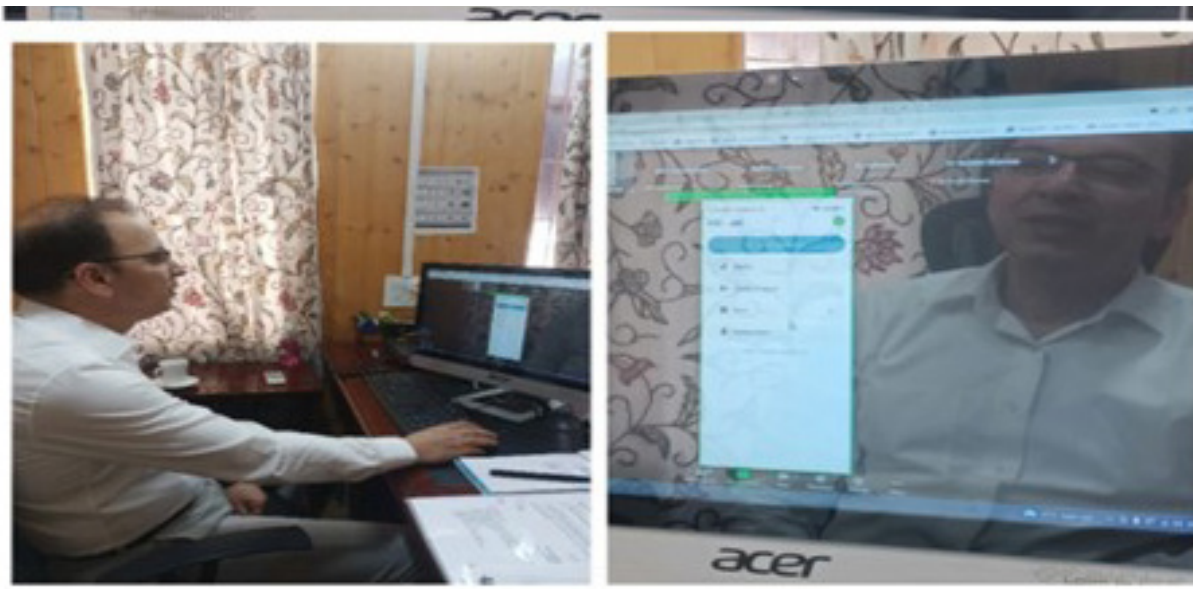
Digital Decisioning for Primary Health Care: e-DSS (Decision Support System)

National Health Mission (NHM), J&K with technical support from NIPI has piloted a client-centric Decision Support System (DSS) which is assisting Mid Level Health Providers (MLHP) in decision making process for managing Childhood diseases for improved screening and case management as well as appropriate referral of high risk children.

Participants were trained on using DSS application on their tablets and mobile phones and they were taken through the journey of its development and Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illness (IMNCI) classification for under five children. To build more clarity of the solution among all the participants, multiple clinical case scenarios of fever, cough and other symptoms in children less than 5 years were also presented.

All participants found DSS APP very useful in terms of managing IMNCI among children less than 5 years. NHM J&K have acknowledged the support provided by NIPI in the development and effective implementation of DSS APP for addressing morbidity and mortality in under five children in J&K.

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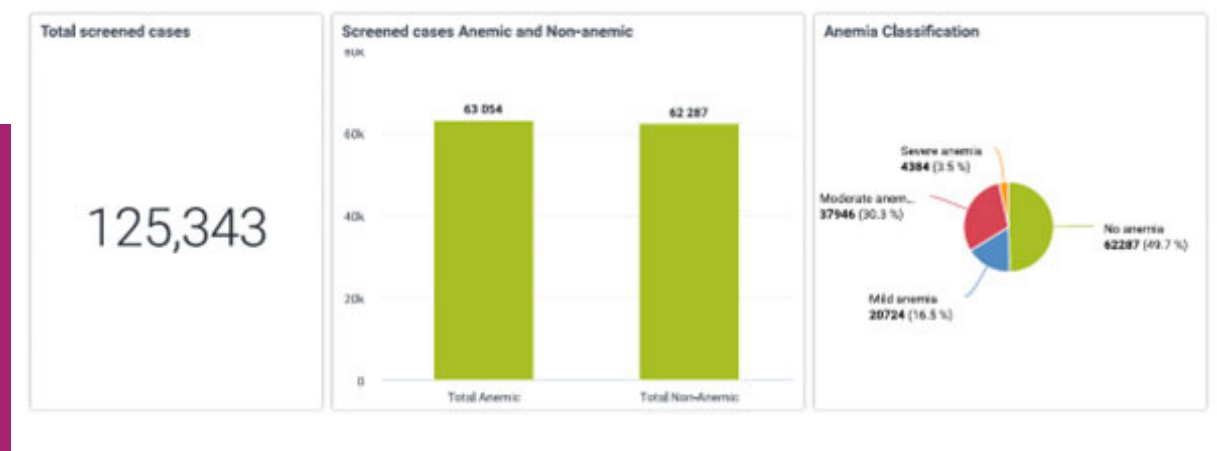
Scaling up of Digital Health Tracking of anaemia cases under Anemia Mukh Bharat in Jammu and Kashmir

National Health Mission (NHM), Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) launched Test-Treat-Talk (T3) anaemia special camps with a focus on social and mass mobilization and screening for anemia through Rashtrya Bal Suraksha Karyakaram (RBSK) Mobile Health Teams and Health & Wellness Centers.

To capture data in real time, NHM with technical support of NIPI has developed a mobile based application in ODK and a dashboard for analyzing district wise prevalence of anaemia in different age groups in women and children in order to formulate strategies for successful implementation of AMB Programme in J&K. Orientation for RBSK Mobile Health Teams on use of ODK APP was also supported by NIPI.

For supplementing the efforts of RBSK Mobile Health teams in screening and tracking of Anaemia across all the age groups, T3 strategy adopted by NHM J&K was scaled up further. In this regard, 600 Mid-Level Health Provider (MLHP), Community Health Officers (CHO) from 7 districts posted at the Health & Wellness Centers (HWCs) were oriented on the use of ODK APP with technical support from NIPI. More than 1,25,000 cases have been screened for anemia out of which 56% were female.

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