



Promoting Health in India



Pursuing RMNCHA+N priorities with Evidence-Based Care and Innovation

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As we rally past the pandemic, being more informed and observant, strong commitment and urgency keep us driven to achieve national and global health commitments. We now have the experience of knowing how strengthened and resilient health systems can keep us prepared in successfully combatting future public health emergencies.

Continuing to work with national health missions, at the national and state level, Norway India Partnership Initiative (NIPI) is providing strategic support in ensuring that our public health facilities are able to provide responsive and Quality services across RMNCHA+N. Maternal health and child health continue to be the priority. NIPI is helping states understand emerging evidence and progress in neonatal, child health and maternal health programs to ascertain and keep focused us focused to deliver on our policy commitments to reduce infant, child and maternal mortality.

Consistent with Nation's strong conviction in innovation and digital technology to shape future India, NIPI is also supporting its inclusion and adoption in surveillance and review of child and maternal deaths to timely achieve related commitments. NIPI continues to support state governments in bringing health services at the doorstep through various integrated campaigns such as 'Dastak' to screen individuals, families and communities and manage successfully by ensuring evidence-based care by health workforce to achieve 'Health for All'.

The current edition of the newsletter highlights few of NIPI supported work in five focus states/ Union Territory of Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan during July to September 2022.

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**Promoting
Breastfeeding
for Better
Child Survival**

Roll out of Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative in District Hospitals of Odisha

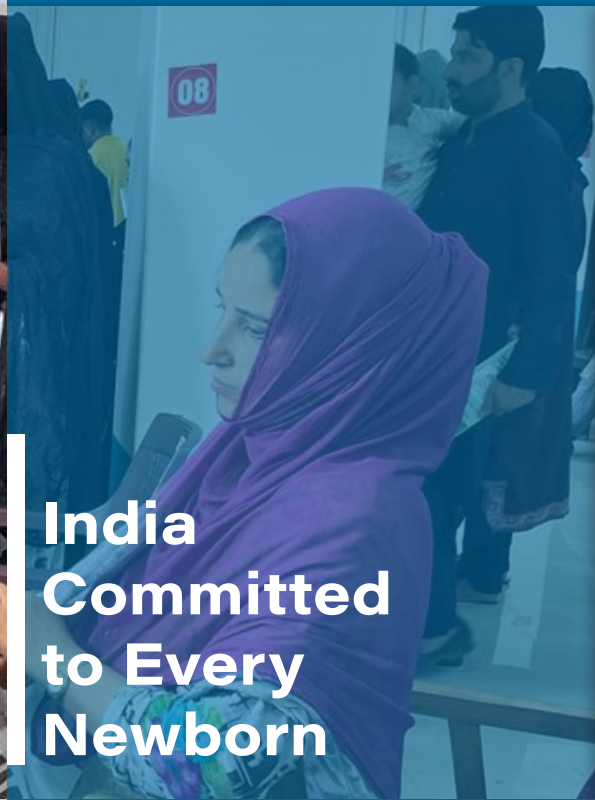
A bundant global evidence backs the role of breastfeeding in child survival. Under the MAA (Mother's Absolute Affection) program, Odisha has rolled out the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI) to identify baby-friendly hospitals. This initiative has been launched to encourage health institutions to improve breastfeeding practices within their centres & be recognised with the MAA award.

A team comprising senior paediatric specialists from Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar and members of Norway India Partnership Initiative (NIPI) team visited district hospitals in Kandhamal and Boudh districts, to assess their progress on BFHI. The assessment measured adherence to the prescribed ten simple steps of successful breastfeeding as well as promotion of optimal clinical care for postpartum mothers and their new-borns.

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India Committed to Every Newborn

Assessment of Progress on India Newborn Action Plan undertaken in Jammu & Kashmir

The India Newborn Action Plan (INAP) is India's endorsement of the global Every Newborn Action Plan (ENAP) which was launched at the 67th World Health Assembly in June 2014 to advance the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health. INAP, guided by principles of integration, equity, gender, quality of care, convergence, accountability and partnerships, lays out the vision for India to end preventable newborn deaths, and scale up high-impact yet cost effective interventions.

National Health Mission (NHM) of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India undertook Bottle Neck Assessment (BNA) under the INAP review. The objective of BNA is to assess gaps in implementation of child health programs across India and find solutions to identified challenges and accelerate India's efforts in reaching single digit neonatal mortality by 2030. Using a structured tool, data was collected in states & union-territories of Meghalaya, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.

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Health for All

Odisha Undertakes Statewide Integrated Campaign to Screen & Treat Citizens

The National Health Mission (NHM), Odisha implemented an integrated house-to-house campaign to intensify screen and treat services for Malaria, Dengue, Diarrhea, COVID-19 as well as identification of suspected Tuberculosis and Leprosy cases. From 21st June to 20th September, the campaign covered 30 districts, including 5 municipal corporations wherein teams comprising ASHAs and AWWs identified co-morbidities amongst the vulnerable population in rural and urban areas. Suspected cases of targeted illnesses were mobilized for confirmatory tests at appropriate levels of health facilities for recommended clinical care and treatment. To cover government schools and hard to reach areas, Mobile Health Unit and Mobile Health Teams were also engaged in the campaign.

The Norway India Partnership Initiative played a key role in planning of this NHM led campaign and its monitoring in tribal districts of Kandhamal and Gajapati. NIPI assisted district health administrators in overseeing preparations and provided required support for developing district and sub-district plans to cover the targeted population using the prescribed monitoring tool Adherence to treatment protocols was also assessed in the referred facilities.

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Norway-India: Partnering For Health

Royal Norwegian Embassy Team Observes NIPI Support in Jammu & Kashmir

Norway India Partnership Initiative (NIPI) is the lead development partner of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India in Jammu & Kashmir. In addition to Jammu & Kashmir, NIPI provides strategic and catalytic support to National Health Missions across RMNCHAN in states of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Rajasthan.

His Excellency Mr. Hans Jacob Frydenlund, ambassador Royal Norwegian Embassy (RNE), India and Ms. Marit M. Strand, Counsellor and Head of Development Cooperation undertook a 3-day visit to Jammu & Kashmir from 24-27th July 2022 to understand progress of NIPI supported health initiatives in the union-territory. Dr Sumita Ghosh, Additional Commissioner In-Charge, (Child Health/ RBSK, Adolescent Health/ CAC/ Aspirational Districts), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India also accompanied the RNE delegation during the visit.

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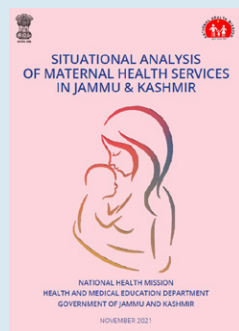
Maternal & Child Health Conclave

Jammu and Kashmir Examines Evidence to Bolster Maternal Health Further

A report titled 'Situation Analysis of Maternal Health Services in Jammu & Kashmir' was launched by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Jammu & Kashmir, Shri Manoj Sinha, during the 1st MCH conclave held on 6-7 June 2022 at Sher-e-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC), Srinagar. Advisor to LG of J&K, Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary Health & Medical Education, Director NHM, MoHFW, Executive Director NHSRC and Mission Director National Health Mission (NHM) of J&K were also present. The findings of the report were also part of a focused panel discussion on the second day of the conclave.

NHM J&K undertook the situation analysis of maternal health services in J&K and Norway India Partnership Initiative (NIPI) provided technical support. As the Sample Registration Survey (SRS) provides Maternal Mortality Ratio only for large states and J&K is clubbed with smaller states/union territories, NHM decided to estimate the Maternal Mortality Rate for the Union Territory.

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MusQan: Ensuring Child Friendly Services

ODK Tool to Assess Quality of Newborn Care at 20 SNCUs

Special Newborn Care Units (SNCUs) under the Facility Based Newborn Care (FBNC), are being established at health facilities with an annual delivery load of > 3,000. SNCUs are usually located in the vicinity of the labour room and provide level-II of neonatal care (excluding assisted ventilation and major surgeries).

In 19 districts, the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) has operationalized 20 SNCUs, located at district hospitals and medical colleges hospitals, with more than 26,500 admissions of sick newborn babies annually. The National Health Mission (NHM) of J&K with technical support of Norway India Partnership Initiative (NIPI) carried out an assessment of 20 SNCUs in June and July 2022 to ascertain their functionality, existing gaps and key bottlenecks in delivering quality & facility based newborn healthcare services. The domains included in the assessment were: i) availability of adequate physical infrastructure, ii) human resources, iii) drugs and equipment and iv) evaluation if newborn care practices followed by SNCU service providers as per the FBNC guidelines prescribed by Government of India.

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Dastak Abhiyan

Health Services for Under-Five Children Delivered at Doorstep

Each year, Madhya Pradesh undertakes community level screening of all under-five children for common illnesses under the 'Dastak Abhiyan'. During this dedicated campaign, teams comprising 3 members: ANM, ASHA and CHO undertook door-to-door visits in their respective communities over a period of 45 days.

After a two-year pause due to Covid-19 pandemic, the campaign was launched with the full enthusiasm and commitment by the state and observed from 18th July to 31st August 2022. All district level officials were oriented on key activities under Dastak Abhiyan. Dastak aims to identify high risk children in communities and treat them at identified facilities. This year, in addition to other conditions, assessment of hemoglobin was included in view of the high prevalence of anemia in the state.

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“ Focus of this year’s DASTAK was to identify children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM), Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) and Anemia and provide them appropriate treatment. ”



Paalan 1000

Achieving Healthier & Brighter Future for Children in Jammu & Kashmir

A baby's brain develops more rapidly in the first 1000 days of life. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's (MoHFW) focus on responsive care during the first 1000 days saw convening of Early Child Development (ECD) Conclave and launch of Paalan 1000 initiative on 16th & 17th August at Mumbai. The aim of Paalan 1000 is to achieve healthy beginning and growth for each and every child in the country.

Dr. Bharti Pravin Pawar, Hon'ble Minister of State, MoHFW launched the initiative and its APP virtually. Dr. Vinod K Paul, Member (Health & Nutrition), NITI Aayog, Dr. P. Ashok Babu, Joint Secretary (RCH), MoHFW, Dr. Pradeep Vyas, Additional Chief Secretary (Health), Government of Maharashtra, and Dr. Sumita Ghosh, Additional Commissioner In-charge (Child Health), MoHFW were among the dignitaries at the launch. The event was well attended by officials from MoHFW, NHMs from nearly 20 states as well as multilaterals, community organizations and international foundations.

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“ The aim of Paalan 1000 is to achieve healthy growth for every child in the country. With the support and lead being taken by state governments such as Jammu & Kashmir, Paalan 1000 is destined to contribute significantly in ensuring a brighter beginning and future for every child in India. ”



Rollout of Maternal, Perinatal and Child Death Surveillance and Response

Ensuring Quality Maternal Health Services in Madhya Pradesh

Ensuring quality maternal health services with an ultimate goal of preventing maternal deaths is a top priority for the National Health Mission, Government of Madhya Pradesh. With implementation of SUMAN across the state reporting of maternal deaths has increased by 20% thus enabling decision makers in taking timely and data driven decisions to improve quality of concerned programs.

Madhya Pradesh continues efforts to strengthen quality of maternal health services with implementation of evidence-based initiatives and the recent rollout of Maternal, Perinatal and Child Death Surveillance and Response (MPCDSR) software is one amongst several. The primary goal of MPCDSR, introduced by Government of India on 17th September 2021 and implemented in the state from 1st Jan 2022, is to reduce future preventable maternal mortality by making data analytics available to program managers and administrators.

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Technical Support to National Health Mission



Assessment of Health Facilities



Orientations, Training, Planning and Review Meetings







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