

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

REVIEW STATEMENT 2016-17

The National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW), an autonomous organization of the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, functions as a 'think tank' for promotion of health and family welfare programmes in the country. The core focus areas of the Institute are post-graduate education, in-service training of medical and para-medical personnel, research and evaluation, consultancy and advisory services, specialized projects and specialized services in the field of health and family welfare. In this effort, the Institute through its departments like Communication, Community Health Administration, Education and Training, Epidemiology, Medical Care and Hospital Administration, Management Sciences, Planning and Evaluation, Reproductive Bio-Medicine, Statistics and Demography and Social Sciences addresses a wide range of public health, population and family welfare issues and concerns.

Under post-graduate education, NIHFW conducts (i) a three-year post-graduate Degree (M.D.) in Community Health Administration; (ii) a two-year post-graduate Diploma in Health Administration; and (iii) a one-year post-graduate Diploma in Public Health Management. Also, the Institute has been conducting six Diploma courses of one-year duration each in 'Health and Family Welfare Management', 'Hospital Management', 'Health Promotion', 'Health Communication', 'Applied Epidemiology' and 'Public Health Nutrition' through distance learning. Currently, the Institute is working to introduce two new courses in e-learning mode, namely- Professional Development Course in Management, Public Health and Health Sector Reforms for Senior Medical Officers; and Programme Management and Support Unit for Programme Managers. In-service training courses ranging from one to ten-week duration for middle and senior level health personnel who

are working at different levels in various parts of the country have been organized by the Institute. One notable in-service training course of the Institute is the Professional Development Course (PDC) in Management, Public Health and Health Sector Reforms for Senior Medical Officers which is run by the Institute in collaboration with 17 collaborating training institutes located across the country. 38 participants have been trained in PDC. In all, 63 training courses and workshops have been conducted in the Institute during 2016-2017. The Institute is also known for its research endeavours and devotes a considerable time to research issues with special focus on operational research, applied research and evaluation of various health and family welfare programmes in the country. During the year under review, the Institute was engaged in 17 studies of which 10 have been completed; and the remaining studies are in various stages of execution.

As a Nodal Institute for training under NHM/RCH-II, NIHFV has delivered its responsibilities of organizing national-level training courses and coordination of the NHM/RCH-II training activities in various parts of the country with the help of 22 Collaborating Training Institutions (CTIs).

The Institute coordinated and monitored the Annual Sentinel Surveillance activities entrusted by the National AIDS Control Organization (NACO). During the year under report, NIHFV is coordinating the currently on-going 15th round of HSS (2016-2017) among ANC and HRG sites across the country proposed to be implemented at 877 ANC and 551 HRG sites.

Realizing the need for Policy for Health, Nutrition and Population Development, Policy Unit was set up in the Institute in 2011 with technical support and financial funding from USAID through Health Policy Project to undertake an evidence-based policy research and analysis, advocacy and multi-sectoral coordination on issues related to population,

health and nutrition. The Unit works under the Department of Planning and Evaluation and is managed by a Steering Committee under the Chairmanship of the Director, NIHFWS.

National Cold Chain Vaccine Management Resource Centre (NCCVMRC) set up in the Institute in 2015. During the year under report, center has completed all the activities as per the approved annual work plan for 2016-2017 and trained 240 cold-chain technicians in repair of cold-chain equipment. NCCVMRC also launched, the newly designed module for vaccine and cold chain handlers for the MoHFW and completed ToTs for 296 state-level master trainers in 8 batches. NCCVMRC has taken an active role in facilitating the Government of India's roll out of newer vaccines, specifically related to estimates of cold chain capacity planning, for Rotavirus vaccine and MR vaccine.

The Institute in collaboration with LSTM, UK and the Maternal Health Division of MoHFW, GoI; last year set up National Skills Lab- Daksh for upgrading the skills of health care providers for providing quality RMNCH+A services. During the year under report, the skills lab trained 195 participants from 7 States- Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha and Rajasthan in 25 batches.

Public Health Systems Capacity Building in India project has been established at NIHFWS in collaboration with CDC, Atlanta. The objective of this project is to strengthen capacity of health workforce in surveillance, outbreak investigation and early detection of impending outbreaks and public health management skills at state and district level. Under the project, three training programmes namely Rapid Response Team (RRT) Training, Public Health Management (PHM) training and Frontline Epidemiology Training (FET) are being conducted.

A Policy Unit has been set up in the Institute with the technical and financial support from USAID through Health Policy Project (HPP), Futures Group International, to undertake

evidence-based policy research and analysis, advocacy and multi-sectoral coordination on issues related to population, health and nutrition. Initially, the major focus of the Unit has been on population and family planning.

The Mother and Child Tracking Facilitation Centre (MCTFC) has been functional at the NIHFWS since 2014. This centre was envisaged to support MCTS in improving its data quality. MCTFC is expected to call beneficiaries (pregnant women and children) registered in MCTS and validate their records. Further, provision of medical consultants is also there to resolve the health related queries of beneficiaries or health workers.

MoHFW, Government of India, has established a Centre for Health Informatics (CHI) at NIHFWS under the overall administrative control of the Director, NIHFWS. The National Health Portal (NHP) has been set up by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) to provide health information to the citizens of India. The NHP serves as a single point access for authenticated health information for citizens, students, healthcare professionals and researchers. During the year under report CHI has taken few new initiatives by developing Mobile applications namely NHP Indradhanush, NHP Swasth Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA), No More Tension and India Fights Dengue to benefit the masses. NHP disseminates information in six languages- Hindi, Gujarati, Bangla, Tamil, Punjabi and English. It has also presence on social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter.

The Institute has been identified as the lead Institute for the 'Asia Region Network for South-South Cooperation'. The Network's mandate is to reflect regional needs and priorities to enhance communication among the partner institutions and to promote south-south cooperation to achieve the objectives of ICPD and MDGs.

The Demographic Data Centre has been functioning since 2003 that serves as data bank of information on socio-demographic, health and family welfare, etc. available from various sources at the national and state-levels. The Centre has procured NFHS-1, 2 and 3; DLHS- 1, 2 and 3; various rounds of NSSO Data, Census-1991, 2001 and 2011 and Annual Health Survey of nine States. The Centre has prepared population profiles using census data which are available on the Institute website for the public.

The NIHFW has been able to sustain the momentum in the process of collaborations with various international agencies such as WHO, UNICEF, USAID, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Partners in Population and Development (PPD), INCLEN, Futures Group International, and European Union, etc.

Under the official language implementation policy in the Institute, Hindi- the national language of the country; is given its due importance in day-to-day official works. For example, to mark the significance of Hindi, the Institute publishes a Hindi publication called 'Dhaarna' with the articles contributed by the faculty and staff members of the Institute and others on issues like public health, population and family welfare.

Approved budget (grant-in-aid) of Rs.5250/- lakhs (Rs.1550/- lakhs under Plan Rs. 3700/- lakhs under Non-Plan) was sanctioned to the Institute during 2016-17. The performance of the Institute during the year was satisfactory.

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