



The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security



Annual Report
2019-2020

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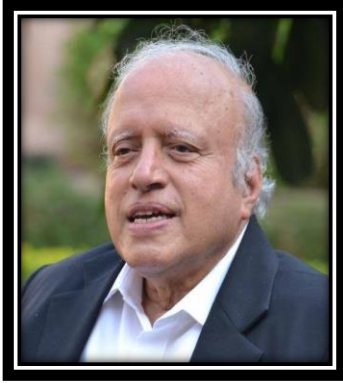
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Prof. M.S. Swaminathan
Patron and Emeritus Chair

MESSAGE

Nutrition security is vital for all other forms of nutrition. I am therefore very happy that Dr Sujeet Ranjan and his colleagues had taken the task of promoting nutrition security in every village and town. We should all give our help in ensuring that nutrition rich India becomes a reality. I wish CFNS continued success.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. S. Swaminathan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

M S Swaminathan



Message from Prof. Chandrakant S. Pandav

Board Chair (Since July 2019)

Dear Esteemed Members,

We feel honoured to be the largest Coalition in India working on Food and Nutrition security. The Coalition for Sustainable Nutrition Security (CFNS) is a multi-stakeholder alliance comprising of 120 members and 200 knowledge leaders, including many civil society organizations, academic and research institutions, donors, policy makers and program leaders. CFNS in India was formed in 2007 under the able leadership of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan. With utmost strength of purpose and clarity of vision, Dr Swaminathan chaired the organisation till 2014. The organisation flourished and reach greater heights under the chairmanship of Mr A.R Nanda, IAS (Retd.), Former Secretary-Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, from 2014 to 2019. It has, now, successfully set foot in its second decade as an extremely dedicated platform for members to transform and sustain India's nutrition landscape.

CFNS relishes the unstinting support of our esteemed members and program partners. In the recent years, CFNS has collaborated with various government and non-government organizations to provide technical and advisory support for promoting food and nutrition security. The Coalition is keenly taking the agenda of community-based initiatives to address malnutrition in India forward with the government and civil society organizations. At the same time, CFNS is playing a vital role in strengthening nutri-garden initiatives and taking them to the fore. The Coalition is actively working in four states- Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Odisha and Assam to bring out a sustainable solution to the hidden hunger or the micronutrient deficiencies. The remarkable way CFNS has taken the Call to Action and now the Call to Commitment is also remarkable.

CFNS has always continued to evolve in terms of its organisational strategies for itself to make headway and has demonstrated persistence and flexibility to achieve its vision and mission. Together we are facing a truly unprecedented situation. It is very likely that the COVID-19 pandemic has an extensive and long term influence on the status of nutrition and food security in India. The paucity caused by the situation necessitate sustainable and stronger partnership to ameliorate the deteriorating situation of nutrition in the country.

The Government of India is making concerted efforts to tackle the two-fold burden of COVID-19 and hidden hunger. The Coalition is also playing a significant role in tackling the situation and transforming the food and nutrition status in the country. By utilising social media platforms and arranging a series of webinars it is also working as a competent knowledge and experience aggregator.

I feel grateful to convey my wholehearted appreciation to the management team of the Coalition Secretariat, our honourable members and our partners including national and state governments, donors, supporters who have always reposed strong and unwavering faith in the Coalition. I extend my thanks to each one of them, who has always supported us and helped strengthening the foundation of CFNS.

“To make a difference in someone's life you don't have to be Brilliant, Rich, Beautiful or Perfect- you just have to Care and be Compassionate!”

-Prof. Chandrakant S. Pandav



Message from Dr. Sujeet Ranjan

Executive Director

॥सर्वजनाः सुखिनो भवन्तुः॥

These ancient words mean ‘May all the people in this universe live with happiness and prosperity’. May the coming year bring in abundant health, wellness, and happiness to all!

India is not just battling COVID-19 outbreak but is also fighting existing under-nutrition in the country. The spread of COVID-19 has impacted the health, nutrition, livelihoods, and wellbeing of India's most vulnerable populations and will have lasting effects on people. The impact of malnutrition especially among severe malnourished children in an environment in which health & nutrition services are reduced or destroyed, the caring structures have been broken down within society, and trauma is prevalent, increases.

To achieve sustainable development goals, nutrition and public health can be a major part in collaboration with other related sectors like agriculture, economics, social welfare, and education. The year 2019-20 will stand out as perhaps being one of the important year in the history of CFNS, setting food and nutrition platform to collaborate with national as well as state POSHAN Abhiyaan and collective efforts towards good policies & good governance for community-based strategies to address acute malnutrition in India.

The CFNS is also promoting Nutri-garden in a strategic manner with government and various stakeholders as a new pathway to address malnutrition at community level. I strongly believe that CFNS platform with our esteem members will play a significant role in this regard. The Coalition has the right strategy, skills, and the passion necessary to make CFNS fit for the future and that is why I am highly confident.

Even with so much of negativity, there is a silver lining for public health nutrition sector which will make the country stronger and make its own place much relevant in coming years. The crisis brought us together again, with more focused deliverables and objectives. To make India a stronger country, we should learn managing its human resource. I am firmly convinced that COVID-19 is a unique opportunity to reform our nutrition sector. If we reform our public health nutrition now, it creates an opportunity for ripple effects in other areas too: for instance, community health, education, livelihood, water & sanitation etc. While the pandemic is a bigger challenge, I am optimistic that we can come together and make a difference.

I would like to thank our teams for their commitment and demonstrated ability last year to both deliver their best, explored many collaborations for accelerating growth, significant margin enhancement, a stronger balance sheet and simultaneously walking the path to our 2020 commitments.

There is a lot to do and the future is more exciting than ever, both for CFNS and for other stakeholders. The future is sure to raise new challenges and new opportunities. But if we approach each step forward with a passion in ‘New Normal’, a commitment to building new capabilities, then I am confident we will succeed. Thank you for your trust in us, and my gratitude also to esteem members, all external stakeholders, and well-wishers everywhere for ongoing support of our journey.

Dr. Sujeet Ranjan

Vision and Mission

Our Vision

To achieve sustainable food and nutrition security for all.

Our Mission

The Coalition aims to raise awareness, foster collaboration, and advocate for improved programmes to achieve sustainable food and nutrition security in India.

Our Core Values

- Conviction and courage: Critically engaging with public policy and taking political positions on issues of public health and nutrition.
- Evidence-based Agenda: Committed to setting an agenda based on rational findings, such as backing scientific evidences and has the potential of being scaled up across cultural contexts.
- Equity and Diversity building an inclusive Coalition across India and giving equal space to each member regardless of size, capacity or position.
- Democratic Discourse: Engaging with multiple stakeholders from the government, civil society, and private sector transparently and collaboratively, giving all voices a space for the greater good.
- Result driven: Demonstrate results at scale, backed by quality and excellence.

CFNS Strategy

Good Policy, Good Governance Towards 'Sahi Poshan Desh Roshan'

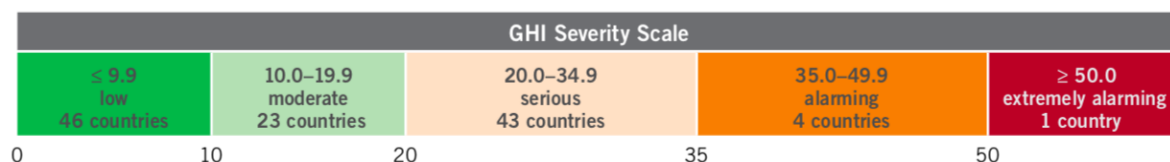
The Coalition enters its second decade as a platform for members to collaborate and achieve the common vision of “sustainable food and nutrition security for all.” Today it has more than 130 paid members spanning almost all states of India and thousands of well-wishers and supporters across the globe. Ministry of Women and Child and Ministry of Food and Consumer Affairs, Government of India represent in the Coalition’s Governing Board. In its journey over a decade, the Coalition has facilitated multiple cross group collaborations, dialogues between subject matter experts, policy leaders and agencies and successfully transformed the leadership agenda of action. It has provided a knowledge platform to assist State and Central Governments and worked as a national observatory of important issues and international best practices. The Coalition is duly recognized and has been active in maintaining food and nutrition as a topic of interest and concern in the public domain. Discharging its role as an aggregator of knowledge and social watch, the Coalition took up the issues of public interest, influenced the thinking and actions of policy makers and political leaders. Public debates were fostered bring stakeholder and message alignment on hard issues. The advocacy efforts have made significant achievements in influencing key policy decisions including the Food Security Law, ICDS restructuring, the 12th five-year plan, increasing accountability through State Food Commission, Food Fortification policy and National Nutrition Mission. The Coalition believes that there is a real opportunity, given its inherent strength as a multi stakeholder alliance with a governing body comprising of thought and policy leaders, to transform the food and nutrition landscape. This strategy takes cognisance of the recent monumental changes in the political economy and aims to transform through collective action, keeping sustainability as the key approach and by placing women at the forefront.

The Power of Sustainable Food and Nutrition Security

Sustainable food and nutrition security are necessary for survival, wellbeing, economic growth, country’s prosperity, security and stability. Good nutrition and food security can supercharge the demographic dividend. Investing one rupee in nutrition gives a return of 34 Rupees. Studies have shown that adequate investment can boost GDP by 11%, prevent half of child deaths per year, increase school attainment by one year, boost wage rate from 5% to 50% and make

children 33% more likely to escape poverty as adults. It is the key driver to productivity, cognitive ability and has power to transform present and future generations.

India has been classified as a country with ‘serious’ levels of hunger according to the 2019 Global Hunger Index.



India has been ranked 102 out of 117 countries in terms of severity of hunger. The country with the severest problem of hunger at rank 117 is the Central African Republic.

The Global Hunger Index calculates the levels of hunger and under-nutrition worldwide. The four indicators for the index are undernourishment, child stunting, child wasting and child mortality.

Globally, the levels of hunger have decreased and the global indicator has changed from ‘serious’ to the cusp of ‘moderate and serious.’ The index says this achievement coincides with a global decline in levels of poverty from 1999 to 2015, and cites that poverty and hunger are closely related.

It is typically accompanied by improvements in a country’s safe and nutritious food production and supply; both quantitative and qualitative, and allows gradual reduction in nutritional deficiencies.

India: The WILL to deliver and LEARN

India has the highest level of public investment in food and nutrition security in the world through its public funded programs and has entrenched the right to food and nutrition in its constitution through enactment of National Food Security Act-2013. Despite its many inadequacies, The National Food Security Act 2013 mandates food and nutrition entitlements through a life cycle approach including maternity support. The Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles and Infant Foods (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act 1992 and Amendment Act 2003 provide a strong policy framework for protecting, supporting and promoting nutrition interventions – especially during periods of greatest vulnerability for children and women. The constitution of a special 'Social Justice Bench' for exclusive hearing of cases relating to social issues at Supreme Court (India’s apex court) level in December 2014 has compounded India’s commitment to democracy. In recent years, India has achieved substantial gains on the nutrition front. The Government of India is planning to establish a National Nutrition Mission and bring out a comprehensive regulation on food fortification to address malnutrition including micronutrient deficiencies. Special importance has been accorded to the agriculture and farmer’s welfare with a target to double the farmer’s income in next five years. Numerous state governments have already established State Nutrition Missions and State Food Commissions as per the mandate of National Food Security Act-2013.

Government flagship programmes like Swachh Bharat Mission with a goal to make India free from open defecation will have bearings on nutrition outcomes. Policy measures providing Maternity Benefit of Rs 6,000 for pregnant women and an extended maternity leave of 26 weeks demonstrate a political and policy commitment to food and nutrition.

Some Indian states provide tremendous opportunity to learn and replicate. Kerala continues to be well ahead of other Indian states bringing down Infant Mortality Rate to 6, a level equal to that of US and average for developed nations. North Eastern states and Union Territories like Manipur, Nagaland, Sikkim, Meghalaya, Tripura, Puducherry and Lakshadweep have demonstrated substantial accomplishments in key nutrition and health indicators. These states can set benchmarks for fixating AARR (Annual Average Rate of Reduction) targets for states and the National Nutrition Mission.

Global Movements: A momentous for change

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) II (No Hunger), III (Good Health) and the World Health Assembly (WHA) targets provide a measurable roadmap for collaboration and accountability. Key actors including civil society organizations, central and state government agencies, parliamentarians, media and socially responsible business could work together to ensure a transformative change. Integration of food security, nutrition and agriculture in SDG II is a significant milestone and message to integrate these three areas for better outcome. As a member state, India has endorsed WHA targets for improving maternal, infant and young child nutrition and is committed to monitoring progress. These WHA targets are to be achieved by 2025. However, there are plans to extend the deadline to 2030, with targets set at more ambitious levels harmonized with the SDG goals. Various extra government movements have taken shape such as the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) movement. Although India is not a SUN Member country this is an opportunity to exchange knowledge and work on accountability on the commitments that have been made. Collectively, these movements have also resulted in the world leaders pledging to “end hunger and malnutrition by 2030”. Child under nutrition rates have been declining in India but not enough to meet World Health Assembly’s nutrition targets. The Coalition will build on this global and in-country momentum.

Our Manifesto and Mandate:

Our strategy for the next 5 years will be to ensure that sustainable food and nutrition is a priority agenda not only for the government, civil society and other development actors, but also for the socially responsible businesses, media, aid agencies and citizens at large, particularly the women and girls. Guided by the belief that women play a strategic role in protecting food and nutrition sovereignty, we will work to empower women with research backed information, tools and methods to bring changes in their human conditions and social positions. The Coalition will be guided by the concern that even as the increasing food demand is met, earth’s resources will be used responsibly.

Our Core Values:

Conviction and Courage: Critically engaging with public policy and taking political positions on issues of public interest concerning health and nutrition

Evidence based agenda: Committed to setting an agenda based on rational findings, such as backing of scientific evidence and yet has the potential of being scaled up across cultural contexts

Equity and diversity: Building an inclusive Coalition across India presence and giving equal space to each member regardless of size, capacity, or position

Democratic discourse: Engaging with multiple stakeholders from the government, civil society and private sector transparently and collaboratively, giving all voices a space for the greater good

Result Driven: Demonstrate result at scale and backed by quality and excellence.

Our Role

The Coalition sees itself as a catalyst of change. The role we play will derive from our strength as a gateway of research and technical expertise and as a knowledge or technical support to the government.

Knowledge aggregator: Evidences for impact – Use our unique strength to collate the wealth of research that exists and address perpetuating prejudices that impeded clarity and consensus.

Convener: To bring about message and stakeholder alignment

Social Watch: Improving state accountability and inequity

Collaborator with the government: Providing informed choices on policy reforms, breakthrough research, strategic priorities and issues

Our Goals and Commitments

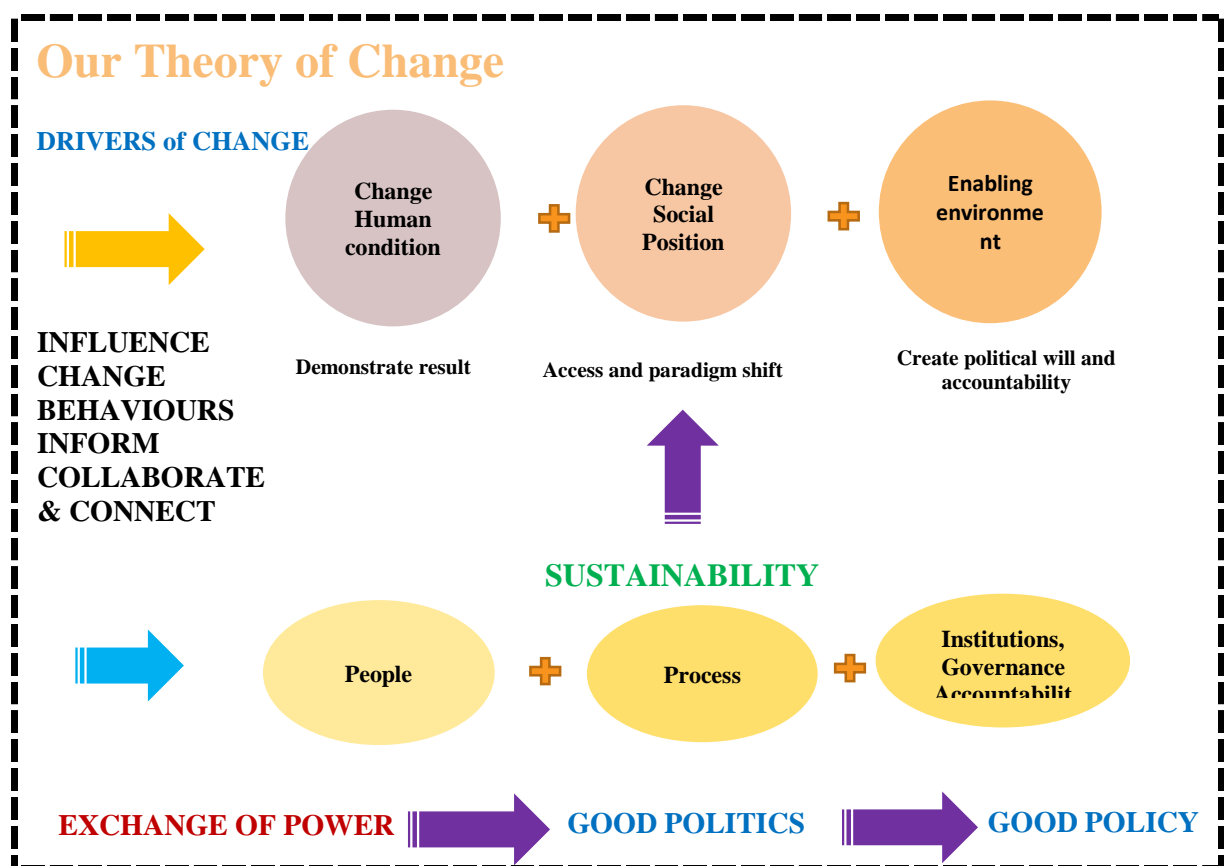
Our Goals are our Commitments for action.

The Coalition is adhering to a well-defined implementation plan in order to successfully execute the strategy going forward. Our theory of change, four initiatives and three key enablers (operating models) and State Coalition will be key instruments for the implementation. The efforts will be made for program delivery effectiveness and demonstrating result in the complex landscape.

The Theory of Change of CFNS

Our theory of change focusses on the dual strategy of creating an empowered and active community who are in control of the food they eat and produce and influencing a community of informed policy makers who will make technically sound choices, zealously upholding a sustainable and people first food and nutrition programme. Our goals and key result areas are

all inclusive since we believe that now is the time for an exhaustive and all-encompassing approach. Our path to a transformative agenda will depend in equal parts on making the right connections and working with individuals. As a coalition our action plan will take into account a wide network of partners who have deep connections with the community across states of India. Hence our strategic objectives are designed keeping in mind that all our interventions will have to be connected from the bottom to top. Based on recommendations that have surfaced in our consultations we will be concentrating on creating quick impact in a few critical areas. Since change is scarcely continuous, we will be looking at windows of opportunity such as the current political focus on the Nutrition Mission, ICDS reforms and Food and Nutrition Security Act. Our ability to engage with the government and policy makers across party lines is a strength, we will maximize our advocacy deliverables.



Way Forward

The Coalition serves as a unique platform bringing together key stakeholders to advocate for improved nutrition policies and programs in India. Over the last 14 years, the Coalition has undertaken multiple initiatives in promoting food and nutrition security in India. Members believe the Coalition has huge potential to play a critical role in promoting food and nutrition security in India. The Coalition will continue this mandate expanding its membership base and building inclusive platforms at public space.

Timeline

October 2019 to September 2020

Consultation on Strengthening the Coalitions working groups to offer leadership on evidence based technical assistance and knowledge management

Expert consultation meet with Government, Research Experts, Civil Society organizations etc. on Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (CNNS)

War on Wasting: Preventing the intergenerational cycle of undernutrition; CFNS in collaboration with IFPRI and other organizations

Series of Capacity Building Program for the Member Organization of CFNS & other CSOs on "Data Collection, Analysis and Interpretation" by CFNS in collaboration with CTARA, IIT Bombay

Public health nutrition engagement session with Rural Management Professionals of Xavier Institute of Social Service

Partnership with WeCan team to organise Nutrition Partner Meet at national level and state level on Coverage, Continuity, Intensity and Quality (C2IQ) in collaboration with govt.

CFNS collaborated with UNICEF-Bihar, Indo Global Social Service Society and Bihar Voluntary Health Association in organizing a State level consultation held on importance of household nutri-practices in preventing child mortality, morbidity and undernutrition in Bihar

National consultation to deliberate on finding of study "Voices from the field" conducted by VHAI & CEA in collaboration with CFNS

Jharkhand State Nutrition Mission signed an MoU with CFNS to collaborate to improve overall nutrition security in Jharkhand

VHAI in collaboration with CFNS and ICCo organised a webinar- Food and Nutrition Security Challenge during COVID-19

CFNS in collaboration with UNICEF, Nutrition International and Welt Hunger Hilfe organised a webinar on Practicing and Promoting Adequate Complementary Nutrition During COVID-19

National Core Advisory Group Meeting on Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition

The state nutrition mission, Jharkhand in collaboration with CFNS organised a consultation with Expert Group Members on alleviation of malnutrition in Jharkhand

CFNS organised series of webinars on the impact of COVID-19 on malnutrition in collaboration with state government and CSOs

Experts from CFNS had a panel discussion on mitigating malnutrition “Kuposhan se Suposhan ki orr”

CFNS shared the national perspective of child malnutrition during COVID-19 with Paediatric & Adolescent Nutrition Society IAP subspecialty chapter, organised during Poshan Maah in September

CFNS and CTARA, IIT Bombay organised series of webinars on Nutri-Garden: “Bridge between Agriculture and Nutrition” as part to strengthen Poshan Abhiyan

SDG Choupal- Series of International Webinar on “Let’s Talk on SDGs- The Power of Zero Hunger”

Panel Discussion organised by the CFNS and WeCan on “Improving Quality of Nutrition Services & Ensuring Last-mile Convergence

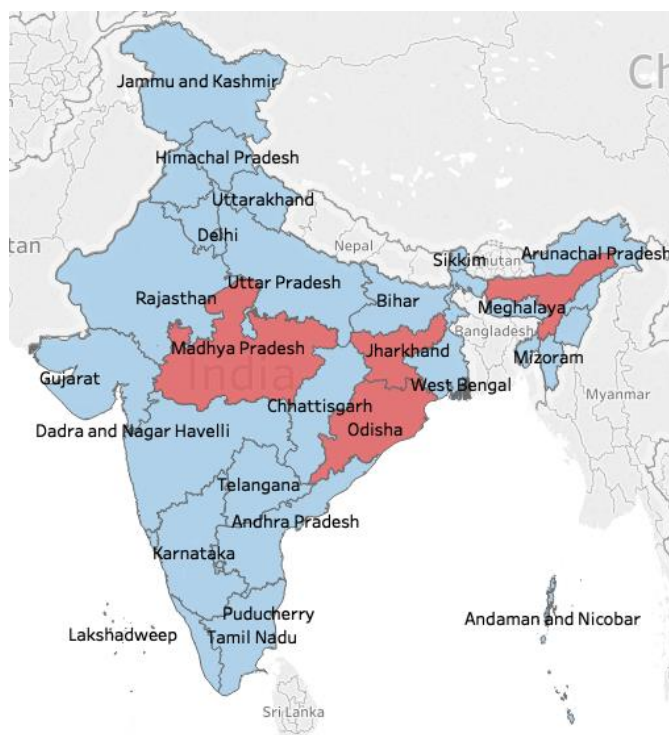
CFNS and National Centre of Excellence- SAM (full form) organised a webinar on Urgency of managing children with SAM at the community level

Community- based Management of Acute Malnutrition

The Coalition is supporting the development and implementation of the Community Based Management of Malnutrition (CMAM) program with its present intervention “To drive a child – centric and community focused narrative for community-based management and treatment of SAM children in India” by collaborating **with the government and other key stakeholders.**

It aims to achieve consensus amongst key stakeholders regarding urgency to address SAM, roll out a comprehensive approach to CMAM programs in the country and mainstream SAM care within the government health and ICDS systems so that we can serve our children below 5 years of age.

Project states: Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Jharkhand and Odisha



Key Interventions



National Technical Committee on CMAM and Core Technical Groups at state level is aimed at sensitizing and reaching stakeholder consensus on SAM management.

Experts from Kalawati Saran Children’s Hospital, CTARA, IIT Bombay, Alive and Thrive, Nirmala Niketan and other experts from various groups working on CMAM are part of the National Technical Committee.

Three meetings at national level have already taken place in June, July and September 2020

Outputs of the Technical Committee Meeting

- Severe Acute Malnutrition in India - Discussion Paper on Situation and Pathways towards Solutions
- Dossier of all CMAM projects in India
- A series of policy briefs, idea notes on CMAM



Core Advisory Groups at national and state level works with the national, state and district government to effect CMAM programming based on the consensus from the technical committee.

Influential people like bureaucrats, technocrats in government, NGO and CSO members are part of this Core Advisory groups at national and state

Two meetings at national level have already taken place in October 2019 and May 2020 and 3 meetings at state level have already taken place in February, April and May 2020

Outputs of the Core Advisory Group Meeting

- Strategic action plan with specific engagement objectives to engage with policy makers



Engagement at district level

Field visits were conducted in MP, Jharkhand, Assam and Odisha to document the state of CMAM through focused group discussions with community, service providers and personal interviews at district level. The study was carried out to collect the field perspectives and identify local champions.

- Two districts Hoshangabad and Khandwa in MP selected for the exposure visits. Champions identified at community level or system level would narrate their stories regarding identification, treatment and rehabilitation of SAM children. These champions may be the service providers, community persons, SHG members, Community leaders, PRI members or any other persons from community level.

‘Voices from the field’ was a unique initiative to help people at the grassroots to share their feedback on government schemes and policies while suggesting ways to strengthen them. The study was a collaborative effort of The Coalition for Food & Nutrition Security (CFNS) and Voluntary Health Association of India (VHAI) in selected districts across Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Odisha to bring forward the challenges faced by the community, the outcomes of their efforts, and their perception on how to bring about the change in addressing malnutrition.

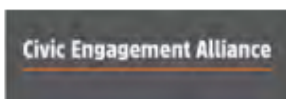
To facilitate dialogues on the gaps, challenges and opportunities at the community level in addressing malnutrition



Adequate infrastructure at the Anganwadi Centres- The Anganwadi centres are one of the most valuable common spaces at the village level. The Community strongly felt that improved infrastructure at the Anganwadi Centres will not only increase enrolment but would also lead to better utilization of services.

Making Kitchen Gardens a reality: During various discussions, voices from the community highlighted and supported the idea of developing community driven kitchen gardens in Anganwadis, schools and even at homes. They seemed to appreciate the nutritional as well as long term economic benefits of such organic gardens. They further talked about easy availability of initial inputs like good quality seeds, probably through a Panchayat level seed bank.

Smoother implementation of government health programmes- The current process for availing cash benefits under PMMVY and allocation of ration cards to avail PDS was considered quite cumbersome by many among the community and they consistently talked about making the process easier.



I. Inferences from Community meetings

Regular service delivery through government health programmes- The community highlighted the importance of adequate and timely supply of THR and IFA tablets at the Anganwadi Centres. They also talked about the value of regular services at the PHC/ CHC like availability of doctors and medicines should be ensured. They also recommended that a hospital should be made at accessible locations from their villages.

Regular monitoring of health facilities- The community felt that there should be regular monitoring of the health schemes and programmes; officials should visit the healthcare facilities like Anganwadi Centres and hospitals so that the gaps can be identified and addressed timely. Overall, most of the community's suggestions concerned the process of access and availability that can be strengthened through convergence of resources..

II. Inferences from FGDs with Frontline Health Workers

Adequate infrastructure at the Anganwadi Centres- The front line workers suggested that better facilities like a permanent designated building, regular water supply and improved infrastructure of the building should be made available. These basic amenities make a substantial difference in the work environment.

Reduction in work load- The frontline health workers claimed that they were involved in rigorous documentation for the other departments which has hampered their quality of work as their involvement in their own work has been impacted.

Capacity building- The frontline workers raised the need for regular training sessions for the Anganwadi and ASHA workers as it not only helps in building their capacity but also strengthens the delivery of government health services.

Regular Government health services- The community pointed out that there should be an adequate and timely supply of THR and IFA tablets at the Anganwadi Centres.

III. Inferences from interviews with district officials

Formation of district level monitoring committee- Establishment of a district level monitoring committee to review the implementation of government programmes especially for Supplementary Nutrition which has been irregular in a few districts.

Bottom up approach- Some of the District officials raised the importance of Health being a State subject. They believe that its management would improve with a bottom up approach. There should be more flexibility at the ground level for the implementation of the nutrition programmes.

Strengthening Infrastructure- One of the most basic requirement highlighted by most of the officials revolved around strengthening of the health infrastructure with adequate human resource.

Special focus on inaccessible locations- Special packages for programmes and schemes should be provided in hilly and difficult regions.

Departmental convergence- Inter- sectoral coordination among various departments to strengthen the delivery system is the need of the hour.

Streamlining the online process- Streamlining of the online process of applying ration cards for availing PDS should be done to avoid duplicate applications and for smooth implementation of the process which is currently strenuous.

Ensuring basic amenities- Availability of basic amenities at the health care facilities should be ensured.

ACTIVITIES DURING COVID-19

Coalition conducted the webinar on practicing and promoting adequate complementary nutrition during COVID-19 in co-ordination with UNICEF, Nutrition International and Welthungerhilfe on 15th May'2020.

CFNS in co-ordination with VHAI also conducted a webinar on food and nutrition security challenges due to COVID-19 and lockdown situation on 1st May 2020.

As a member of food and nutrition security sector committee, Coalition has also been engaged to draft the multisector coordination handbook.

Coalition along with Sphere India, WFP and Welthungerhilfe joined together as a technical task force to develop state/ region-specific food baskets.

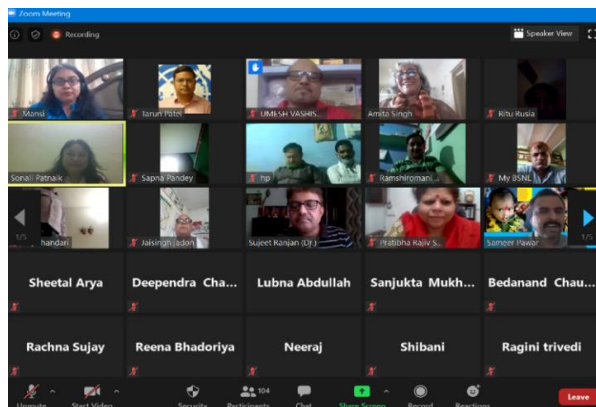
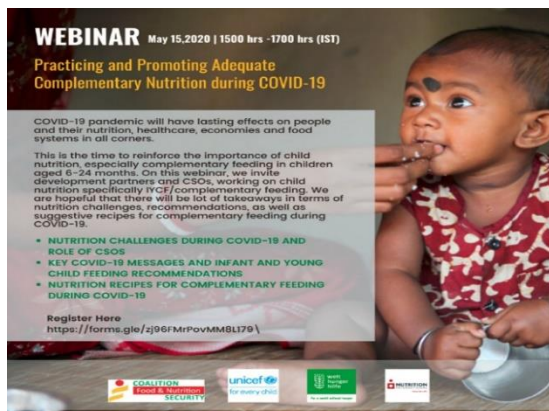
Webinar on Data Visualization techniques using Tableau was organized by CFNS with the support of CTARA, IIT Bombay on 4th and 5th April'20 for capacity building in use of COVID data for dashboards, storytelling with data.

Advocacy through letters sent to relevant line ministries to include agenda of child malnutrition in their plan. Coalition also actively and responsibly disseminated COVID related messages through social media.

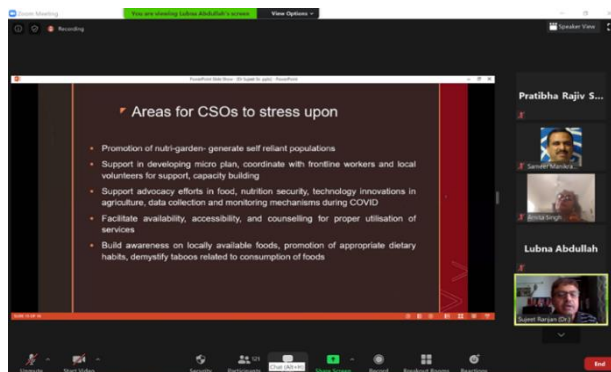
Our Collaborators during COVID:

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- ✧ UNICEF
- ✧ Nutrition International
- ✧ Welthungerhilfe
- ✧ Sphere India
- ✧ World Food Programme
- ✧ Voluntary Health Association of India

Webinar on-Practicing and promoting adequate complementary nutrition during COVID-19



Agenda for the meeting		
Topic	Resource person	Time
Welcome and Objective Sharing	Pratibha Srivastava, State Co-ordinator, WHH	3.00-3.05 pm
Context Setting	Mr. Philippe Dresruesse Program Advisor WHH India/Bangladesh	3.05-3.15
Nutrition challenges during COVID-19 and role of CSOs	Dr Sujeet Ranjan, Executive Director, CFNS	3.15-3.30 pm
Key COVID-19 messages and infant and young child feeding recommendations	Dr Sameer Pawar, Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF	3.30-3.55 pm
Nutrition Recipes for complementary feeding during cCOVID-19	Ms. Amita Singh, Medical Dietitian, National Hospital, Bhopal	3.55-4.15 pm
Questions & Answers		
Concluding remarks	Ms. Mansi Shekhar, State Program Representative ,Nutrition International	4.50-5.00 pm



Development partners and Civil Society Organizations and other institutions working on child nutrition specifically IYCF/ complementary feeding were the target group. 150 participants from 70 organizations as well as institutions participated.

The spread of COVID-19 has impacted the health, livelihoods and wellbeing of India & most vulnerable populations. Already the nutritional status of children in India is at an alarming stage. But during this COVID times the situation got more worst due to unavailability and inaccessibility of nutrition services as the implementation of all the services across India has been affected. Considering the status of these children there was a felt need to come together to reinforce the importance of child nutrition, especially complementary feeding in children aged 6-24 months and discuss the best practices of dietary habits to keep the nutritional status of children stable. The key discussion points of the webinars were:

Nutrition Challenges during COVID-19 and role of CSOS

Nutrition is an important agenda for the policymakers and political leaders and some of the recommendations for CSOs

Key COVID-19 messages and infant and young child feeding recommendations

Importance of food & nutrition in improving immunity of the child

Nutrition Recipes for complementary feeding during COVID-19

Key Activities in the Year



Tackling malnutrition in a pandemic era:

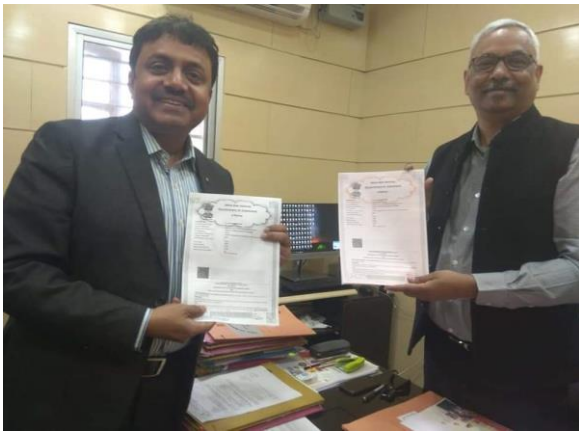
A renewed commitment to action for nutrition in India

July 27, 2020

‘Commitment to Action’ builds on previous consensus statements among the nutrition community in India: the “Leadership Agenda for Nutrition” (2008) and “An Action Agenda for Nutrition Security in India” (2014). Both these were released by the Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security and supported the design of POSHAN Abhiyaan, India’s National Nutrition Mission, in 2018.

We have come together with this Commitment to Action to move forward in a concerted, coordinated and effective manner to achieve nutrition security in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Support and commitment received in the form of 160+ signatures



The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security is proud to be a partner of Jharkhand State Nutrition Mission, Government of Jharkhand to-

- Achieve sustainable nutrition security in Jharkhand
- Discuss and identify actions to be undertaken, studies to be instituted
- Mobilize expertise and technical support to JSNM in addressing the issues of malnutrition in the State particularly in the most marginalized and vulnerable sections of the population.



Consultation meeting on Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (CNNS) held on 28th November 2019 was jointly organized by CFNS and Innovative Change Collaborative ICCO.

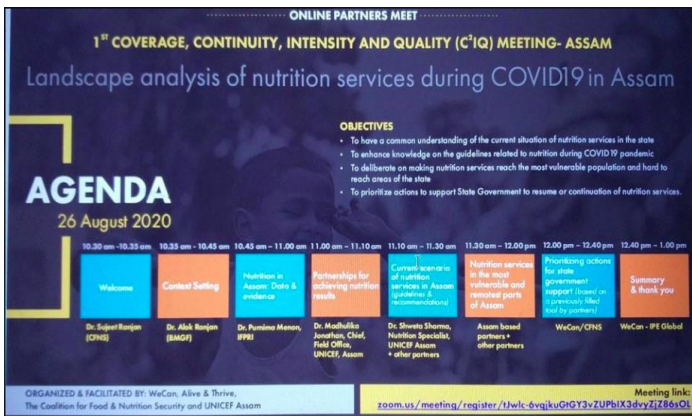
The CNNS data set provides new insights into all types of macronutrient and micronutrient malnutrition, dietary habits, life skill behaviors, access to services (school, health and nutrition) and physical activity throughout adolescence (10-19 years) for both girls and boys.



The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security is happy to collaborate with We Can to work together towards success of POSHAN ABHIYAAN at national and state level through effective implementation and scale up of successful interventions.



Together a series of consultations took place in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Jharkhand, Assam, Odisha focusing on **Continuity, Coverage, Intensity and Quality (C2IQ) of nutrition programmes** as well as **developing understanding on the current scenario of delivery of health and nutrition services during the COVID-19 pandemic.**



C2IQ meeting Assam, August 2020



C2IQ meeting Odisha, July 2020



CFNS organised a **"Two Days Training Program on 'Data Collection, Analysis and Interpretation'"** for the development sector professionals with the support of CTARA, IIT Bombay on 28 and 29 Nov'19.

This module is meant to provide hands on training to the NGOs/ Govt. and private organisations/ Academicians for enhancing their skills in digital collection of field data, large data analysis and its interpretation using basic tools.



CFNS organised a **"Two Days Training Module on 'Training on Data Visualisation using Tableau'"** for the development sector professionals with the support of CTARA, IIT Bombay on 20 and 21st Feb'20.

"This module was meant to provide hands on training to the NGOs/Govt and private organisations/academicians for enhancing their skills in big data visualisation techniques using tableau, one of the most powerful and fastest growing data visualization tools".

Celebration of Poshan Maah- September 2020

“Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2020” is a great opportunity to create maximum awareness about the problem of malnutrition and reinforce the movement to achieve holistic nutrition under POSHAN Abhiyaan. Government’s commitment to curb malnutrition is clearly visible, and the two main areas of focus during the Rashtriya Poshan Maah was-

1. Identification and tracking of children with SAM
2. Nutri-garden.

Webinar on “Community-based strategies to address Acute Malnutrition in India” 4th September 2020

This webinar was organised by CFNS and Paediatric & Adolescent Nutrition Society (PAN SOCIETY) IAP Subspecialty Chapter on Nutrition aimed at exploring the experience of two states (Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh) that have prioritized management of SAM at community level and learn how these programs have been adjusted to be relevant even during COVID times. State Governments can learn from such experiences and take forward such initiatives in their respective states.

- **290+ participants attended from different organisations**
- **Graced by Commissioner – ICDS, Govt. of Maharashtra and Director – WCD, Govt. of MP**
- **Speakers were also from ICMR-NIN, UNICEF and National Center of Excellence at Kalawati Saran Children’s Hospital**

AGENDA 4 th September 2020, 02:00 - 04:00 PM		 National Nutrition Week 2020	
WEBINAR ON “COMMUNITY-BASED STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS ACUTE MALNUTRITION IN INDIA”			
Setting the context, Dr. Sujeet Ranjan, Executive Director, CFNS (02:00- 02:15 PM)			
Plenary Discussion (14:10-15:30 PM) Moderator: - Prof. Satish B. Agnihotri, Emeritus Fellow, CTARA, IIT Bombay			
Ms. Indra Mallo, IAS, Commissioner-ICDS, Govt. of Maharashtra 2:10-2:25 PM	Dr. Mrudula Phadke, Senior Advisor- NRHM, UNICEF 2:25-2:40 PM	Dr Sanjay Prabhu, State Center of Excellence for SAM management 2:40-2:55 PM	
Ms. Swati Meena Naik, IAS, Director-WCD- Govt. of Madhya Pradesh 2:55-3:10 PM	Dr. Avula Laxmaiah, Scientist G & Head, Division of Public Health Nutrition, ICMR-NIN 3:10-3:20 PM	Dr. Praveen Kumar, Kalawati Saran Children Hospital, New Delhi 3:20 – 3:30 PM	
Q and A, Open Discussion Moderator – Ms. Meeta Mathur, Senior Technical Advisor, CFNS 03:30 – 03:55 PM	Closing Remarks Dr. Sujeet Ranjan, CFNS 03:55 – 04:00 PM	 	

Webinar on
“Nutri-garden: Bridge between
Agriculture and Nutrition”
5th September 2020

A preliminary webinar on “Awareness on Nutri- Garden- A way ahead to Nutrition Security” was held on 11th August 2020 prior to the larger webinar on “Nutri-Garden: Bridge between Agriculture and Nutrition” during Poshan Maah on 5th September 2020 by CFNS in collaboration with Centre for Technology Alternatives for Rural Areas (CTARA), IIT Bombay. Supporting Partner-Asia Pacific Association of Agricultural Rese

The preliminary webinar on 11th August 2020 organised by CFNS in collaboration with Centre for Technology Alternatives for Rural Areas (CTARA), IIT Bombay drew a huge response that encouraged us to organise the larger Webinar on Nutri-garden in the 1st week of September.

Highlights of Webinar on “Awareness on Nutri- Garden- A way ahead to Nutrition Security”, 11th August’2020

Nutrition garden is an indigenous and sustainable solution to malnutrition. It can play a critical role in ensuring nutrition security and diversity at AWC, household level as well as empowering rural women who can play a major role in decision making alongside men related to what crops to plant and sell, how to use harvests and what foods to include in diets and hence ensure food and nutritional safety of growing children.

The webinar focused on: Awareness generation through deliberations on Innovation, methodology, strategies, scaling up and best practices from the representatives of major organisations working on Nutri-garden programme and critical role of Nutri-garden in eliminating malnutrition through convergence with other line departments.

- **100+ Participants attended from different organisations**
- **Key speakers from Welthungerhilfe, BAIF, M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Piramal Swasthya, CTARA-IIT Bombay, Ekjut, Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI).**

Highlights of Webinar on “Nutri- Garden: Bridge between Agriculture and Nutrition”, 5th September’2020

The circular dated 4th May 2020 from the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) enabling support to nutri-gardens from MGNREGA can become a game changer, coupled with CSR and 14th Finance Commission grant funds available with Panchayats for ensuring nutrient security and promoting livelihood through MGNREGAS.

- **250+ Participants attended from different organisations**
- **Graced by Joint Secretary-National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), MoRD, Director Special Projects and SMD, Odisha Livelihood Mission in the Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Department**
- **Other Key speakers from FAO of the United Nations, Harvest Plus, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA)-CGIAR and ICMR-NIN.**

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Prof Satish B. Agnihotri, Emeritus Fellow, Centre for Technology Alternatives for Rural Areas (CTARA), IIT Bombay

Ms Nita Kejriwal, Joint Secretary-NRLM, Ministry of Rural Development, GoI

Mr Rajesh P. Patil, Director Special Projects and SMD, Odisha Livelihood Mission in the Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Department

Dr Sheila Vir, Director, Public Health Nutrition and Development Centre

Ms Meera Mishra, Country Co-ordinator, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Dr. Avula Laxmaiah, Scientist G & Head, Division of Public Health Nutrition, ICMR-NIN

Dr Sujeet Ranjan, Executive Director, Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security (CFNS)

Mr. Binu Cherian, Country Manager, Harvest Plus

Dr. Chandrashekhar Biradar, Research Team Leader, International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA)-CGIAR

Mr Vinay Singh, Nutritionist, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

CFNS in Print & Media

Media has become an essential component for the societal responses to the crisis caused by COVID-19. The media has proved itself to be an important platform for public discussions and knowledge sharing.

The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security is in news every next day on all the media platforms. Various articles/ issues based consultation from CFNS have been released in different newspapers.

Livemint.com

1. POSHAN atlas to map local crops, food grains for tackling malnutrition
 - The solution to tackling malnutrition lies in promoting regional cropping patterns and embracing local food that are rich in protein, says Smt. Smriti Irani
 - Poshan Abhiyan is focusing on ensuring the nutrition of children, women, and pregnant mothers in impoverished areas
 - Community Management of Acute Malnutrition is a proven approach to manage severe acute malnutrition in children under five that involves timely detection of acutely malnourished children in the community and provision of treatment for those without medical complications with nutrient-dense foods at home
2. India facing severe levels of malnutrition, climate change to further worsen malnutrition
 - The report took note of open defecation in India as an impacting factor for health
 - Public health experts have said that India need some more time to tackle malnutrition and the efforts are going on
 - Climate change is affecting the global food system in ways that increase the threat to those who currently already suffer from hunger and under-nutrition
3. Free lunch scheme for the school children goes off the menu
 - Anganwadi workers have been directed to anganwadi centres only to receive take home ration
 - It has been challenging in a way all anganwadi centres are closed. Keeping track of Severe Acute Malnutrition children is being difficult
4. COVID-19 to exacerbate wasting, child and adult overweight: UN Report
 - While it is too early to assess the full impact of lockdowns and other containment measures, it is estimated that at least another 83 million people and possibly as many as 132 million globally may go hungry in 2020 as a result of the economic recession triggered by COVID-19
 - Malnutrition remains a major threat to the survival, growth and development of Indian children. Rates of child malnutrition in India are among the highest in the world

ET Now

5. India Development Debate: Junk Food Ban; FSSAI launches “Eat Right” Campaign,
 - Proposes a ban on sale and advertisement of junk foods in school canteens to ensure safe and wholesome food for children

Orissadaily.com

6. Dharmendra Pradhan launched Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey Report on Odisha
 - CFNS and its 120 partners provided support for Odisha- factsheet and dissemination of the findings and suggestions on way forward.
 - Addressing malnutrition requires multi-sectoral collaboration. We must generate awareness and create synergies between all stakeholders, Central government, State Government, industry and the civil society to ensure better nutrition for children, women and youth.

Bridgespan.org

7. Philanthropic Collaboratives in India: The Power of Many
 - The study has identified CFNS as an important stakeholder in mission strengthening by playing an important role in developing, collating, publishing and disseminating knowledge in a collaborative manner

POSHAN- Outlook India

8. Linkages between Family Planning and Nutrition
 - Integration of family planning and reproductive health services in nutrition programming, an important intervention, is often overlooked. There is a need for strong advocacy for empowering women through such programmes
9. Nutrition for school going children in the absence of Mid-day meals
 - India not just fighting undernutrition but is also battling COVID-19 outbreak.
 - Apart from education, Mid-Day Meal program has been severely hit
 - Meanwhile, the nutritional status of vulnerable population would further go down
 - Community kitchen, WASH education, jingles, educative messages are being focused upon by using mobile services.
10. The Pivotal Role of Nutrition in controlling Lymphatic Filariasis
 - Undernutrition increases the risk of infection, disease severity and chances of mortality amongst children
 - Feeding practices play an important role in tackling lymphatic filariasis along with mass drug treatment

The Good Sight

11. NGO Special Issue
 - Featuring development initiatives from across the length and breadth of the country which also included the initiatives of the Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security
12. Special Issue: For the cause of food and nutrition security
13. Care in the time of COVID-19 Part II
14. Push for Poshan in the time of COVID-19

Financial Express

15. World Health Day 2020, Role of Nurse, Midwives and Paramedical services during COVID-19 for SAM children

- Need for a more convenient way of making the information reach the grass root level by circulating videos, modules in local languages regarding care of mothers and children during COVID-19 through the mobile platform

India Spend

16. Essential outreach services hit in states with worst health indicators

- With the diversion of frontline staff, the cessation of outreach programmes, even if temporary, stands to impact millions. “Outreach programmes are important tools for bringing health education and screening services directly to community members”

The Week

17. COVID-19: Agriculture innovation to achieve food security and tackle malnutrition in India

- One challenge will be to restore economic activities. India needs to create synergies in food technology, agriculture, biotechnology.
- Prioritizing and adaptation of innovation should act as main drivers of productivity growth and improved sustainability
- Huge lack of Research and Development to find out the strong link between agriculture and nutrition

The Pioneer

18. Food for thought

- Economic challenges brought on by COVID-19 and social distancing norms will complicate the issue of addressing severe malnutrition.
- Reinventing facility-based management model, so that our centres are more sensitive, combined with a stronger community-based early identification and follow up approach for managing SAM will prove effective in ensuring completion of treatment, adherence to follow up and sustained weight gain for children suffering from severe malnutrition

19. Dual burden for state: Existing undernutrition and undernutrition induced by COVID-19

- Zero hunger and good nutrition have the power to transform and empower the present and future generation
- Malnutrition remains a major threat to the survival, growth and development of children

20. Essential Interventions for reducing Malnutrition (**Interview- 21st& 22nd September 2019**)

- Best opportunity to break the vicious inter-generational cycle is to concrete efforts on improving nutrition of infants and young children
- Implementing essential interventions could halve the rates of child malnutrition in India over the next five years

The Economic Times

21. Fighting Malnutrition by tackling food insecurity

- The GHI report stated that “India is suffering from a serious hunger problem”. India rank of 102 in the 2019 Global Hunger Index is a matter of huge concern
- Need to invest more in vulnerable communities such as small scale farmers, to develop & carry out context-specific adaptation strategies that will strengthen food and nutrition security and food sovereignty

The Financial Express

22. World Hunger Day: Dual burden for India; existing under nutrition and under nutrition induced by COVID-19
- Undernourishment hinders daily earnings and financial security which further aggravates socio-economic burden of malnutrition, and this perpetuates a long-term pattern of hunger and poverty
23. World Breastfeeding Week 2020: Nourishing the youngest-successful strategies for public health community
- Societal support (Family and Social Network- Husband/Parents/Friends) increases the mother's confidence in her ability to breastfeed beyond the early weeks and months
24. Community-based approach to address malnutrition by 2022
- Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2020 is an opportunity to form greatest mindfulness towards the issue of lack of healthy sustenance and further fortify the development to attain all-encompassing sustenance under POSHAN Abhiyan

Express Healthcare

25. Impact of climate change on malnourished children
- Effects of climate-related shocks can be passed from generation to generation, leaving a lasting impact on Children's ability to survive, grow and flourish
 - Strategies targeted at lowering climate change and its impacts showcase synergies with interventions aiming improved food and human health
26. Dr. Sujeet Ranjan- COVID-19 is a unique opportunity to reform our public health sector (**Interview- 05.10.2020**)
- While estimating the socio-economic burden of malnutrition in the post COVID era, there is a need to break the cycle of inter-generational malnutrition by focusing on both children under two years of age and women; especially adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers

Times of India

27. Dr. Sujeet Ranjan- Pandemic has caused food and nutrition shortages; civil society organizations can play a role in solutions at a local level (**Interview- 08th June 2020**)
- COVID-19 outbreak has dealt a blow to welfare schemes, including those related to malnutrition
 - Civil Society Organizations, including Self-Help group, can play an active role in supporting solutions at a local level, such as promotion of nutri-garden to generate self-resilient populations, support capacity building efforts, nutrition security, technology innovations in agriculture, data collection and monitoring mechanisms
28. Dr. Chandrakant Pandav- "Malnutrition rates in India not going down fast enough, we must move for a better and healthier India" (**Interview- 21st November 2019**)
- Malnutrition in India continues to be a huge problem with the latest Global Hunger Index ranking the country an abysmal 102 out of 117 nations
29. Dr. Sujeet Ranjan on importance of nutrition month, roadblocks in India's nutrition goals, and more

Dainik UP

30. COVID-19 Sankat ki maar, Baccho mein hogi Kuposhan ki samasya Doguni

The Indian Express

31. Third Rashtriya Poshan Maah being celebrated to promote nutrition in women and children
 - Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the Rashtriya Poshan Maah this year celebrated through digital platforms
 - Poshan Maah is inspiring and shows that we can make progress in a relatively short span of time with the right strategies and commitment
 - In the current crisis, it becomes even more pertinent to address with multi-pronged and multi-sectoral actions
 - Community participation and responsibility through interventions such as Jan Andolan and Jan Bhagidhari have power to break the “Culture of silence” for nutrition outcomes
32. Women and Child ministry steps up efforts to address malnutrition across Maharashtra
 - India already has 9.3 million children below the age of five who have SAM. Much more needs to be done to realise the goal of addressing malnutrition by 2022. We need to look at multiple approaches like CMAM to tackle malnutrition, including SAM in India
 - This needs to be guided by an effective policy framework to meet the desired outcomes
33. Government steps up efforts as pandemic, lockdown affect malnutrition programme

Hindustan Times

34. Healthcare experts welcome the decline in India’s child mortality rate and hope for further downfall
 - Welcoming decline in India’s child mortality rate between 1990 and 2019, healthcare experts have advised that the number can be further brought down by providing quality essential health and nutrition services to every new-born
 - There is no time to lose because women are pregnant today, babies are being born every single day and many more, including adolescent are in sensitive periods of physical and mental development

Times of India/ NDTV/ Deccan Herald/ Outlook India/ Nav Bharat Times

35. Healthcare experts welcome decline in India’s mortality rate
 - Drop in India’s mortality rate is welcomed, attributing it to political will and commitment and evidence based policy and programming decisions prioritising new-born and child health
 - Although global number of new-born deaths declined from 5 million in 1990 to 2.4 million in 2019, children face the greatest risk of death in the first 28 days of life

Global Youth Voice

36. Youth Affairs: Health Risks and Solutions
 - Today’s youth are tomorrow’s leaders and the carers will bear the brunt of these lifestyle choices, both financially and personally
 - Young people have the capacity to add value to solutions for NCDs
 - India has the world’s largest youth population. Therefore, it is essential to provide them- Right health and Nutrition, Right Education, Right value system and Right linkages

The Logical Indian

37. Maharashtra steps up measures to address malnutrition across state.

NDTV

38. India sees a decline of 70% in under five mortality rate in past three decades, what is the way forward

- In India, there has been a paradigm shift in the approach towards health care; we have adopted the Reproductive, Maternal, New-born, Child Health and Adolescent Health Strategy.
- New-born occupies centre stage in the overall strategy as all the inter linkages between various components have the greatest impact on the mortality and morbidity rates of a new-born. The approach should recognize the new-born health and survival is inextricably linked to women's health across all life stages

Let's Talk Policy

- Reflection upon the challenges children, and their families face due to malnutrition and possible solutions to deal with the wicked problem of malnutrition. The discussion also highlighted the importance of civil society during and post COVID-19 era to tackle malnutrition in India

Retro Radio Saturday

- Dr. Sujeet Ranjan talked about Nutrition Landscape in India on first instagram live radio show



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One challenge will be to restore economic activities

By Dr. Chandrakant S. Pandav, Dr Sujeet Ranjan And Sahil Sharma

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Community-based management of acute malnutrition

Monday, 24 February 2020 | Dr Sujeet Ranjan

The burden of undernutrition is high in India. One-fourth of India's children are born with low birth weight, 35.7 percent of children under five are underweight, 38.4 percent are stunted and 21 percent are wasted. Iron deficiency is wide spread, exists across income quintiles and age groups (over 53 per cent of women of child bearing and over 58 per cent of children under five are anaemic, NFHS 4).

The immediate determinants of malnutrition at the individual level (inadequate dietary intake and disease) are products of underlying causes at the family or household level (insufficient access to food, inadequate maternal and child practices, poor water and sanitation, and inadequate access to quality health services) as depicted by 1990 UNICEF framework. Malnutrition manifested in the


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Nutrition For School-Going Children In The Absence Of Mid-Day Meals

UNICEF data shows that on an average 370 million children may miss on nutritious school meals because of the pandemic.

Dr. Sujeet Ranjan | Sep 21, 2020



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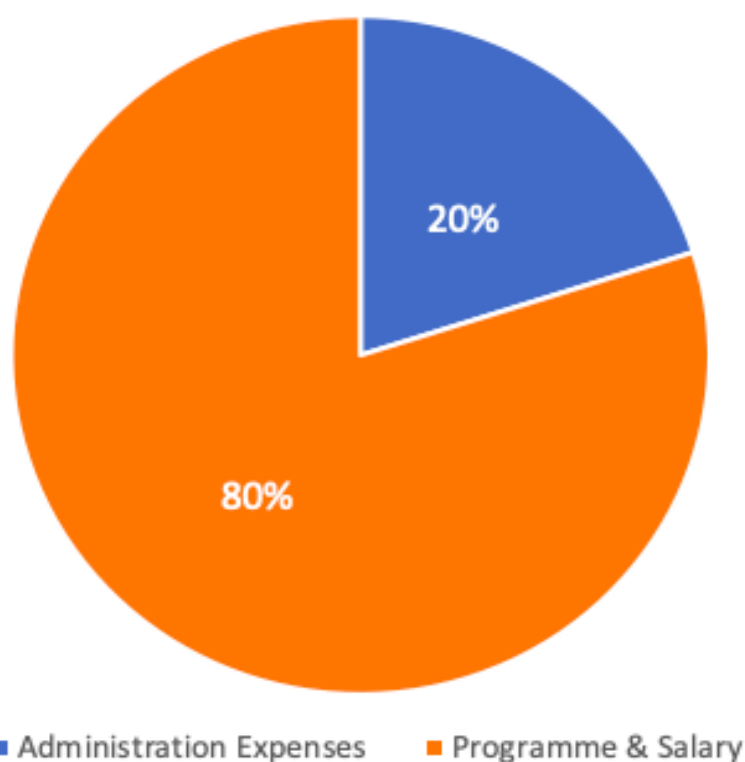
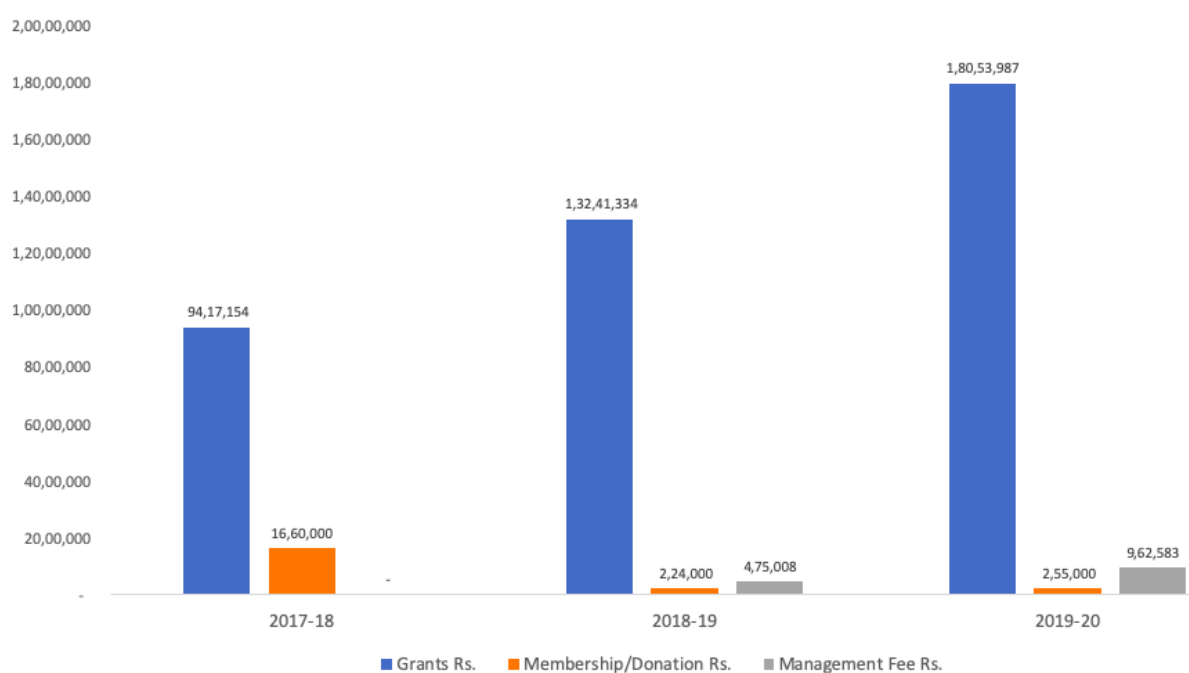


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5th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the CFNS



Consultation on strengthening the Coalition's Working Group



Consultation on the key findings of the Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (CNNS) 2019



Panel discussion organized by Fortis Hospital, Gurugram



Third National Civil Society Consultation on NCDs in India



Refresher Training of ICDS Lady Supervisors for CMAM in MP



C2IQ- Nutrition Partner Meet, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh



23rd Governing Board Meeting of the CFNS



Training on Data Visualization & Interpretation using Tableau



National Consultation- Voices from the field



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State level Consultation Meet on “Complimentary Feeding” in Bihar



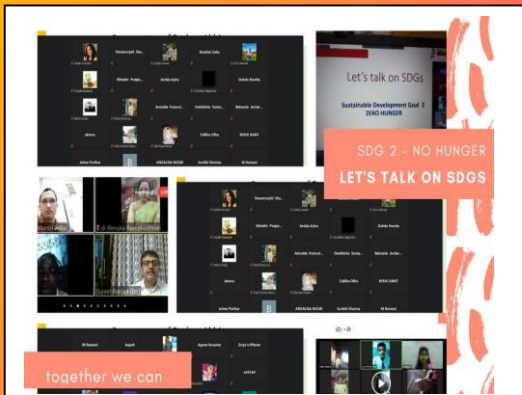
A visit to the Anganwadi Centre in Jharkhand



Meeting with Prof. Reynaldo Martorell from Rollins School of Public Health



Session on “The Power of Good Nutrition”



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Webinar on Nutri-garden: Bridge between Agriculture and Nutrition



Webinar on “Build Back Better- Building Resilient Nutrition-Based Models for children and mothers



Webinar on Urgency of managing SAM children at community level



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