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## **BRIEF PROFILE OF BOARD MEMBERS** (from April 2020 to March 2021)

**Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, Patron and Emeritus Chair:** He is the Founder and Chairman of the M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation. He is known as the "Father of Indian Green Revolution", for his leadership in successfully introducing and developing high yield varieties of wheat in India which transformed Indian agriculture and the food scenario of the country. He is the founder and patron of CFNS.

**Prof. Chandrakant Pandav (Board Chair, April-September 2020):** Dr Pandav is former Professor and Head of the Department, Centre of Community Medicine at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, India. He is the founder member and regional coordinator for South Asia of the International Council for Control of Iodine Deficiency Disorders (ICCDD) since 1985.

**Dr Ramesh Chandra Panda (Board Chair, October '20-March '21):** Dr R.C. Panda is a distinguished IAS officer and Retired Secretary, Government of India and is the current Chairman of the Coalition of Food and Nutrition Security and Member of Executive Committee of Poshan Abhiyaan. Dr Panda has provided thought leadership to India's Jal Jeevan Mission, Clean India Mission and Total Sanitation Campaigns. He has extensive experience in steering Dairy and Oil seeds Cooperative movements and social business model under the aegis of National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) and has been conferred with Bharat Gourab Samman for his contribution in Social Business Cooperative in the dairy and vegetable oil sector. As Former Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises and Member, Central Administrative Tribunal, he has championed corporate governance and CSR Models in the social development sector. He has authored various research articles and publications.

**Ms. Rita Sarin:** Ms. Sarin is the Global Vice President and Country Director, The Hunger Project India. She leads a nationwide alliance of more than 40 organisations implementing strategies to empower women in local democracy.

**Prof. Satish B. Agnihotri:** He is Emeritus Fellow, CTARA, IIT Bombay. Prof Agnihotri was Former Secretary Coordination, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India.

**Ms. Sonali Patnaik:** Ms. Patnaik is the Director, Arupa Mission Research Foundation. She has been working in the sector for 20 years and is certified in Social Impact Assessments, Gender Budgeting and implementing National Family Health Survey.

**Dr Ashok Agarwal:** Dr Agarwal is a Trustee and Founder of the Indian Institute of Health Management and Research. He has a background in both general medicine and public health. Over the last 25 years, he has been the driving force behind the creation of several unique public health and rural development institutions throughout India.

**Ms. Harshita Pandey:** Ms Pandey was Chairperson, State Women's Commission, Chhattisgarh.

**Mr. Nilamadhab Prusty:** Mr. Prusty is a recipient of the Global Best Practice award for Innovation in Social Housing and finalist for NASSCOM Foundation's Tech for Social Good innovation award, the Hubert Humphrey Fellowship and Ramon Magsaysay Award. He has a distinguished career spanning over 45 years in the Government, Corporate, International Development Agencies and national and international NGOs. He had the privilege of getting mentored by legendary leaders like the late Dr V G Patel and late Dr V Kurien.

**Mr. Bhaskar Barua:** Mr. Barua is the Former Secretary to the Government of India and a member (Non Official) of Assam State Disaster Management Authority, Government of Assam. His commitment is towards value-based governance, transparency, inclusive approach to coalition building, advocacy for strategic convergence for sustainable food and nutrition security in India. He has a deep understanding and knowledge about the working of government systems.

**Dr Sheila Vir:** Dr Sheila is Founder Director, Public Health Nutrition and Development Centre, New Delhi. She has experience of working with the UNICEF and the Government of India, state governments, national institutes and international agencies on various nutrition and health programmes.

**Mr. Ranglal Jamuda:** Mr. Ranglal Jamuda is Former Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Food Processing Industries. He worked as a bureaucrat for about 35 years in the Government, both State and Central, to discharge functions in important sectors like Agriculture, Education, Energy, Industry, Land Revenue & Disaster Management, Rural Development, Food Processing etc. After superannuation, he became the first Chairperson of the Odisha State Food Commission constituted under the National Food Security Act-2013, for a term of 3 years. He is very passionate about the Food and Nutrition sector. That apart, he has concerns for the entitlements of the poor and the weaker sections of the society and the upliftment of the indigenous people who have been struggling for freedom from hunger and under-nutrition.

**Mr. M. Ramesh Babu:** Mr. Ramesh Babu has been in the development and disaster management fields for over 25 years. He is the Executive Director of EFICOR, a national relief and development organization, based in New Delhi. He has vast field implementation experience in the thematic areas of Livelihood, Maternal and Child health, Disaster Risk Reduction and Urban resilience. He has been part of the senior management for the last one decade and now heads the organization which is reputed and certified by the Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS). His experience of field management and advocacy will greatly add value to the coalition in taking the food and nutrition security agenda forward to help the poor and socially excluded.

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**Dr R.C. Panda**  
BOARD CHAIR (SINCE OCTOBER 2021)

The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security is a multi-stakeholder platform to facilitate cross-platform dialogues between experts, policy, program leaders and agencies for good governance and good policy, to achieve sustainable food and nutrition security in India.

Although India has shown progress in improving child nutrition, the under-nutrition burden in the country still remains high. Malnutrition, in all its forms, carries a huge direct and indirect cost to individuals, families and to entire nations. The Coalition is providing a platform to drive a "Child-centric and community focused narrative for community-based management and treatment of SAM children". This initiative is to be carried out in Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Jharkhand and Assam. The aim of this initiative is to lead engagement to speed up equitable progress and end malnutrition for Every Last Child, especially with the support of national as well as state governments.

The Coalition has undertaken various exercises in a coordinated manner to comprehensively compile community-based management/SAM management initiatives and has also conducted studies to understand the capacity of services provided by the government at the national, state and local organizations to draw meaningful conclusions and the best way possible in the Indian scenario for implementing them.

The Coalition is in continuous coordination with Social Welfare, UNICEF, Development partners, States Centre of Excellence (CoE) for SAM (Severe Acute Malnutrition) management as well as Civil Society networks and has further established a platform of development partners working for acute malnutrition as well as a technical working group with various concerned departments for SAM management and for getting the key learnings to take this agenda forward. We are grateful and would like to thank all those who have shared the programmatic information and every piece of evidence on it. It is valuable, and we have tried to make the best possible use of the information received.

**Together, we may complementarily play educative, supportive, promotional and supplemental roles in improving maternal and child nutrition outcomes and prevent malnutrition in India.**

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# VISION AND MISSION

## Our Vision

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To achieve a sustainable food and nutrition secure India

## Our Mission

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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

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- Conviction and courage: Critically engaging with public policy and taking positions on issues of public health and nutrition in public interest
- Evidence-based Agenda: Committed to setting an agenda based on rational findings, backed by scientific evidence and with the potential of being scaled up across geographical and 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 space for the greater good
- Result driven: Demonstrate results at scale, backed by quality and excellence



# CFNS STRATEGY

## INTRODUCTION

The Coalition is in 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.

The Coalition has the inherent strength as a public interest oriented organisation to transform the food and nutrition landscape. This strategy aims to transform the country's nutrition scenario through collective action, keeping sustainability as the key approach and by placing women and girls in the forefront. The methodology involves a series of consultations, in-depth interviews, feedback from thought leaders and practitioners from across India and the world, discussion and approval in the General Body.

The Coalition functions as a knowledge aggregator, collating existing research coupled with on-field programs, and sharing the knowledge with partners and stakeholders. The Coalition strategy involves collaboration, influencing policy for improving state accountability to SDG targets, and providing informed choices on policy reforms, breakthrough research, and strategic priorities in its pursuit of evidence-based advocacy.

This has been achieved by sustained and inclusive membership engagement, knowledge management designed for advocacy and to catalyse social behaviour change.

### **Our Manifesto and Mandate**

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

## **TIMELINE OF ACTIVITIES: APRIL 2020-MARCH 2021**

- CFNS with support from Centre for Technology Alternative for Rural Areas (CTARA) and Nutrition Group, IIT Bombay facilitated a two-day training on "Data Visualization Techniques using Tableau"
- The Coalition, UN organisations, Academic Institutions, Private Foundations and Civil Society Organisations joined hands in the state of Assam to generate information and strategies to ensure an appropriate response to COVID-19
- CFNS and VHAI in collaboration with ICCo organised a webinar on Food and Nutrition Security Challenge during COVID-19
- CFNS in collaboration with UNICEF, Nutrition International and WeltHungerHilfe 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 (CMAM)
- Interaction with Expert Group Members on alleviation of malnutrition in Jharkhand
- Commitment to Action built on previous consensus statements among the nutrition community in India, by CFNS
- Webinar on impact of COVID-19 on malnutrition organised by CFNS
- CFNS in coordination with CTARA, IIT Bombay organised a webinar on Promoting nutri-garden for nutrition Security
- Experts from CFNS held a panel discussion on mitigating malnutrition "Kuposhan se Suposhanki Oar"
- In collaboration with the Paediatric & Adolescent Nutrition Society IAP subspecialty chapter on nutrition, CFNS organised a national webinar on "Community-based strategies to address acute malnutrition in India"
- CFNS and CTARA, IIT Bombay organised the second edition of webinar on Nutri-Garden: "Bridge between Agriculture and Nutrition" as part of celebration of PoshanMaah
- 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 organised a webinar on Urgency of managing children with SAM at the community level
- Organized a webinar "Build Back Better-Building Resilient Nutrition-based models for children and mothers with Child Fund India
- A Food and Nutrition Sector Consultation to Strengthen Coordination for Emergency Preparedness in Response to Food and Nutrition Security Sector
- 6th Annual General Meeting of the Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security (CFNS)
- Webinar On "Community Based Approaches for Child Care & Nutrition - Experiences & Evidence from the Field"
- Held a productive meeting with Dr Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, Member of Parliament from Maharashtra on Community Based Management of Children with SAM
- 2nd Coverage, Continuity, Intensity and Quality (C2IQ) Nutrition Partners Meet of Odisha
- CFNS organized a meeting organised to achieve consensus amongst key stakeholders on Community

## **TIMELINE OF ACTIVITIES: APRIL 2020-MARCH 2021**

Based Program for Children with Severe Acute Malnutrition

- 3rd Core Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting of Community Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) in Jharkhand
- Launch of India Nutrition Commitment to Action: Renewing Commitments to Nutrition in India, commemorating December 2, 2020 as 1000 days of Poshan Abhiyaan
- 26th Governing Board Meeting of the Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security
- The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security, the Tata-Cornell Institute (TCI), and BAIF Development Research Foundation organized a series of web-based policy discussions on themes related to food, nutrition, and agriculture
- Productive meeting with Dr. Heena Gavit, Member of Parliament from Nandurbar constituency, Maharashtra on Community Based Management of Children with Severe Acute Malnutrition
- First meeting of Core Advisory Group (CAG) in Odisha
- Second policy discourse in series (PDS) on Food, Agriculture and Nutrition, co-hosted by CFNS, New Delhi, Tata Cornell Institute & BAIF
- Virtual launch of "A Dossier on the Models of Community-based Care of Children with Acute Malnutrition"
- Interactive learning session with Sector Supervisor and 26 Anganwadi in Garedipanchan of ICDS Balipatana, Odisha
- Consultation with the key stakeholders on Community Based Program for Children with Acute Malnutrition in Assam
- Meeting on urgent need of protocols and guidelines for the management of SAM children with Dr Sanjay Jaiswal, MP, Lok Sabha
- 27th Meeting of CFNS Governing Board (Virtual)
- In collaboration with Directorate Women and Child Development, Madhya Pradesh, CFNS organized a webinar series of "Jan Bhaagidari, Hamari Zimmedari" Unleashing the Power of Community Engagement" on Community Participation & Active Women Leadership for Nutrition Security
- An online meeting with Mr. Vincent H Pala, Member of Parliament, on the urgent need of CMAM guidelines & protocol at national level
- Meeting with Shri Akhilesh Mishra on community-based programing and use of Millet based food products
- Two-day training on "Quick Data Visualization Tools for Development Professionals"
- As a part of Poshan Pakhwada, CFNS in collaboration with Directorate Women & Child Development, Government of Madhya Pradesh, WeltHungerHilfe and Ekjut organized webinar series on "Community Participation"
- Dr Heena Gavit, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) & Chairperson- Committee on Empowerment of Women released the "Cost of Childhood Wasting Report & Policy Brief" prepared by the CFNS

## KEY FOCUS DURING THE PANDEMIC

### Knowledge Management

With the lockdown in place, CFNS made use of online platforms to build and share knowledge products, and hosted webinars to keep the focus on providing nutrition services to the most vulnerable population of the country. Listed below are some of the programs organised online.

### Data Visualization Training

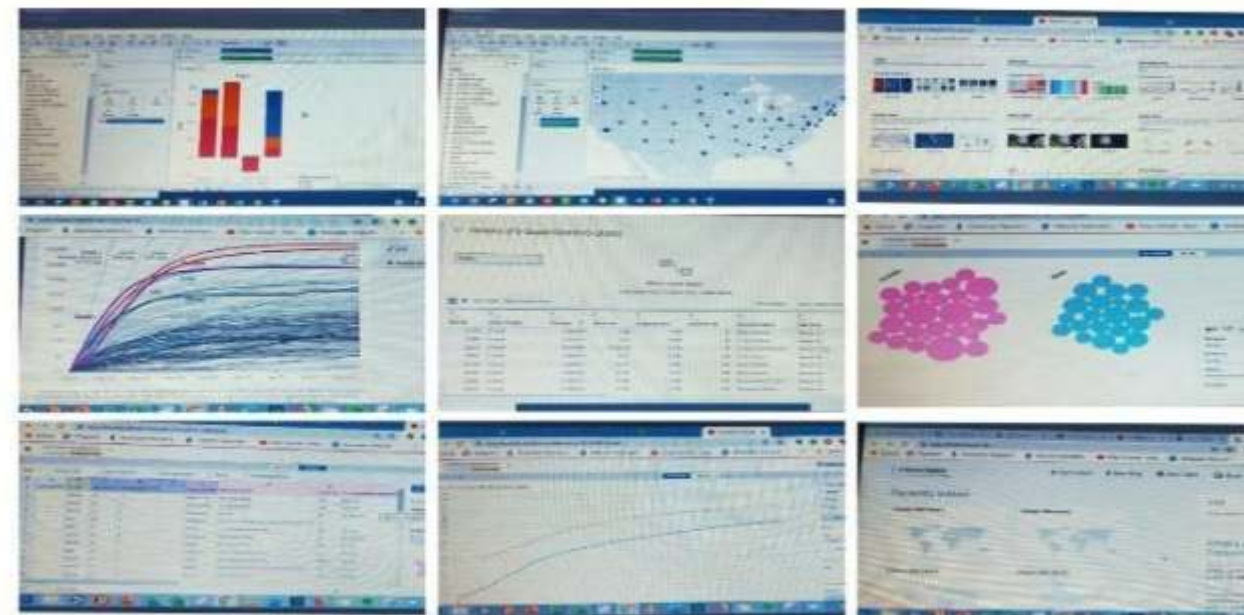
CFNS plays the role of a knowledge aggregator and believes in strengthening and sharing the knowledge. Hence, with the support of Centre for Technology Alternative for Rural Areas (CTARA) and Nutrition Group, IIT Bombay, organized a two-day Tableau Refresher Training for Public Health Professionals

### Quick Data Visualization Tools

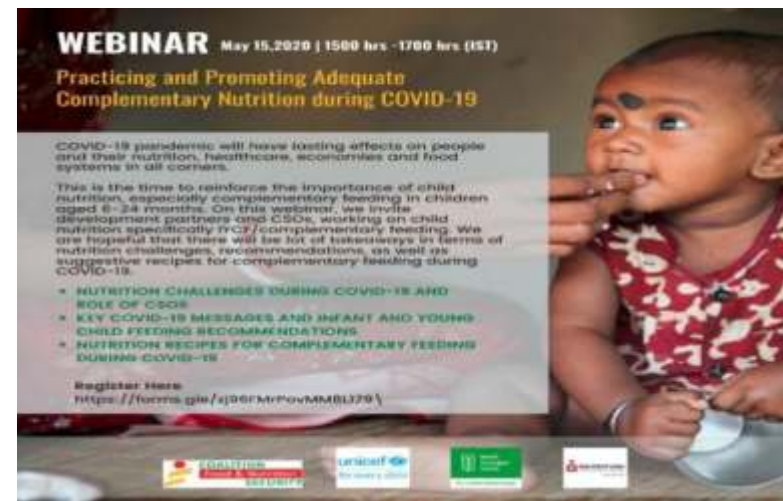
A two-day virtual training on "Quick Data visualization Tools" for development professionals was organized by the Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security in collaboration with (CTARA), IIT Bombay.

#### Collaborators during the first wave of COVID-19 pandemic

- Centre for Technology Alternatives for Rural Areas (CTARA), IIT Bombay UNICEF
- Nutrition International
- Welthungerhilfe
- Sphere India
- World Food Programme
- Voluntary Health Association of India



## Webinars: Practicing and promoting adequate complementary nutrition during COVID-19



| Agenda for the meeting   |  |              |
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| 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 COVID-19              | Ms. Amita Singh, Medical Dietitian, National Hospital, Bhopal            | 3.55-4.15 pm |
| <b>Questions &amp; Answers</b>   |  | 4.15-4.50 pm |
| Concluding remarks   | Ms. Mansi Shekhar, State Program Representative ,Nutrition International | 4.50-5.00 pm |

Development partners, civil society organizations and other institutions working on child nutrition specifically IYCF/complementary feeding were the target group for this webinar. Nearly 150 participants from 70 organizations as well as institutions participated.

COVID-19 has impacted the health, livelihoods and wellbeing of Indians and especially the most vulnerable populations. The nutritional status of children in India is at a precarious stage, the pandemic has further worsened the situation due to unavailability and inaccessibility of nutrition services as the implementation of all the services across India has been affected. The webinar sought 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.

## 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 among key stakeholders regarding the 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.

Project states: Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Jharkhand and Odisha



### Key Interventions

**Core Advisory Groups at national and state level** work with the national, state and district government on CMAM programming based on the consensus from the technical committee. Influential bureaucrats in government, NGO and CSO members are part of these Core Advisory groups at national and state level. The second national-level meeting took place in May 2020 and three meetings at state level were held in April, May and December 2020

Outputs of the Core Advisory Group  
Strategic action plan with specific engagement objectives to engage with policy makers

**National Technical Committee on CMAM** 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 groups working on CMAM were part of the National Technical Committee. Three meetings at the national level held 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

### Engagement of Policy Makers/ Parliamentarians

Various meetings held at national and state level to engage with key policy makers and Parliamentarians. Technical documents developed by CFNS under the guidance of experts from the NTC and CAG were shared with them.

### **Odisha's first online C2IQ meet**

It served as a platform for nutrition partners to understand the current scenario of nutrition services and how to best address malnutrition during the COVID-19 pandemic. The objective was to have a common understanding of the situation of nutrition services in Odisha and enhance knowledge on guidelines related to nutrition during the pandemic. Discussions were held around the outreach of nutrition services to remote parts of Odisha.

### **World Breastfeeding Week**

The Department of Women, Children and Social Security, Government of Jharkhand organized an awareness generation conference to mark World Breastfeeding Week-2020 during COVID-19 for District Social Welfare Officers/ Child Development Project Officers/ State team. The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security was also invited as a key panelist and addressed the importance of focusing on identification of SAM children, the need to focus on appropriate breast feeding and timely introduction of complimentary feeding.

### **National Webinar on the 'Impact of COVID-19 on Malnutrition'**

CFNS brought together an esteemed group of panel members consisting of national Policy Makers and Program Leaders. It highlighted the important links between COVID-19 and malnutrition, hunger, health and food systems. The national webinar had two sessions titled, 'Exploring invisible links between COVID-19 and malnutrition', and 'Redefining care for SAM children in the new normal'.

### **National webinar on CMAM**

As a part of National Nutrition Week 2020, CFNS in collaboration with Pediatric & Adolescent Nutrition Society (PAN SOCIETY) IAP Subspecialty Chapter on Nutrition organized a National webinar on "Community-based Strategies to address Acute Malnutrition in India" to highlight the need of bringing SAM management under the fold of essential health and nutrition services.

### **Panel discussion on Improving Quality of Nutrition Services and Ensuring Last-mile Convergence**

CFNS, WeCan and IPE Global collaborated to organize a panel discussion that deliberated on improving the quality of nutrition services and ensuring last mile convergence.

The session was enriched with the experiences of States in implementing nutrition services and how Poshan Maah can be an enabling opportunity to strengthen nutrition services and improve maternal and child health.

### **National Webinar on 'Community-based Strategies to Address Acute Malnutrition in India'**

To build consensus among key policy makers, the Coalition successfully organized a webinar that included representation from various state governments.

The session focused on community-based management of acute malnutrition and distilled the learnings from States that can be utilized by other states to improve management of SAM.

The session explored the experience of Rajasthan and Telangana that have prioritized management of SAM at community level and learned about how these programs have been adjusted to be relevant even during the challenges posed by the pandemic.

## Webinar on 'Community-based Approaches for Child Care and Nutrition: Experiences & Evidence from the Field'

It presented a wonderful learning session, facilitation, great participation, renewed collaboration and clear roadmap. The webinar was inspired by the successful impact of the various community-based approaches for child care and nutrition. The impacts of these interventions have been encouraging and need wider dissemination to promote CMAM.

## Policy Discourse Series on Food, Nutrition and Agriculture: CFNS, Tata-Cornell Institute and BAIF Development Research Foundation



- The first policy discussion featured Prof. Prabhu Pingali, founding Director of TCI and professor in the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics at Cornell University, New York, USA. Prof. Pingali spoke on "India Achieving Zero Hunger by 2030".
- The second talk on 'Food security and Food loss' explored the severity of extreme hunger in India, its implications, achieving zero hunger and food-secure populations. The issue of food loss and waste was also discussed. This policy discourse had three speakers deliberating on the theme.

## Dossier on Models of Community-based Care of Children with Acute Malnutrition

CFNS developed a technical document, a Dossier on community-based care of children with acute malnutrition. This was launched virtually and was the outcome of a collective effort to bring together evidence and learnings from different pockets of the country.

## Jan Bhaagidari, Hamari Zimmedari- Unleashing the Power of Community Engagement

CFNS in collaboration with Directorate Women and Child Development, Madhya Pradesh organized a webinar series "Jan Bhaagidari, Hamari Zimmedari- Unleashing the Power of Community Engagement" on community participation and women's leadership for Nutrition Security. Smt. Anarkali Yadav and Smt. Phool Kumari Kol from Rewa, Madhya Pradesh shared their experiences of mainstreaming women in leadership and its impact on improving nutrition outcomes.





### Webinar on Community Participation

As a part of Poshan Pakhwada, CFNS in collaboration with Directorate, Women & Child Development, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Welthungerhilfe and Ekjut organized a webinar series on "Community Participation".



### Twitter chat on the occasion of World Food Day

On the occasion of World Food Day 2020, CFNS participated in a Twitter chat organized by Consumer Voice and shared useful insights about unhealthy trans-fats.

Trans-fats are known to cause non-communicable diseases such as cardiovascular disease. The chat focused on generating awareness among consumers of the health implications of trans-fats, and efforts to limit or ban their use by restaurants and foods service establishments.



### Membership and Stakeholder Engagement

As part of membership and stakeholder engagement activities, CFNS engaged with policy makers and stakeholders to ensure active participation and ensure consensus on CMAM.

To strengthen the voice and commitment towards CMAM, the Coalition held meetings with Parliamentarians and Policy Makers.

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A renewed commitment to action for nutrition in India  
June 2020

CFNS also launched a technical dossier of learnings from India and featuring 29 Community-based models that enacted efficiently in tackling / managing acute malnutrition in India.

Periodic Governing Board meetings were organised to gather valuable suggestions from the Board to understand how CFNS can steer the mission forward.

CFNS came up with the "Commitment to Action" built 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 CFNS and supported the design of POSHAN Abhiyaan, India's National Nutrition Mission, in 2018.

The Commitment to Action charts a path to move ahead in a concerted, coordinated and effective manner to achieve nutrition security

in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Support and commitment was received in the form of 160+ signatures from key people.

Also, as nutrition is a major focus area for both We Can and CFNS, a MoU was signed to work together towards success of Poshan Abhiyaan at the national and state level.

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

### **Cost of Childhood Wasting in India: Report and Policy brief**

Dr Heena Gavit, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and Chairperson, Committee on Empowerment of Women released the "Cost of Childhood wasting Report & Policy Brief prepared by CFNS.

#### **Celebrating POSHAN MAAH 2020**

"Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2020" is a great opportunity to create awareness about the problem of malnutrition and reinforce the movement to achieve holistic nutrition under POSHAN Abhiyaan.

The two main areas of focus during the Rashtriya Poshan Maah were

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

## Community-based Strategies to Address Acute Malnutrition in India

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| AGENDA<br>4 <sup>th</sup> September 2020, 02:00 - 04:00  |  |  <b>National Nutrition Week 2020</b> |
| <b>WEBINAR ON<br/>"COMMUNITY-BASED STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS<br/>ACUTE MALNUTRITION IN INDIA"</b>                          |  |   |
| Setting the context, <b>Dr. Sujeet Ranjan, Executive Director, CFNS (02:00 - 02:15)</b>                                |  |   |
| <b>Plenary Discussion (14:10 - 15:30 PM)</b> Moderator:- Prof. Satish B. Agnihotri, Emeritus Fellow, CTARA, IIT Bombay |  |   |
| <b>Ms. Indra Mallo, IAS,<br/>Commissioner-ICDS, Govt. of<br/>Maharashtra<br/>2:10 - 2:25 PM</b>                        | <b>Dr. Mrudula Phadke, Senior<br/>Advisor- NRHM, UNICEF<br/>2:25 - 2:40 PM</b> | <b>Dr. Sanjay Prabhu, State Center of<br/>Excekkence for SAM management<br/>2:40 - 2:55 PM</b>                          |
| <b>Ms. Swati Meena Naik, IAS,<br/>Director-WCD-Govt. of Madhya</b>   | <b>Dr. Avula Laxmaiah, Scientist G<br/>&amp; Head, Division of Public</b>      | <b>Dr. Praveen Kumar, Kalawati<br/>Saran Children Hospital, New</b>   |

On September 4, 2020, CFNS and Paediatric & Adolescent Nutrition Society (PAN SOCIETY) IAP Subspecialty Chapter on Nutrition held a webinar aimed at exploring the experience of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, two states that have prioritized management of SAM at community level. The discussion explored how these programs have taken on the challenges posed by the pandemic. Other State Governments can learn from such experiences and take forward such initiatives in their respective states.

Highlights: Over 290 participants from different organisations attended the webinar. Commissioner, ICDS, Government of Maharashtra and Director, WCD, Govt. of MP were key policy makers who participated. Speakers from ICMR-NIN, UNICEF and National Centre of Excellence at Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital, Delhi also participated in the discussions.

### Nutri-garden: A Bridge between Agriculture and Nutrition

A webinar on "Awareness on Nutri-Garden: A way ahead to Nutrition Security" was held on August 11, 2020, prior to "Nutri-Garden: Bridge between Agriculture and Nutrition" during Poshan Maah on September 5, 2020, by CFNS in collaboration with CTARA, IIT Bombay. Over 100 participants attended of which key speakers were from Welthungerhilfe, BAIF, MSSRF, Piramal Swasthya, CTARA-IIT Bombay, Ekjut, Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI). Over 250 participants attended the second webinar on September 5. Joint Secretary, National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Ministry of Rural Development, Director Special Projects, and State Mission Director, Odisha Livelihood Mission in the Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Department, also attended the session. The other Key speakers were 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.

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

## MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Social media has been crucial for dissemination of scientific and fact-based information, and to rally community response to the COVID-19 crisis. It has become an important platform for public discussions and knowledge sharing. The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security used social media platforms effectively. Various articles from CFNS appeared in different publications.

### **Livemint.com**

#### **Free lunch scheme for school children goes off the menu**

- Post lockdown, children are without mid-day meals provided at school. With all Anganwadi centres closed, tracking SAM children is difficult

#### **COVID-19 to exacerbate wasting, child and adult overweight: UN Report**

- It is estimated that an additional 83 million people and possibly as many as 132 million globally may go hungry in 2020 as a result of COVID-19 related economic recession

#### **Pandemic Effect: Healthcare Experts warn of rise of obesity cases among children**

- Children confined to homes amid the pandemic facing a higher risk of obesity.

#### **IMR improves in India, but malnutrition remains worrying, shows NFHS-5**

### **ET Now**

#### **Fighting Malnutrition by Tackling Food Insecurity**

- The GHI report states that "India is suffering from a serious hunger problem". India's rank of 102 in the 2019 Global Hunger Index is a matter of concern.

### **POSHAN-Outlook India**

#### **Nutrition for school going children in the absence of Mid-day meals**

- Since schools are shut, Mid-Day Meal program has been severely hit. WASH education, jingles, educative messages are being disseminated using mobile services.

#### **The Pivotal Role of Nutrition in controlling Lymphatic Filariasis**

- Undernutrition increases the risk of infection and feeding practices play an important role in tackling lymphatic filariasis along with mass drug treatment

#### **Pandemic Effect: Healthcare Experts warn of rise of obesity cases among children**

- Covid-19 expected to worsen obesity in middle and high socioeconomic groups

#### **Can Magic Millets Provide A Solution For Malnutrition?**

- The use of millets in Madhya Pradesh significantly improve nutritional parameters

#### **States asked to identify children with severe acute malnutrition for referral to hospitals**

- Identifying SAM in children and their referral to hospitals, using AYUSH concepts and monitoring through "Poshan Tracker" are highlights of the government's new guidelines

#### **How the Pandemic Has Impacted Nutrition in India | Outlook Poshan**

- Experts discuss how the Covid-19 pandemic has led to a spike in malnutrition in India

### **Financial Express**

#### **Tackling Acute Malnutrition in Children: Awareness, timely follow up visits key factors for community programs**

- Notable measures have been rolled out to improve nutritional quality, testing and delivery. However challenges persist in relapse of SAM.

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

- Need for information to reach the grass root level by circulating videos, modules in local languages for mother and child care during COVID-19 through the mobile platform

### **World Hunger Day: Dual burden for India; existing under nutrition and under nutrition induced by COVID-19**

- Undernourishment hinders financial security which further aggravates socio-economic burden of malnutrition, and this perpetuates a long-term pattern of hunger and poverty

### **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

### **Community-based approach to address malnutrition by 2022**

- Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2020 is an opportunity to further fortify the development to attain all-encompassing sustenance under POSHAN Abhiyaan

### **Nutrition awareness: Enhancing Food Security through Nutri- Gardens in India**

- Zero hunger and enhanced nutrition can transform future generations. However, malnutrition remains a major threat to children's physical and cognitive growth.

### **Mothers are precious and need to be cherished for 'Supohit Bharat'**

## **India Spend**

### **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.

## **The Indian Express**

### **Third Rashtriya Poshan Maah being celebrated to promote nutrition in women and children**

- In the current crisis, it becomes even more pertinent to address with multi-pronged and multisectoral actions.

### **Women and Child ministry steps up efforts to address malnutrition across Maharashtra**

- India has 9.3 million children with SAM below the age of five. Much more needs to be done to realise the goal of addressing malnutrition by 2022.

### **Creches, nutrition and COVID**

- Community-level institutions can ensure that the burden of malnutrition is not aggravated during the pandemic and how marriage age and women's health are linked

## **Times of India/ Deccan Herald/ Navbharat Times**

Healthcare experts welcome decline in India's mortality rate

- Drop in India's mortality rate is welcomed, attributing it to political will and commitment to evidence based policy and programming decisions

## **NDTV**

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

- India has adopted the Reproductive, Maternal, New-born, Child Health and Adolescent Health Strategy.

The overall strategy and inter linkages between various components have greatest impact on the mortality and morbidity rates of newborns.

#### **Budget 2021: Experts Analyse What the Budget Did For Food and Nutrition Schemes**

- NFHS-5 phase 1 data reveals that India has not fared well in the nutrition indicators in the latest survey and may have lost some of the gains made in the last few years. The Budget 2021 has given a roadmap to boost the efforts.

#### **Tribune India**

##### **Healthcare experts warn of rise of obesity cases among children**

- The economic, food, and health systems disruptions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic are expected to continue to exacerbate all forms of malnutrition

##### **Let's give priority to nutritional needs of kids**

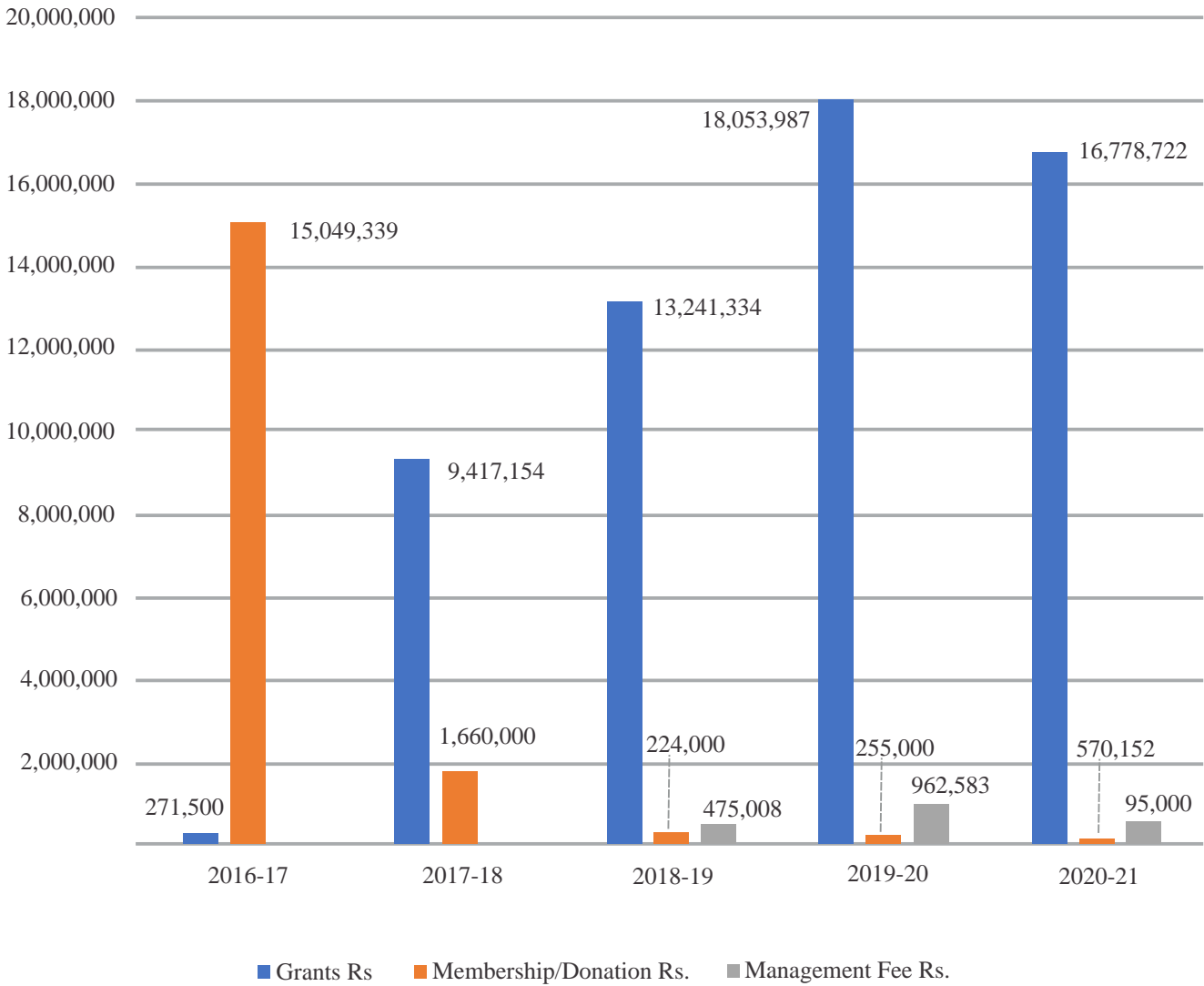
- Critical health programmes had to take a backseat during the pandemic. The focus on children has unfortunately diminished.

#### **Dainik UP**

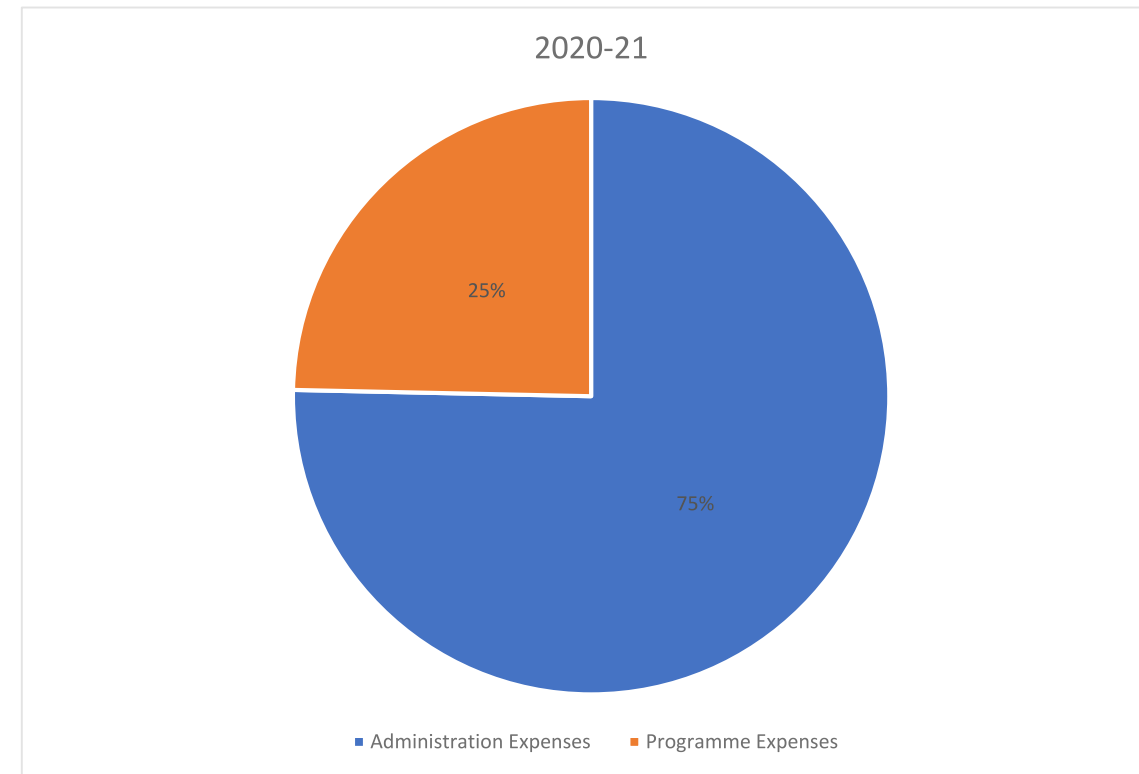
##### **COVID-19 Sankatki maar, Baccho mein hogi Kuposhan ki samasya Doguni**

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Grants, Membership Fee/Donations and Management  
Fee-FY 2017-2018 to 2020-2021



# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



## List of Abbreviations

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| SAM      | Severe Acute Malnutrition  |
| MAM      | Moderate Acute Malnutrition  |
| ICDS     | Integrated Child Development Services  |
| THR      | Take Home Ration   |
| NRC      | Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre  |
| MTC      | Malnutrition Treatment Centres   |
| CMAM     | Community Based Management of Malnutrition                                       |
| CTARA    | Centre for Technology Alternative for Rural Areas                                |
| TWG      | Technical Working Group  |
| CAG      | Core Advisory Group  |
| MoU      | Memorandum of Understanding  |
| AWW      | Anganwadi worker   |
| NHM      | National Health Mission  |
| AWC      | Anganwadi centre   |
| ASHA     | Accredited Social Health Worker  |
| ToR      | Terms of Reference   |
| VHND     | Village Health and Nutrition Day   |
| NTC-CMAM | National Technical Committee on Community Based Management of Acute Malnutrition |



THE COALITION FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY


BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2021

(Currency : Indian Rupees)

|  | SCHEDULE | AS AT<br>31.03.2021 | AS AT<br>31.03.2020 |
|--|----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>                  |          |                     |                     |
| GENERAL FUND                             | 1        | 1,65,569            | 6,58,349            |
| CAPITAL ASSET FUND                       |          | 29,950              | 41,179              |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES                      | 2        | 9,66,509            | 15,72,807           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                             |          | <b>11,62,028</b>    | <b>22,72,335</b>    |
| <b>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</b>              |          |                     |                     |
| FIXED ASSETS                             | 4        |                     |                     |
| Gross Block                              |          | 41,179              | 58,352              |
| Less: Depreciation                       |          | 11,229              | 17,173              |
| Net Block                                |          | 29,950              | 41,179              |
| CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS AND ADVANCES       | 3        |                     |                     |
| Current Assets                           |          | 1,01,226            | 3,61,381            |
| Loans and Advances                       |          | 2,70,000            | 2,70,000            |
| Advances recoverable in cash or kind     |          |                     |                     |
| : MoWCD                                  |          | 2,99,880            | 1,14,761            |
| : UNICEF                                 |          | 4,60,972            | 14,85,014           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                             |          | <b>11,62,028</b>    | <b>22,72,335</b>    |
| ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTE ON ACCOUNTS | 4        |                     |                     |

As per our report of even date attached

For Adeesh Mehra & Co.,  
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Adeesh Mehra  
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Place: New Delhi  
Dated: 24/12/2021

For The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security

  
Mr Ramesh Babu  
Treasurer

  
Dr R C Panda  
Board Chair

THE COALITION FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2021


(Currency : Indian Rupees)

|  | FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2021 |                    | FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2020 |                    |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>A. INCOME</b>                                   |                               |                    |                               |                    |
| <b>Towards Earmarked Funds</b>                     |                               |                    |                               |                    |
| Grants Received from MoWCD                         | -                             |                    | 7,49,700                      |                    |
| Grants Received from PFI                           | -                             |                    | 1,18,768                      |                    |
| Grants Received from UNICEF                        | 1,67,78,722                   |                    | 51,71,027                     |                    |
| Grants Received from World Bank                    | -                             | 1,67,78,722        | 1,20,14,492                   | 1,80,53,987        |
| <b>Towards General Fund</b>                        |                               |                    |                               |                    |
| Donations  | 15,000                        |                    |                               |                    |
| Individual Annual Subscription                     | 30,000                        |                    | 30,000                        |                    |
| Institutional Annual Subscription                  | 50,000                        | 95,000             | 2,25,000                      | 2,55,000           |
| <b>Recoveries from Projects</b>                    |                               |                    |                               |                    |
| Administrative Arrangements - UNICEF - SAM         | 2,20,000                      |                    | -                             |                    |
| Meetings - SAM                                     | 3,15,000                      |                    | -                             |                    |
| Training Tablue                                    | 35,000                        |                    |                               |                    |
| - Contribution towards Overhead Expenses           | -                             |                    | 9,17,576                      |                    |
| - Interest Received from Indian Bank               | 152                           |                    | 329                           |                    |
| - Miscellaneous Income                             | -                             | 5,70,152           | 44,678                        | 9,62,583           |
| <b>Total</b>                                       |                               | <b>1,74,43,874</b> |                               | <b>1,92,71,570</b> |
| <b>B. EXPENDITURE</b>                              |                               |                    |                               |                    |
| <b>Towards Project Fund</b>                        |                               |                    |                               |                    |
| Ministry of Women & Child Development              | 1,85,119                      |                    | 9,34,819                      | -                  |
| Population Foundation of India (PFI)               | -                             |                    | 1,18,768                      | -                  |
| UNICEF   | 1,72,39,694                   |                    | 51,71,027                     | -                  |
| World Bank   | -                             | 1,74,24,813        | 1,18,52,021                   | 1,80,76,635        |
| <b>Towards General Fund of C F N S</b>             |                               | 13,54,280          |                               | 11,55,587          |
| <b>Total</b>                                       |                               | <b>1,87,79,093</b> |                               | <b>1,92,32,222</b> |
| <b>Excess/(Deficit) of Income Over Expenditure</b> |                               | <b>(13,35,219)</b> |                               | <b>39,348</b>      |
| Less: Transferred to Project Fund                  |                               | (6,46,091)         |                               | (22,648)           |
| Balance amount of General Fund                     |                               | (6,89,128)         |                               | 61,996             |
| Less: Transferred to Capital Asset Fund Account    |                               | 11,229             |                               | 17,170             |
| <b>Balance Transferred to General Fund</b>         |                               | <b>(6,77,899)</b>  |                               | <b>79,166</b>      |

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