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FOREWORD

**Message from
Prof. M S Swaminathan**

**Patron and Emeritus Chair
The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security, India**

Prof. M S Swaminathan

Message from A R Nanda

**Chair
The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security**

Dear Members,

A R Nanda

**Message from
Sujeet Ranjan**

The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security

Dear Valued Members,

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A Decade and Beyond

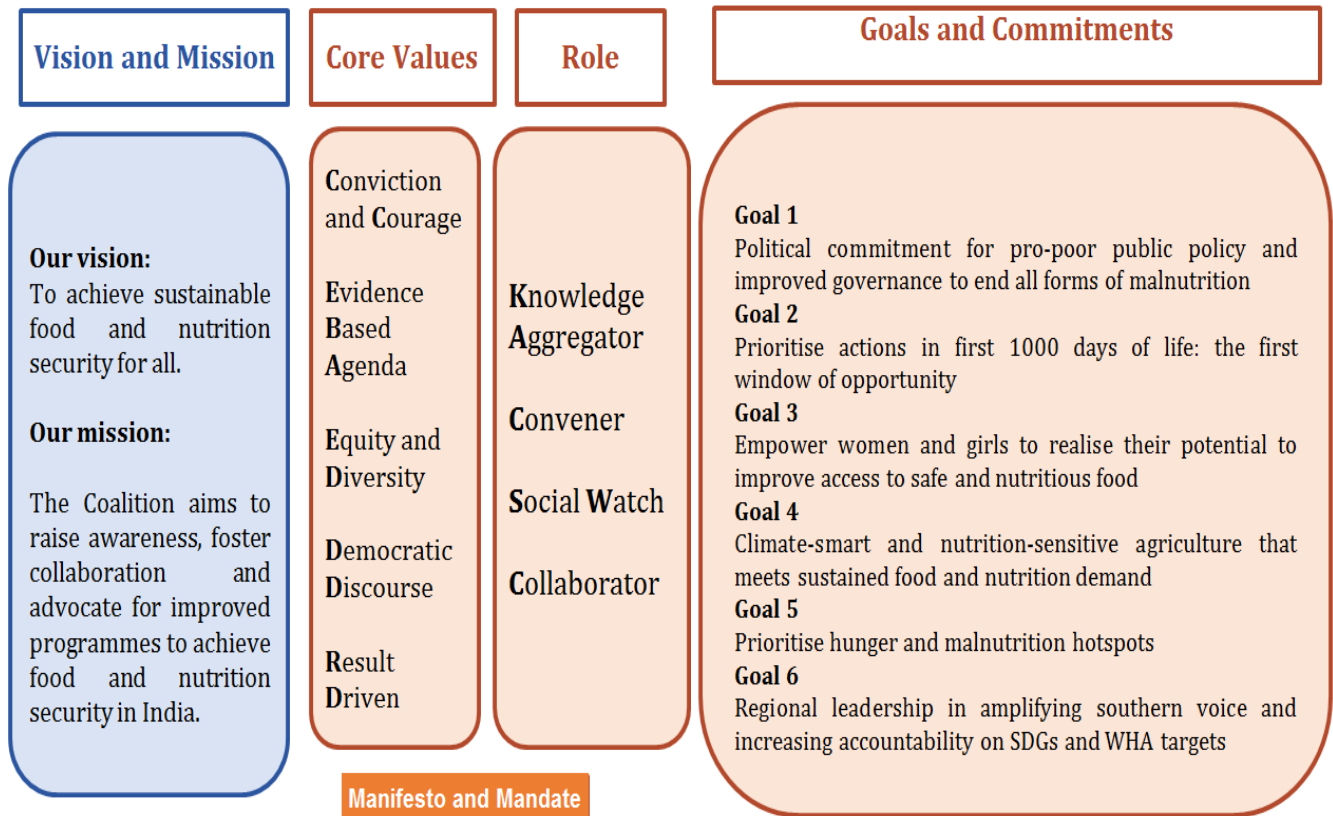
The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security (CFNS) enters its second decade as a platform for members to collaborate and achieve the common vision of “sustainable food and nutrition security for all”. The Nutrition Coalition has provided technical support and knowledge platform to assist State and Central Governments and has worked as a national observatory of important issues and international best practices.

Some of the significant achievements of the Nutrition Coalition in the past one decade have been 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.

Nutrition Coalition so far has received financial support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), Save the Children, India and International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).



The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security is a group of policy and program leaders which was formed in 2007 and institutionalised as a Society in 2014



Global Goals and Targets

The Nutrition Coalition is adhering to the global targets to achieve sustainable food and nutrition security in India. The SDG & WHA targets aim to achieve the following by 2025:

Goals and Targets	Average Annual Rate of Reduction(AARR)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A country free from hunger ○ Child stunting reduce by 40% ○ Child wasting reduce to less than 5% ○ Anemia – reduce anemia in women of reproductive age by 50% ○ Exclusive breastfeeding – increase by at least 50% ○ Low birth weight- reduce by 30% ○ Child overweight – No increase ○ Doubling the farmers income in five years ○ Focus on Deworming + Open Defecation Free society-2019 ○ Robust Food safety, Quality control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reduce prevalence of stunting -4% AARR ○ Prevent and reduce under-weight in Children (0-3 years)-3% AARR ○ Reduce prevalence of Low Birth weight Babies-3% AARR ○ Reduce prevalence of anemia amongst young children- 4% AARR ○ Reduce prevalence of anemia amongst women and girls-4% AARR

Footprints in the Journey So Far...

The advocacy efforts have made significant achievements in influencing some of the key policy decisions including:

- ACF's technical expertise and contribution to malnutrition is being recognized in Rajasthan and various activities are performed such as MOU with NHM for 5 districts of Rajasthan, Official technical partnership with NHM in CMAM program and Direct operations Baran district.
- **Multi-Sectoral Result Based District Planning Workshop in Darrang, Assam** The first draft of an implementable district action plan to tackle malnutrition
- **Multi-Sectoral Result Based District Sensitization Workshop in Barpeta, Assam** A sensitization workshop on multi-sectoral result based district planning was conducted in Barpeta district on November 28, 2017.
- **Assam State Consultation – Echoed the State's will to Deliver to transform the nutrition landscape** The Centre for SDGs, Coalition and UNICEF, Assam collaborated in organizing a **State Consultation on "Transforming the Food and Nutrition Landscape of Assam"** in Assam on **December 15, 2017**
- In ODISHA, The State Coalition will work towards stakeholder and message alignment. Also Coalition is trying to Achieve The Measurable Health And Nutrition Targets In High Burden Disaster Prone Districts - By 2025.
- **NITI Aayog willing to collaborate with the Coalition to transform India's nutrition landscape**
- JANANI (Join *Angan* Nutrition Awareness for New India), which will directly impact more than 10 crore pregnant and lactating mothers and children under six years of age.
- specific focus on ensuring that children with Moderately Acute Malnutrition (MAM). Second meeting of the Sub-Group-I on 2nd August, 2017.
- to intensify our efforts for a fast track improvement in Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) situation. This implies accelerating the reduction rate of stunting in under five year children from the current rate of 1.3 percent in the last decade to a much higher rate of 3 percent.
- The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security, India (CFNS), Care India, Micronutrient Initiative (MI) and others have joined to develop a National Strategy on Women's Nutrition in India and organise a national consultation on "Women's Nutrition" on March, 22nd, 2017, in New Delhi
- The Coalition in collaboration with Voluntary Health Association of India and GHAROA, Assam had organized a consultation on **Nourishing Assam: A Call for a Women Led Nutrition Revolution** on March 15, 2018 in New Delhi
- The first ever „WASH and Nutrition Strategy“ is going to be developed in the country by the Coalition and its partners. The idea came up during a core group meeting of WASH working group held at the Coalition office on November 13, 2017 and the necessity of having a strategy to integrate nutrition into WASH was felt and acknowledged by the core group members.

- Essential Nutrition Intervention -towards suposhan It updates and builds upon the action agenda for improving nutrition outlined by CFNS in the document titled “Sustainable Nutrition Security in India: A leadership Agenda for Action” and builds on it
- HRD - Empowerment of state food commission Building the Capacity of Frontline Workers to Improve IYCF Practices among Marginalized Communities in Odisha
- Women nutrition strategy - CARA and Nutrition Intervention Essential Nutrition Interventions (ENI) are nutrition interventions targeting the first 1000days of life. WHO has recommended several ENIs that can help in fighting the problem of malnutrition, taking a lifecycle approach
- Meeting with PETROLEUM secretary Hon“ble Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan“s inspiring vision, WILL to Deliver and Transform the Nutrition Landscape through good governance, skilling human resource, JAN ANDOLAN and finding solutions in an Indian way for a new and progressive India, left a positive impression on the Coalition leadership team in a meeting in New Delhi on March 21, 2018.

Knowledge Aggregator -

Nutrition Coalition as a partner of choice provided evidences and strategic input to the Government of India“s proposed policy and strategy on food fortification. A request has been received from the Chief Secretary, Government of Assam, to develop multi-sectorial result based district plan for Assam, a pre-planning template to be used by the district authorities.

Convener –

The Nutrition Coalition“s pan India presence is getting a momentum with increased and diverse representations from 14 states. Coalition has 120 paid members today including 73 individual and 47 institutional members. Representations are there from Assam, Andhra Pradesh, New Delhi, Haryana, Karnataka, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh. Among Individual members 41% are female members and 59% are Male members. More than 200 knowledge leaders have opted for 8 working groups and contributing to the CFNS agenda. Many Civil Society Organisations, academic institutions, donors organisations and faith based institutions are associated with the Nutrition Coalition today. Nutrition Coalition is conducting a network mapping exercise which will connect this institution with many more such networks, alliances in this country which will amplify the advocacy efforts of the Nutrition Coalition.

Social Watch -

The reported death of tribal children due to malnutrition in Nagada, Odisha was taken up by the Nutrition Coalition with policy makers, political leaders, CSOs, Government of Odisha specifically with the State Food Commission, Government of Odisha to build awareness which generated a public discourse, drew considerable media attention and improved state accountability on prioritising actions in Nagada.

Collaborator with the Government –

This Coalition has been recognised as a trusted knowledge institution by the Government of India and by many state governments. Ministry of Women & Child Development & Ministry of Food nominated senior officials to the Governing Board of CFNS. Nutrition Coalition has been invited to be a part of the Indian Council of Medical Research formed committee for reviewing evidence on timing of initiation of complimentary feeding in preterm babies and also has been invited to provide technical support to develop Government of India“s CMAM Guideline and IYCF operational Guidelines. CFNS was asked to provide technical input to the Madhya Pradesh State Food Security Rules.

The Strategic Initiatives

a. Membership Engagement

The Nutrition Coalition will deepen its existing engagement with the government as a technical and subject matter expert. It aims at bringing together civil society networks, elected representatives, academia and socially responsible business leaders to create a shared space dedicated to delivering on the promise of a zero hunger and well-nourished nation. An amalgamation of resources and expertise in the form of a plan would help to deal with the multidimensionality of hunger and malnutrition concerns.

b. Knowledge Management

The Nutrition Coalition works with its members and strategic partners to harness the knowledge evidences and transfer it across clientele. Endeavour is on **knowledge assimilation and transfers across stakeholders, fill knowledge gaps and build the nutrition narrative and** create benchmarks. Focus is on building capacities of the civil societies on research and evidences.

c. State Accountability to SDGs and WHA Targets

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. These 17 Goals are built on the successes of the Millennium Development Goals, while including new areas such as climate change, economic inequality, innovation, sustainable consumption, peace and justice, among other priorities. The goals are interconnected – often the key to success on one will involve tackling issues more commonly associated with another.

d. Evidence Based Advocacy

The Nutrition Coalition's national strategies and programmes will be guided by evidence based agenda setting. Through steady dissemination of evidence and knowledge sharing, we hope to generate will and accountability across decision makers, percolating through the layers of governance. The Nutrition Coalition is engaged today with the NITI Aayog, the Prime Minister's Office, and all relevant ministries, State Chief Ministers, State Departments and political parties across party lines to bring focus of policies on nutrition. One of the key strategies is to advocate for the revival and reform of the ICDS. The Nutrition Coalition along with the government and other stakeholders aim to promote and facilitate strong convergences across ministries, sectors and locally across district departments, ration shops, schools, panchayats and enforcement.

e. Catalyse Behaviour Change: Raise Awareness and Mobilise

The Nutrition Coalition plans to develop a strong narrative on food and nutrition that is directly linked to wellbeing, life, productivity and economic gain. The social behavior change strategy will target changing behaviour in communities. A critical window of opportunity to ensure optimal child growth is between pregnancies to the second year of life. Also there is enough evidence to link feeding practices, frequency, nutrient density to growth and development. The organisation will work in high-risk communities such as hunger hot spots or areas with high incidence of SAM to work on behaviour and practices.

The Enablers

a. Network and Alliance Model:

Aligning with strong and active inclusive members' network will be key to create a larger momentum. The Nutrition Coalition has already done a landscape mapping exercise to explore partnerships, alignment with networks across key thematic and functional areas similar to that of working group. This exercise has broadened the scope of engagement with many networks and alliances working in the country on sustainable food and nutrition security.

b. Working Group Model:

The Nutrition Coalition has a full-fledged strategy and operating model for working groups on 8 important themes and functions. There are eight working groups such as Essential Nutrition Interventions (ENIs), Food Security, Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Socially Responsible Business and the Role in Nutrition, Human Resource Development in Nutrition, Social and Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC), Accountability and Governance, Rights, Gender and Equity. Depending upon the need and relevance working groups on other thematic and functional areas like climate change, disaster management, accountability on SDG and WHA target etc. can be constituted. These working groups are „theatres of action“ which will enrich all the activities that we undertake.

Over last one year all the 8 working groups have been activated. Essential Nutrition Interventions working group is revisiting Action Agenda on Nutrition: A strategy document on Suposhan Bharat is being developed. Food Security working group is doing a policy gap analysis, which will generate evidences for advocacy on better synergy building and convergence. The „Accountability and Governance“ working group, which is supported by the Nutrition International, is working on evidence based advocacy primarily focusing in state like Assam, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. States accountability on UNSDGs & WHA targets to be reviewed by the group. Members will provide technical support in the respective states to prepare multi sectoral result based district plan in line with UNSDG and WHA targets.

c. Action Research Model:

Coalition plans to start special impact oriented Action Research Projects in high burden malnutrition and disaster prone districts and hotspots. This will be in collaboration with multiple stakeholders and backed by academic and technical institutes to show pathways for scale up, replication and mainstreaming.

d. Technology and Innovation:

Technology and Innovation is considered to be a new form of social practice. Coalition will also undertake special innovation projects and pilot initiatives and interventions which will create a specific ecosystem of solutions for developmental needs.

Engagement with states for nutrition landscape transformation

Rajasthan:-

The state of Rajasthan reels under poverty and backward tag and its marginalised population solely depend upon food and nutrition entitlements mandated under The National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013. Multiple meetings held with Dr Sudhir Varma, Former Chairperson, Board of Revenue, Government of Rajasthan and Dr S D Gupta, Chairperson, Indian Institute of Health Management & Research (IIHMR) University, Jaipur. ACF's technical expertise and contribution to malnutrition is being recognized in Rajasthan and various activities are performed such as MOU with NHM for 5 districts of Rajasthan, Official technical partnership with NHM in CMAM program and Direct operations Baran district.



ASSAM:-

The state of Assam, situated in the north east of India, has a considerable percentage of its population under the poverty line and its marginalised population solely depend upon food entitlements mandated under The National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013. Mr K K Mittal, Addl. Chief Secretary and Agriculture Production Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Horticulture, Government of Assam attended the programme as the „Chief Guest“. The State Coalitions engaged in evidence based advocacy, sustained membership engagement through state, contribute to knowledge management by regularly sharing state level information and data with center and social behaviour change communication activities that can increase healthy food and nutrition behaviour.

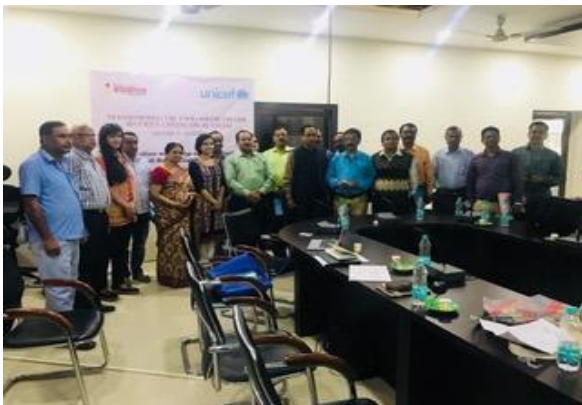
- **Multi-Sectoral Result Based District Planning Workshop in Darrang, Assam**



Multi-Sectoral Result Based District Planning Framework developed by CFNS, a planning workshop was conducted with the support of UNICEF Assam in Darrang district. This workshop was attended by District Level Multi-Sectoral Advisory Body representatives, including the DC, and workers at the grassroots level such as Anganwadi Centre supervisors and ASHA workers, and various NGOs dedicated to the cause of nutrition. The first draft of an implementable district action plan to tackle malnutrition was developed after various group discussions between the participants. The draft will be further refined by

CFNS and UNICEF, the final version of which will be present to the state level government officials in a State Consultation that will be organised by CFNS.

- **Multi-Sectoral Result Based District Sensitization Workshop in Barpeta, Assam**



A sensitization workshop on multi-sectoral result based district planning was conducted in Barpeta district on November 28, 2017. A sensitization workshop on multi-sectoral result based district planning was conducted in Barpeta district on November 28, 2017. Barpeta is counted among one of the high-burden districts of Assam due to high prevalence of stunting and wasting indicators. The newly formed District Level Multi-Sectoral Advisory Body representatives, including the DC, from the district were present in the workshop, all of whom made suggestions on both nutrition focused and nutrition sensitive interventions. Participants were sensitized on manifestations, consequences, impacts of under nutrition, and it was stressed upon that the key departments work together under the multi-sectoral result based district plan

framework developed by the Coalition and approved by Government of Assam

- **Assam State Consultation – Echoed the State’s will to Deliver to transform the nutrition landscape**



To complement the efforts of the Government of Assam and share the learnings from this decentralized multi sectoral district planning exercise which are being conducted in the state, The **Centre for SDGs, Coalition** and **UNICEF, Assam** collaborated in organizing a **State Consultation on “Transforming the Food and Nutrition Landscape of Assam”** in Assam on **December 15, 2017** at Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati, Assam.

Hon“ble Addl. Chief Secretary and Agriculture Production Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Horticulture, Government of Assam, Mr K K Mittal, attended the consultation as the Chief Guest and appreciated the efforts being undertaken by the Coalition, UNICEF joining hands together with the Assam State Government to accelerate progress and establishing Assam as a model state in the country.

ODISHA:-

The state of Odisha continues to be one of the most backward and poorest states inspite of its rich natural and human potential. The disaster and emergencies compound the poverty. The State Coalition will work towards stakeholder and message alignment and in partnership with the State Government, civil society organizations and socially responsible businesses which will steer structural and institutional reforms in food and nutrition security for desired outcomes. The State Coalition will develop a roadmap to find a sustainable solution to poverty, malnutrition, hunger and poor health.



Also Coalition is trying to Achieve The Measurable Health And Nutrition Targets In High Burden Disaster Prone Districts - By 2025 having A just and equitable society, A sustained Double digit GDP, Reduced MMR and IMR, Doubling farmer“s income and income of the small scale food producers, Increased Industrial and farm productively, Reduced NCD, Reduced greenhouse gases while meeting the agriculture, food and nutrition security, Household Health expenses saved, Realize the

potential of Skill India, Stand Up India, DIGITAL India etc.

Policy level engagement

NITI Aayog willing to collaborate with the Coalition to transform India's nutrition landscape

The Coalition Board Chair, Vice Chair and Chief Executive Officer had a strategic and insightful meeting with Dr Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairperson – NITI Aayog and Chairperson – National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges, Dr. Vinod Kumar Paul, Member – NITI Aayog and Chairperson – National Technical Board on Nutrition and Mr. Alok Kumar, Advisor (Nutrition) – NITI Aayog on January 24, 2018. It was impressive to observe NITI Aayog's WILL to Deliver and Transform the country's nutrition landscape.






Coalition shared its ideas on Jan Andolan, SAM Mukht Bharat, Social Audit framework to increase public accountability, presented how building hamlet level women volunteers can make a model state like Chhattisgarh in reduction of under nutrition and advocated to build a cadre of women CHANGE LEADERS as hunger and malnutrition fighters across the country to address India's nutrition challenges.

Coalition representatives also presented its five-year strategy and its engagement with the policy makers since inception. Coalition's bandwidth and conviction of finding solutions in an Indian way delighted the NITI Aayog representatives and they expressed their willingness to collaborate with the Coalition to bring a transformative change in the country.

Janani Submission:-

JANANI (Join Angan Nutrition Awareness for New India), which will directly impact more than 10 crore pregnant and lactating mothers and children under six years of age. JANANI will be an active, interested female member (Change Leader) from the community who acts as a promoter and monitor of good nutrition and health practices in the neighborhood (15-20 families) and counsels families on a voluntary basis to induce and promote positive health nutrition and sanitation behaviors. **It is envisaged that there will be around 2.5 million JANANIs in 649,481 villages of India.** The NNM plans to engage **JANANI**, in areas of Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices through inter personal counseling at family level. Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices including early and exclusive breastfeeding and complementary feeding play significant roles in reduction of stunting and wasting and in development of children's full potential

Milestones:

 By August 2018, JANANIs will be selected in 550 districts with the active support from local government bodies
 By September 2018, NNM along with NIPCCD and Ministry of Skill Development will develop training modules and tools for IPC and quality counseling.
 By December 2018, training for JANANIs will be rolled out (cascading model of training)
 By December 2018, Digital database on the JANANIs will be developed simultaneously
 By June 2019, JANANI volunteers will be selected in rest of the districts and training for JANANIs will be rolled out (cascading model of training) by December 2019.

C-MAM:-

Overall prevention of malnutrition including improving infant and young child feeding practices needs to be scaled-up. Within a comprehensive approach addressing acute malnutrition there needs to be a specific focus on ensuring that children with Moderately Acute Malnutrition (MAM) do not develop SAM and that children that had SAM before do not get it again. Caregivers should receive targeted counseling, support and frequent monitoring of the nutritional status of their child.

The Second meeting of the Sub-Group-I: Prevention Strategy on Moderate Acute Malnutrition and Severe Acute Malnutrition was held under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Ajay Khera, Deputy Commissioner, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, on 2nd August, 2017.

- ❖ It was suggested by the members that the Strategy paper should not be specific to SAM and MAM only rather should suggest preventive strategies for prevention of under nutrition with special emphasis to prevention of MAM and SAM.
- ❖ The section on Age-specific feeding presently included in the Strategy paper should be included in the Operational IYCF Guidelines.
- ❖ The list of indicators to be reviewed and the level at which these need to be monitored.
- ❖ Complementary feeding should be prioritized in view of the downward trend seen in the NFHS-4 data.
- ❖ The table on Health and ICDS Contact opportunities will be shared by Dr. Sheila Vir.
- ❖ Joint trainings should be encouraged for ICDS and Health functionaries.
- ❖ Triple A (ASHA, AWW and ANM) may be jointly involved during the training and monitoring activities.
- ❖ The progress may be monitored by the respective District Magistrates as per the matrix of indicators which may be given in the Operational Guidelines.

IYCN:-

Towards achieving the World Health Assembly (WHA) nutrition targets of 2025 and SDG goals by 2030, there is a need to intensify our efforts for a fast track improvement in Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) situation. This implies accelerating the reduction rate of stunting in under five year children from the current rate of 1.3 percent in the last decade to a much higher rate of 3 percent.

It is well established that there is a need to redesign the nutrition program by increasing the coverage of evidence based direct essential nutrition interventions (ENIs) in first 1000 days of life to at least 90 percent as well as ensuring inputs are intensified to address nutrition sensitive issues such as improving socio-economic and education situations of women, access to diversified food, improved sanitation and hygienic environment. The ENIs comprise interventions for improving young child feeding practices, maternal nutrition, improving supply and compliance of IFA tablets by adolescent and pregnant women, energy-protein supplements to undernourished pregnant women and prevention and treatment of severe acute malnourished (SAM) children.

The nutrition program systems therefore need to go beyond ICDS and Health sectors. NRLM (now renamed DAY: NRLM) , which focuses on economically empowering poor women for eliminating poverty, needs to be included as a key partner for improving MIYCN situation.

ICMR COMMITTEE:-

According to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) guideline on Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA), every woman need 2 mg of folic acid per day and during pregnancy folic acid requirement goes up to 5 mg per day. The need of the hour is to view women's health and nutrition in a holistic manner and address their nutrition needs through a „life cycle approach“. Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and World Health Assembly Targets have brought unprecedented focus on women's nutrition which is seen as the key to breaking the vicious circle of intergenerational malnutrition.

The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security, India (CFNS), Care India, Micronutrient Initiative (MI) and others have joined to develop a National Strategy on Women's Nutrition in India and organise a national consultation on „Women's Nutrition“ on **March, 22nd, 2017**, in New Delhi. This consultation will provide an opportunity to mobilise various stakeholders in the country, discuss existing and emerging themes, and strategize to improve women's nutrition in India. The consultation would discuss a draft strategy for devising new programmatic and policy directions, with specific milestones and shared common steps for participating organizations.

NNM:-



The Coalition Vice Chair, Dr Chandrakant S Pandav has been co-opted as a member of the National Council on India's Nutritional Challenges constituted under the POSHAN Abhiyan (NNM) of the Ministry of Women and Child Development on April 5, 2018. The National Council on India's Nutritional Challenges will be providing policy directions to address India's Nutritional Challenges through coordinated inter-sectoral action and review programmes on nutrition on a quarterly basis.

The launch of the long awaited National Nutrition Mission (NNM) with a mandate on JAN ANDOLAN and SOCIAL AUDIT has created a great momentum to transform the nutrition landscape in the country. Assam's WILL to Deliver and Transform the nutrition landscape in line with the Government of India's vision for a Mission Malnutrition Free India – 2022 is also worth mentioning and the state has already demonstrated political and policy level will to take the agenda forward.

NNM would act on Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time Bound (SMART) commitments and targets

The Coalition in collaboration with Voluntary Health Association of India and GHAROA, Assam had organized a consultation on **Nourishing Assam: A Call for a Women Led Nutrition Revolution** on **March 15, 2018** in New Delhi which was designed to address all such queries, ignite thoughts around the JAN ANDOLAN, learn from best practices and outline strategies and pathways to realize the vision of the NNM and more specifically making nutrition a peoples' movement having women at the forefront.

Knowledge Management

Overview:

As an aggregator of knowledge, our endeavor will be on knowledge assimilation and transfer across stakeholders, fill knowledge gaps and build the nutrition narrative and create benchmarks. The Coalition will work with its members and strategic partners to harness the knowledge, evidences and transfer across clientele. Nutrition champions from the community will work as knowledge managers and aggregators. We will also focus on building capacities of the civil societies on research and evidences. The objective will be to build a repository of empirical data and at the same time an empowered and active community of knowledge workers. We feel that the call for a data revolution is not just about disaggregated data. It also about handing over the ownership to the community. Our approach to building an evidence pipeline is therefore designed to address the structural causes of food insecurity. An operations research approach will enable course corrections to ensure impact is achieved and studied. The purpose will be to design and test practices, with time bound targets, that produce measurable behaviour changes, contribute to improving the nutritional status of the target population (impact evaluation), and are culturally sensitive, economically feasible, and technically practical. The Coalition based on the request of the national and state governments can facilitate/manage food and nutrition resource centers.

The Coalition will need to first conduct identification of sources to be leveraged for knowledge collation these include Coalition research papers, nutrition data sources, member initiatives, govt. policies and schemes and sector reports. The Coalition will also need to facilitate design and maintenance of a KM portal and ensure effective capturing, archiving and sharing of knowledge from multiple sources with members through the portal. The Coalition can explore the option of establishing such a portal in multiple languages to serve a wider audience within its membership. Moreover, the Coalition should also ensure coordination and linkage between knowledge management it undertakes and its other activities, especially advocacy, and state level expansion; i.e. it should ensure the knowledge gathered on its portal lends credibility to its efforts in advocacy and expansion in states. Also, the knowledge generated across activities and regions should get collaborated in the KM system in an efficient manner. As an aggregator of knowledge, the Coalition can work as a catalyst in providing strategic perspectives on effective use of resources by the development partners.

Wash and Nutrition



The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security convened a meeting with the WASH working group, and other working group leads of the Coalition to discuss the importance of the National Nutrition Mission, and how Coalition's work can potential feed into the Mission's objectives. The meeting was held at the Water Aid India office on February 5, 2018. The purpose of the meeting was also to discuss about the WASH and Nutrition National Strategy that the WASH working group is developing and taking inputs from the other working group members. Dr R C Panda, Executive Committee Member, National Nutrition Mission(NNM) and Governing Board Member, Coalition Chaired the meeting. Ministry of Health,

Ministry of W&CD, UNICEF, World Bank, SNEHA Mumbai and many other members and partners attended the meeting. The first ever „WASH and Nutrition Strategy“ is going to be developed in the country by the Coalition and its partners. The idea came up during a core group meeting of WASH working group held at the Coalition office on November 13, 2017 and the necessity of having a strategy to integrate nutrition into WASH was felt and acknowledged by the core group members.

Essential Nutrition Intervention -towards suposhan

About the Document:



This **Action Agenda for Nutrition Security in India** is an evidence-based and peer reviewed document prepared by a group of renowned experts in food and nutrition with inputs from and consensus of a wide range of stakeholders and experts across food security, agriculture, health, water, sanitation and hygiene. It updates and builds upon the action agenda for improving nutrition outlined by CFNS in the document titled “Sustainable Nutrition Security in India: A leadership Agenda for Action” and builds on it to:

- Incorporate the new evidence and that has become available and policy and program context in the country since the earlier document was prepared;
- Expand the scope to make it more holistic to include actions to address not only under nutrition, but also those required to address obesity, overweight and other diet and life style related chronic non-communicable diseases;
- With the primary focus on preventive measures to address under nutrition, it also examines action points for appropriate treatment and management of severe wasting in children;
- Adopts a multi-sectoral approach to address critical multi-sectoral actions that substantially influence nutrition outcomes. While providing the multi-sectoral recommendations and framework of interventions, the document provides in detail the essential action agenda for direct nutrition interventions for both under nutrition and obesity. It is hoped that experts in other sectors will contribute similar detailed action agenda to improve nutrition.

HRD - Empowerment of state food commission

It has been observed at many occasions that there is huge amount of deficiency in the knowledge and skills in people working for food and nutrition security. Human resource development and capacity building is vital for the success of the policies and programmes being implemented in the sector. There should be a knowledge network for disseminating the current knowledge and best practices among all. Regular training should also be a part of the agenda in order to develop the human resource.

Building the Capacity of Frontline Workers to Improve IYCF Practices among Marginalized Communities in Odisha:-

Evidence shows that consistent and systematic interpersonal communication is critical to changing infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices. Using this evidence, UNICEF designed videos to enhance the capacity of frontline workers to provide correct information and appropriate counseling on IYCF. UNICEF implemented this intervention in three districts in Odisha with a large population of scheduled castes and tribes who were extremely vulnerable to malnutrition.

This effort shows that facilitated video is an effective medium for IYCF messages, and that it is an attractive method for reaching both men and women.

Women nutrition strategy - CARE and Nutrition Intervention

Care India:

The partnership with the Coalition at the national level aims at continuing and further strengthening the advocacy efforts to bring the nutrition issues on the highest agenda in the country and to facilitate multi-sectoral response to address the complex issue of malnutrition. The partnership would also undertake focused efforts in bringing out a nutrition policy paper and Food Security working group meetings, policy analysis, activities etc. during the agreement period. The proposed effort will further provide a scope to enhance the Coalition's five-year strategy for strengthening advocacy activities and positioning the Coalition as a strong advocacy body in the country.

The project would undertake strategic and focused advocacy efforts in close collaboration with Food Security and Essential Nutrition Interventions (ENIs) Working Group members with an aim to establish Nutrition Mission in near future. Further, the efforts on strengthening Coalition's strategy document would yield result in the long term for the Coalition as well for the collaborating partner. The achievements and learning would inform the future partnerships to strengthen nutrition programs in the country.

Nutrition Interventions-

Essential Nutrition Interventions (ENI) are nutrition interventions targeting the first 1000days of life. WHO has recommended several ENIs that can help in fighting the problem of malnutrition, taking a lifecycle approach. Proper implementation and monitoring of these ENIs is required in order to ensure food and nutrition security

□ Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana: National Rural Livelihood Mission(DAY:NRLM)



Towards achieving the World Health Assembly (WHA) nutrition targets of 2025 and SDG goals by 2030, there is a need to intensify our efforts for a fast track improvement in Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition (M IYCN) situation. This implies accelerating the reduction rate of stunting in under five year children from the current rate of 1.3 percent in the last decade to a much higher rate of 3 percent. It is well established that there is a need to redesign the nutrition program by increasing the coverage of evidence based direct essential nutrition interventions (ENIs) in first 1000 days of life to at least 90 percent as well as ensuring inputs are intensified to address nutrition sensitive issues such as improving socio-economic and education situations of women, access to diversified food, improved sanitation and hygienic environment. The ENIs comprise interventions for improving young child feeding practices, maternal nutrition, improving supply and compliance of IFA tablets by adolescent and pregnant women, energy-protein supplements to undernourished pregnant women and prevention and treatment of severe acute malnourished (SAM)children. Both, universal ENIs coverage and simultaneous multi-sector inputs, are imperative and challenging. There is a need to understand why DAY:NRLM should be an integral part of revised nutrition design. It may be noted that one of the ten focus areas of NRLM, under the concept of "*dussutri*" is improving health and nutrition of women

□ In Rural India: Empowering Women's Collectives to be Champions of Nutrition



Good Nutrition is fundamental to both individual and national development, THE LANCET {2013} and Vision 2022 of National Nutrition Strategy, GoI committed to “ensuring that every child, adolescent girls and women attains optimal nutritional status especially those from the most vulnerable communities”. This has brought Nutrition centre stage on India’s national development agenda. From NFHS 3 {2005-2006} to NFHS 4 {2015-2016}, India has made significant improvements in most of the essential nutrition interventions outcome with exception to iron deficiency anaemia in women and children. Over the last decade, evidence based research has dramatically expanded our understanding of how to improve the nutrition in women and children. emphasises on community delivery platforms for nutrition education and promotion, crucial to achieving nutrition specific interventions and

reaching populations in need. In addition UN Decade of Action on Nutrition {2016-2025} focuses on women and girls as key stakeholders of achieving nutrition equity.

Similarly women’s collectives under National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) GoI, and „Mission Shakti“ of State Government of Odisha have proved to be potential to strengthen the last mile delivery of essential nutrition services. Similar results have been demonstrated in the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation’s work with JEVEEKA promoted SHG in Bihar.

Meeting with PETROLEUM secretary



Hon’ble Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan’s inspiring vision, WILL to Deliver and Transform the Nutrition Landscape through good governance, skilling human resource, JAN ANDOLAN and finding solutions in an Indian way for a new and progressive India, left a positive impression on the Coalition leadership team in a meeting in New Delhi on March 21, 2018.

Hon’ble Minister, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India laid emphasis on the power of nutrition supercharging demographic dividend, reducing the disease burden and empowering the present and future generations. He also emphasised on focussing first 1000 days of life

addressing the immediate and underlying factors, concert convergence across interventions, and effect behavioural change by reviving positive nutrition cultural practices for pregnant women. Minister expressed his willingness to engage with the Coalition to work on sustainable food and nutrition security.

Transparent, Democratic and Unique Election

Election of Members:

The current members of the Governing Board were elected through election conducted in September 2016. In order to conduct a transparent election an Election Returning Officer was appointed by the Founder Board of Nutrition Coalition. The election process was designed keeping in mind that members of Nutrition Coalition are based in different geographical locations across the country. Many communications were sent out by Prof M S Swaminathan and the Returning Officer starting from introducing the Returning Officer to sharing the election process, inviting nominations, sending out ballots and declaring the election result to keep the members engaged and informed about the election process. Election observers were appointed to witness the election process. 55% of the members exercised their voting rights. The returning officer declared the result soon after the counting was complete on the day of the Annual General Meeting. Result was also shared via e-mail with all members and governing board members.

Where do we want to be by 2021 ...

Advocacy to establish the National Nutrition Mission (NNM)	Engage with key policy makers, political leaders through advocacy forums, provide technical leadership, special advocacy campaigns, policy roundtables, generate debate and discussion to advance the launch of NNM
National policy and strategy on „Women’s Nutrition“	Collaborate with partners, generate discussions, document evidences, breakthrough research, develop policy on women’s nutrition and advocacy with the Government for policy adoption
Legislative reforms: Comprehensive regulation on Food Fortification	Generate discussion, foster public debated to write on hard issues, policy roundtable, consultations and interfaces, stakeholder and message alignment, document evidences, advocacy and technical support to bring out a national comprehensive regulation on food fortification
Policy reforms: A new National Food and Nutrition Security Act	Generate debate: food and nutrition as a public good, drafting of the reformed regulation with a strong focus on nutrition, climate smart nutrition sensitive agriculture, bio diversity and food safety with strong regulatory enforcement Measures
Nutrition Parliament	Advocacy with parliamentarians across party line for collective action
State accountability to SDGs and WHA targets	Convene working groups to develop knowledge products to support awareness building on the state of the World Health Assembly (WHA) targets and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).
Build on State Chapters/ Coalitions	State chapters in selective states to influence public policy and law, support awareness building on SDGs/WHA targets through engagement with State Food Commissions, technical support on realizing SDG Goals and WHA targets, District multi-sectoral result based food and nutrition plan
India Food and Nutrition Report and Nationally representative micronutrient survey	Engage with key premier research and academic institutes to bring out comprehensive status report on food and nutrition and provide knowledge support to the nationally representative micronutrient survey.
Sustained and inclusive membership engagement: For stakeholder and message alignment	Multi stakeholder platform and message alignment, regional leadership in amplifying southern voice, social watch functions to strengthen accountability, partnership with Media and Communication channel to share evidences and best practices
Knowledge Management	Revitalise working groups as a „theatre of action“ for developing knowledge products, technical support in decentralized bottom up planning and monitoring, technical support in building capacities: on Healthy and safe food behaviour, WASH & Nutrition strategy development, Nutrition and Education strategy development etc.

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