

## Draft of DPAC review meeting

- **Date:** 26.11.2015
- **Venue:** Conference Hall, Malda
- **Participants:** DM, ADM (G), Representatives from ICDS Dept., Health Dept., School Dept., PHE Dept., Dist. Water & Sanitation Cell, Dist. SBCC Cell, UNICEF Consultants, Banglanatak.com (NGO).
- **Meeting Chaired By:** District Magistrate, Malda
- **Key agendas for discussion:**
  1. *DPAC Indicator;*
  2. *Social & Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) Plan of the Department.*

The District Magistrate initiated the meeting by formally welcoming everybody and reading the Preamble of the constitution together to observe the “Constitution Day”. Later the Nodal Officers from each department shared various reports and observations with other participants.

**Health Department:** The Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) presented the key health indicators of the district and its achievements. It was observed that the institutional delivery of Kaliachak-I Block was very poor. The underlying reason as stated by CMOH was that the local “Dais” have been motivating the community people to get their children delivered at the local hospitals/clinics and thereby misguiding the community against the health service delivery system. Regarding **SBCC** activities, a campaign on *Early Marriage Prevention & Early Pregnancy* is planned in collaboration with other departments.

**ICDS Department:** The District Program Officer, ICDS shared their target vs achievement till October’ 15 with other departments. A disparity in reporting was brought forward regarding IFA distribution and its consumption. Lack of proper coordination within the IFA reporting sections in the department, un-uniform reporting formats & less orientation among the grass root level workers on reporting led to the improper IFA reporting. Another important observation was closure of Anganwadi Centers as observed during several visits by DPO himself.

**Water & sanitation Cell and PHE:** The PHE authority mentioned that the construction of hand tube wells have been completed as per target as well as the pipe line water connection work is in progress. The maintenance work of the Anganwadi Centres has started as per the list provided by DPO, ICDS. Regarding the provision of safe drinking water facility in the district, out of 10 thousand hand tube wells 350 hand tube wells are in well condition, whereas the VWSCs are yet not formed.

In concern to SBCC activities, a street play was organized, though is no order/instruction for organising such activities has been provided from the respective State Department.

The DNO shared that 26 villages have been ODF, whereas 15 GPs have been targeted to achieve ODF adjoining to Ganga river till March, 2016. A pipeline water facility for Bhanu Sankar Tola village of Manik Chak block has been proposed as per the demand of the villagers and also the village is to be ODF through CLTS approach.

Regarding SBCC, IEC was used during the sanitation week celebration developed by UNICEF.

**District SBCC Cell:** The District Project Officer shared the objectives and plan of SBCC cell till March 2016. He focused on the Cell’s vital role of planning of IEC and BCC activities, monitoring and reporting of the same along with inter sectoral coordination among the various departments to reach the desired goals. Later, the three-tier approach and the resource mapping of the district were

discussed in the forum. Link focal person for each department was proposed for coordination regarding SBCC activities in the district.

***Key Outcomes of the meeting:***

- To identify the local Dias of Kaliachak-I, advocate with them and improve the institutional delivery of the block;
- Quick action against the AWWs which were absent during the DPO ICDS visit by holding salaries of those AWWs;
- Streamline of Sabla groups to achieve IFA consumption;
- Mapping of the hand tube wells and sharing them with BDOs for providing portable drinking water facility through MGNREGA;
- Formation of VWSCs in the GPs and activate them by opening the bank account as soon as possible;
- Submission of Village wise ODF report to DM at the earliest;
- Selection of a primary nodal person in each & every department for SBCC within Monday and share their names & contact with the Nodal officer of SBCC Cell.
- Every department will share their current activity on IEC/BCC and plan for the next 6 month.