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Dear All,

Greetings from Bhavishya Alliance!

In this Issue of Bhavishyavani , we would like to share the district profile of the Bhavishya pilot districts. The team felt that there are lot of initiatives on the issue of child under nutrition by different organisations in the district which may not be known to all .Thus there is a need to identify these initiatives and document in the form of a district profile which will give a complete picture of the district in terms of nutritional status of children and help in identifying other areas where BA and its partners can add value.

We have tried to put together the information available with us at present and intent to add the information to this on regular basis and would be share with you from time to time.

BHAVISHYA PILOT DISTRICTS



DISTRICT PROFILE

AMRAVATI

Amravati district has a total population¹ of 2,607,160 with the rural population of 1,707,581. In the district, there are 108326 numbers of children² are in the age group of 0-3 years, 34357 pregnant & lactating mothers and 141767 adolescent girls. In Amravati, total 17 projects are being run by ICDS. Out of the total number of 97,376 (0-3yrs) children weighed, 58814 numbers of children (60.3%) are recorded to be under nourished². Amongst the children in age group 0-3 years in the district, 12907 (13.3 %) children are in grade 3 and grade 4. The number of undernourished children in two blocks viz. Dharni and Chikaldhara has relatively higher number of undernourished children than the other blocks.

Resources :

2372 Anganwadi's² are sanctioned in the district of which 2327 are functioning. There is a resource gap in number of Staff in position as compared to sanction in the district. 6 positions of CDPOs, 10 positions of Supervisors, 98 positions of AWW and 138 positions of helpers are vacant. There are 61 Primary Health Centre¹ and 180 Primary Health Sub-Centre¹ in the district.

Various Health & Nutrition related initiatives for children in Amravati District

- 39 facility based care centers were set up in Dharni to address the nutritional and medical needs of severely malnourished children. More than 300 children have benefited from this service, which was set up by health and ICDS departments, local NGOs and community health workers during the monsoon period with the financial support from Tribal Welfare Department. These centres are not residential and make it easier for families to seek treatment for their children on a daily basis. Unfortunately, all these centres were closed due to insufficient funds. However, now some more funds have been sanctioned to restart the centres soon. ICICI Bank provided support in organising a training program for 25 Health and ICDS staff in Amravati at National Institute of Nutrition, Amravati for the

same.

- 2,000 girls will undergo a 6 months training program in the two blocks viz Dharni and Chikaldhara. This project named as Girls Gaining Ground (Gheu Bharari) funded by NIKE Foundation through Synergos is a part of the life cycle based approach within a larger, comprehensive child malnutrition program and the module being followed is designed by UNICEF. The project is based on the assumption that investing in girls' empowerment and improving access to government and other programs/services relating to nutrition/health education will reduce anemia, school drop out rates, age of marriage, age at first pregnancy, and positively affect the health & nutrition of their children in future. Bhavishya Alliance partners KHOJ and Koshish Network are implementing this project in Amravati.
- With the initiation and help of the Rajmata Jijau Health & Nutrition Mission and financial support from National Rural Health Mission 10 Child Development Centre have started in Amravati to address the needs of severely malnourished children in the district.
- 27 Creches are operational for children in Dharni block. These crèches have been functioning since May'2007 and was initiated by a NGO (Sampoorna Bamboo Kendra) with support from Adim Jati Sewak Sangh.
- Koshish network, a network of 8 NGO's is working in Melghat region of Amravati district on the issues confronting the Melghat's 'Korku' tribal people prominently malnutrition and migration. For the last five years, the network has been actively engaged in building capacities of the local community based groups such as women SHG groups, adolescent girls & boys groups through various participatory exercises such as micro planning as a tool towards community mobilization. With the active partnership of UNICEF, KOSHISH network has conducted micro planning in 100 villages of Melghat.

GADCHIROLI

Gadchiroli district has a total population¹ of 970,294 with the rural population of 903033. In the district, there are 52108 numbers of children² are in the age group of 0-3 years, 15565 pregnant & lactating mothers and 59,110 adolescent girls. In Gadchiroli, total 11 projects are being run by ICDS. Out of the total number of 46,857 children (0-3yrs) weighed, 30,733 numbers of children (65.59%) are recorded to be under nourished². Amongst the children in the age group 0-3 yrs in the district, 7037 (15%) children are in grade 3 and grade 4 category.

Resources:

Though 1,458 Anganwadi's² are in place in Gadchiroli, there is a gap in number of Staff in position as compared to sanction in the district. 3 positions of Supervisors, 13 positions of AWW and 42 positions of helpers are vacant. There are 37 Primary Health Centre¹ and 79 Primary Health Sub-Centre in the district .

Various Health & Nutrition initiatives for children in Gadchiroli:

- 2000 girls will undergo 6 months training module in the select blocks under the Girls Gaining Ground project. Bhavishya Alliance partner NGO, Amhi Amchya Arogyasathi is implementing this project in the two blocks viz Dhanora and Mulchera of the district.
- With the initiation and help of the Rajmata Jijau Health & Nutrition Mission and financial support from National Rural Health Mission, 19 Child Development Centres are operational for addressing the needs of severely malnourished children in the district.
- SEARCH³, an NGO is operating in 123 villages in the Gadchiroli district. Their activities include Home based neonatal care (HBNC) to mothers and neonates through trained village health workers, reproductive health of women and trainings on development of adolescent girls and boys above 14 yrs. They have opened tribal friendly hospital named 'Maa Danteshwari Hospital' at Shodhgram in which along with services to the community, reproductive health of women is taken care through specialist consultations.

NANDURBAR

Nandurbar district has a total population¹ of 1,311,709 with the rural population of 1,109,036. In the district, there are 1,01,655 numbers of children² are in the age group of 0-3 years, 29931 pregnant & lactating mothers and 72,193 adolescent girls. In Nandurbar, total 6 projects are being run by ICDS. Out of the total number of 92,427 children (0-3yrs) weighed, 65,363 numbers of children (70.7%) are recorded to be under nourished. Amongst the children in age group 0-3 years in the district, 14,989 (16.2%) children are in grade 3 and grade 4 category.

Resources:

Of the total of 2142 Anganwadi sanctioned² in the district only 2126 are functioning. There is a resource gap in number of Staff in position as compared to sanction in the district. 6 positions of Supervisors, 167 positions of AWW and 255 positions of helpers are vacant. There are 47 Primary Health Centre¹ and 128 Primary Health Sub-Centre in the district.

Various Health & Nutrition related initiatives for children in Nandurbar District

- 200 villages are planned to be covered under hand washing campaign.
- 2000 girls will undergo 6 months training module in the Akkalkuwa and Dhadgaon blocks under the Girls Gaining Ground project.

NASHIK

Nashik district has a total population¹ of 4,993,796 with the rural population of 3,056,240. In the district, there are 2,76,472 numbers of children² are in the age group of 0-3 years, 87,101 pregnant & lactating mothers and 1,51,171 adolescent girls. In Nashik, total 18 rural projects are being run by ICDS. Out of the total number of 2,76,472 children (0-3yrs) weighed, 1,60,714 numbers of children (58.1%) are recorded to be under nourished². Amongst the children in the age group of 0-3 years in the district, 30,698 (11%) children are in grade 3 and grade 4 category.

Resources:

Though 4218 Anganwadi's² are in place in the district, there is a gap in number of Staff in position as compared to sanction in the district. 2 positions of CDPO, 17 positions of Supervisors, 288 positions of AWW and 427 positions of helpers are vacant. There are 110 Primary Health Centre¹ and 479 Primary Health Sub-Centre in the district.

Various Health & Nutrition related initiatives for children in Nashik District

- 9 Child Development Centre operational in select blocks benefiting approx 285 children. These centres are joint effort of Department of Health, Tribal welfare department, ICDS and the local NGO's.
- 15 Primary Health Centre's are being computerised and manual system set in place to strengthen the supply chain of medicines especially those critical for illnesses of infants and children at the PHC/ end user level. This is a joint initiative of Hindustan Unilever Ltd. (HUL) and Department of Health and will be benefitting an estimated 2.5 million population. 15 health officers from Nashik and Thane have been trained on supply chain management by HUL.
- 2000 girls will undergo 6 months training module in the Surgana, peth and Triambkeshwar blocks under the Girls Gaining Ground project. Bhavishya Alliance partner NGO, VACHAN, BAIF and Nashik Social Service Society(NSSS) are implementing this project in these three blocks.
- 40 computer aided adult literacy centres are being set up in Nashik jointly by Tata Consultancy services, Department of Tribal welfare and 3 NGO's viz. Vachan, NSSS and BAIF being facilitated by Bhavishya Alliance. These centres are being set up with the idea that literacy among women will have an impact on the child under nutrition. These centres will be linked with the adolescent girls program also.

THANE

Thane district has a total population¹ of 8,131,849 with the rural population of 2,229,376 In the district, there are 2,92,158 numbers of children² are in the age group of 0-3 years, 75,259 pregnant & lactating mothers and 2,50,569 adolescent girls. In Thane, total 23 projects are being run by ICDS. Out of the total number of 2,49,038 children (0-3yrs) weighed, 1,53,290 numbers of children (61.6%) are recorded to be under nourished². Amongst the children in age group 0-3 yrs in the district 31,021 (10.6%) children are in grade 3 and grade 4 category.

Resources:

4781 Anganwadi's² are functioning in the district. There is a resource gap in number of Staff in position as compared to sanction in the district. 8 positions of CDPO, 46 positions of Supervisors, 64 positions of AWW and 170 positions of helpers are vacant. There are 66 Primary Health Centre¹ and 449 Primary Health Sub-Centre in the district.

Various Health & Nutrition related initiatives for children in Thane District

- 2000 girls will undergo 6 months training module in two blocks viz. Jawhar and Mokhada under the Girls Gaining Ground project. Bhavishya NGO Partners, Nirmala Niketan and BAIF are implementing the project in these areas.
- 3 Day care cum Anganwadi centres are being set up for children 0-3 yrs in three sites in Mokhada which will work beyond the normal Anganwadi hours in partnership between ICDS, Mc Donalds and Nirmala Niketan with facilitation of BA.
- 33 Child Development Centre's are operational in Thane district benefiting around 400 severely malnourished children. Out of these 6 are operating in Jawhar and 4 in Mokhada benefiting around 100 children.
- 3 Health officers of Department of Health, Thane were trained for strengthening the supply chain of medicines in the PHC's and district stores by HUL at Nashik.

MUMBAI

Mumbai has a total population¹ of 3,338,031. There are 2,53,443 numbers of children² are in the age group of 0-3 years, 50350 pregnant & lactating mothers and 2,99,320 adolescent girls. In Mumbai, total 29 projects are being run by ICDS. Out of the total number of 1,57,237 children (0-3yrs) weighed, 91,638 numbers of children (58.3%) are recorded to be under nourished². Amongst the children in the age group 0-3 years in the district 17,393 (11%) children are in grade 3 and grade 4 category.

In Ghatkopar area, there are 16,776 children in the age group of 0-3 years, 3526 pregnant & lactating mothers and 23337 adolescent girls. Out of the total number of 13,379 children (0-3yrs) weighed, 7198 numbers of children (53.8%) are recorded to be under nourished². Amongst the children in age group 0-3 yrs in Ghatkopar, 955 (7%) children are in grade 3 and grade 4 category.

Resources:

Of the total 5022 Anganwadi² sanctioned in the district, 4639 are functioning. There is a gap in number of Staff in position as compared to sanction in the district. 20 positions of CDPO, 89 positions of Supervisors, 533 positions of AWW and 811 positions of helpers are vacant.

Various Health & Nutrition related initiatives for children in Mumbai

- 2000 girl will undergo 6 months training module under the Girls Gaining Ground project in the N ward. Bhavishya Alliance partner SNEHA is implementing this project in Ghatkopar area of Mumbai.
- 3 Day Care cum Anganwadi Center are proposed to be started in the construction sites in Mumbai in joint partnership between Mumbai Mobile Creches, Nirman, ICDS with facilitation of BA.
- 2 Day care cum Anganwadi center is proposed to be started in Dharavi in joint partnership between SNEHA, ICDS with facilitation of BA.
- Safe drinking water Campaign is planned in N ward in partnership between HUL and SNEHA.
- Sure Start project of SNEHA funded by PATH located in vulnerable slum areas of N ward, is focusing on maternal and newborn health (MNH) covering a population of approximately 200,000. The design of the project is to work at both demand (community level)and supply(service provider) level.⁴

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