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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 25TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF STATE HEALTH SOCIETY OF NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION (NHM) HELD ON 22ND MARCH 2023

The 25th Executive Committee meeting of the State Health Society of National Health Mission, Assam was held on 22nd March 2023 at 3:30 PM at the NHM Conference Hall under the Chairmanship of Shri Avinash Joshi, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam, Health & Family Welfare Department.

List of members present in the meeting is Annexed as Annexure – I.

Agenda Points:

1. Action Taken Report of 24th EC meeting held on 18th February 2022.
2. Draft approval of the Proposal under PM-ABHIM FY 2023-24.
3. Proposal of Health Grant under XV Finance Commission FY 2023-24.
4. Draft approval of the Proposal of Supplementary PIP 2022-24
5. Financial Progress of NHM
6. Decision points
7. Review of NHM Conditionality and Key Deliverables for the FY 2022-23
8. Review of NHM progress
9. Any other issues with the permission of the Chairperson

At the outset, the Chairperson of the committee welcomed all members of the committee.

Dr. M. S. Lakshmi Priya, IAS, Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam made a brief presentation. Copy of the presentation is Annexed as Annexure – II.

Record of proceedings of the meeting:

1. The Chairperson of the committee suggested to move file for modification of the frequency of the Executive Committee meeting from 1 month to 3 months. Chairman also directed to ensure conducting EC meetings in every 3 months.

Action by: SPM, Consultant Planning, NHM

2. Action taken report on the decision point of 24th EC meeting regarding strengthening referral mechanism from the remote villages was discussed in the meeting. MD NHM informed that, steps have been initiated to strengthen the referral mechanism mainly in the hard to reach areas. In district RoP 2022-23 under JSSK- referral transport, districts with difficult areas have been provided additional fund to cover those areas by managing locally.

The Chairperson of the committee opined that, to provide referral transport services to the patients is the responsibility of Health & Family Welfare Department to save lives. However, M/s EMRI Green Healthcare Services has been entrusted to provide Mrityunjy 108 services and supposed to cover all areas of the State.

Following decisions were made in the meeting:

- a) Reimbursement of referral transport fund under JSSK may be continued to patients of hard to reach areas where 108 services could not be provided.

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- b) However, the amount should be recovered from the monthly bill of M/s EMRI Green Healthcare Services for the amount reimbursed to the patients of accessible areas covered by 108 services.

Action by: Consultant (MH) and PE (Referral Transport), NHM

3. Action taken report on the decision point of 24th EC meeting regarding orientation of the legislative forum on HIV-AIDS, Tuberculosis and Tobacco Control program was discussed in the meeting. MD NHM informed that, orientation programme was scheduled on 19th June 2022, but could not be completed conducted due to flood in the month of June 2022 as per communication received from Additional Secretary, ALA.

Following decisions were made in the meeting:

- a) Orientation of the legislative forum on HIV-AIDS, Tuberculosis and Tobacco Control program should be arranged within the ongoing budget session.
- b) Officer on Special Duty, NHM, Assam will coordinate with the head of the program division of HIV-AIDS, Tuberculosis and Tobacco Control program so that in one session of the legislative forum, Hon'ble members of the Assam Assembly can be oriented on all these three programs during the ongoing budget session.

Action by: OSD, NHM

4. Action taken report on the decision point of 24th EC meeting regarding Component wise review of each program by the concerned division was discussed in the meeting. MD NHM informed that, performance of programmes are reviewed with districts and blocks on regular basis including in the Swasthya Manthan and regional review meetings.

The Chairperson of the committee opined that, Swasthya Manthan cannot be replacement of the division wise review and division wise review should be ensured.

Following decisions were made in the meeting:

- a) Division wise review of all component should be ensured on quarterly basis.

Action by: SPM, NHM and Programme Heads

5. Action taken report on the decision point of 24th EC meeting regarding appointment of HR was discussed in the meeting.

Following decisions were taken in the meeting:

- a) All appointments of vacant posts under NHM should be completed within 6 months.

Action by: ED, NHM and HRD Consultant, NHM

6. Action taken report on the decision point of 24th EC meeting regarding 100 bedded hospital block at Suwalkuchi was discussed in the meeting.

Following decisions were taken in the meeting:

- a) DPR of 100 bedded hospital block at Suwalkuchi should be completed within April 2023.

Action by: OSD, NHM and Chief Consultant (CW), NHM

7. Action taken report on the decision point of 24th EC meeting regarding revision of initial pay of Specialist Doctors to Rs. 75,000/- per month from existing Rs. 65,000/- per month w.e.f. 01.04.2022 and differential remuneration / location based incentive for hard to reach areas/health institutions for specialist cadre was discussed in the meeting.

Following decisions were taken in the meeting:

- a) As per decision taken in the 24th EC meeting, revision of initial pay of Specialist Doctors from existing Rs. 65,000/- to Rs. 75,000/- per month should be processed immediately.
- b) A committee should be constituted to identify hard to reach areas for differential remuneration/location based incentive for specialist cadre. Recommendation of the committee should be put up to the Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department within 1 month.

Action by: ED, NHM and HRD Consultant, NHM

8. Action taken report on the decision point of 24th EC meeting regarding up gradation of existing Blood Bank at Sibsagar Civil Hospital, Sivasagar was discussed in the meeting. MD NHM informed that, the work has been taken up under CSR fund.

Following decisions were taken in the meeting:

- a) Consultant (Maternal Health), NHM should confirm the progress of blood bank at Sibsagar Civil Hospital, Sivasagar under CSR fund and submit the report within 1 week.
- b) If the work is not yet started then, Project Director, Assam State AIDS Control Society will take up the matter to upgrade the existing Blood Bank at Sibsagar Civil Hospital, Sivasagar from ASCAS fund.

Action by: PD, ASCAS and Consultant (MH), NHM

9. Action taken report on the decision point of 24th EC meeting regarding implementation of e-Hospital software in additional health facilities under ECRP-II was discussed in the meeting. It was informed that, procurement of IT hardware already completed and taken up with NIC for configuration and training of e-Hospital application.

Following decisions were taken in the meeting:

- a) e-Hospital application should be started in the 7 hospitals (excluding CN Centre, GMCH) within 2 months with the help of NIC.

Action by: Manager-MIS, NHM

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10. The Executive Committee discussed the draft proposal under PM-ABHIM for the FY 2023-24 and recommended the proposal amounting to Rs. 662.33 Cores for different components. Further, the EC recommended an amount of 4.52 Crores for PM cost fund under PM-ABHIM. The proposal should be placed before the next Governing Body meeting of State Health Society, Assam for kind perusal and post facto approval.

Action by: Consultant (Planning), NHM

11. The Executive Committee discussed the proposals under 15th Finance Commission Health Grant for the FY 2023-24 amounting to Rs. 240.58 Cores. The proposal has already been placed before State Level Committee (SLC), XV-FC (Health Grant) held on 18th March 2023. The proposal may be placed before the next Governing Body meeting of State Health Society, Assam for kind perusal.

Action by: Consultant (Planning), NHM

12. The Executive Committee discussed the draft proposal of Supplementary PIP 2022-24 of NHM. The committee recommended the budget proposal as mentioned below:

Major Poll	Total budget proposal (Rs. In lakh)	
	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
RCH Flexible Pool (including RI, IPPI, NIDDCP)	44.92	6,201.22
NDCP Flexible Pool (RNTCP, NVHCP, NVBDCP, NLEP, IDSP, NRCP, PPCL)	-	651.00
NCD Flexible Pool (NPCB&VI, NMHP, NPHCE, NTCP, NPCDCS, PMNDP, NPPCCHH)	-	571.60
NUHM Flexible Pool	86.87	1,922.95
Health System Strengthening (HSS) –NRHM	7,584.19	19,407.05
Total	7,715.98	28,753.82

The proposal should be placed before the next Governing Body meeting of State Health Society, Assam for kind perusal and post facto approval.

Action by: Consultant (Planning), NHM

13. The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the following re-appropriation proposals in respect of NTEP, Family Planning and RBSK.

a) NTEP:

Activity	Budget provision in RoP-2022-23	Utilization up Feb'23	Addl. fund to be Sanctioned	Revised Budget allocation, 2022-23
(Rs. In Lakhs)				
NPY for DSTB Patients (FMR Code – NDCP.4– 74.1)	1485.00	1394.53	Rs. 210.00	Rs. 1695.00
Diagnosis of LTBI (FMR Code – NDCP.4 – 76.1)	1312.50	-	(-) Rs.210.00	Rs. 1102.50

b) Family Planning:

Activity	Budget provision in RoP-2022-23	Addl. fund to be Sanctioned	Revised Budget allocation, 2022-23
Injectable contraceptive incentive for beneficiaries (FMR Code – RCH.6- 45.1)	85.46 Lakh	Rs. 42.97 lakh (Rs. 30.32 lakh from FMR code- RCH.6 – 43.2 &Rs. 12.65 lakh from RCH.6 – 42.3)	Rs. 128.43 lakh
ASHA incentive for accompanying the client for Injectable MPA (Antara Prog) - (FMR Code – RCH.6- 45.2)	85.46 lakh	Rs. 42.97 lakh (Rs. 39.98 lakh from FMR code- RCH.6 – 42.3 &Rs. 2.99 lakh from RCH.6 – 50.5)	Rs. 128.43 lakh

c) RBSK:

Activity	Budget provision (including committed fund), FY 2022-23	Utilization up Feb'23	Addl. fund to be sanctioned	Revised Budget allocation FY 2022-23
<i>Rs. In Lakh</i>				
Referral Support for Secondary/ Tertiary care(FMR Code – RCH.3 – 22.2)	162.40	128.65	300.00	462.40

The required additional fund re-appropriated from the following balance funds:

FMR	Activity	Budget Provision, 2022-23	Fund sanctioned up to March 2023	Balance fund available	Amt. to be re-appropriated to the FMR code RCH.3 – 22.2
<i>Rs. In Lakh</i>					
RCH.1 – 17.28	IEC activities under MH	377.00	250.58	126.42	100.00
RCH.2 – 30.2	IEC activities under CH	306.94	150.83	156.11	100.00
RCH.6 – 50.14	IEC activities under FP	351.21	199.47	151.74	100.00
Total		1035.15	600.88	434.27	300.00

Action by: Consultant (Planning)/ SFM, NHM

14. The Executive Committee discussed about the proposal of 3% additional incentive to NHM employees. The Chairperson, EC suggested to process in file with reply of the queries.

Action: ED and HRD Consultant, NHM

15. The Executive Committee review the financial progress.

Following decisions were taken in the meeting:

- a) MD NHM and Commissioner, Food Safety and Drug Administration, Assam Safety will review each activity and prepare action plan for the fund received from Govt. of India which is parked with NHM. Further, Commissioner, Food Safety and Drug Administration will take necessary steps to book at least 80% of available fund under State Drug Regularity System (CSS) within March 2024.

Action by: Commissioner, Food Safety and Drug Administration; Chief Consultant (Civil Works), Procurement Expert SPM and SFM, NHM

- b) MD NHM will review component wise expenditure of NHM activities on monthly basis. Monthly action plan should be prepared to ensure timely booking of expenditure. Action plan for the FY 2023-24 should be prepared within April 2023.

Action by: SPM and all SPOs / Programme Heads

- c) Letter has been sent to Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India requesting to extend the period of ECRP-II till March 2024. Necessary action should be taken to complete all activities and booking of expenditure under ECRP-II within March 2024.

Action by: ED, OSD, concerned Component Heads, SFM, NHM

- d) Steps should be taken to expedite booking of expenditure under PM-ABHIM and 15th Finance Health Grant and MD NHM will review expenditure booking on monthly basis.

Action by: Concerned Component Heads, SFM, NHM

16. The Chairperson of the committee directed to prepare comprehensive plan for improvement of health status in Tea garden areas.

Action by: ED, NHM; SPM, NHM and SPO, NCD

17. Mission Director, NHM will hold meeting with all Directorates regarding outstanding loan amount and take necessary steps to recoup the amount.

Action by: Director Finance & Accounts and SFM, NHM

18. The Chairperson of the committee directed to examine the matters required approval of Executive Committee, which are approved in files should be placed before the next EC meeting to regularise it.

Action by: Director Finance & Accounts and concerned Programme Heads, NHM

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19. The Chairperson of the committee suggested Director of Health Services and Director of Health Services (FW) to review performance of grass root level staff like ANM, ASHA etc in small batches for motivating and mentoring. Focus areas for improvement of health indicators should be identified and reviewed. Small presentation of 10/15 slides may be prepared for uniformity and structured meeting.

Action by: DHS, Assam and DHS(FW), Assam

20. The Chairperson, EC asked Director of Health Services to take immediate steps to conduct training of newly recruited M&HO-I within 2 months.

Action by: DHS, Assam

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the chair.



(Avinash Joshi, IAS)

Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam
Health & Family Welfare Department
&
Chairperson, Executive Committee
State Health Society, Assam

Annexure – I

Members present in the meeting

1. Shri Avinash Joshi, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam, Health & Family Welfare Department and Chairperson, Executive Committee of State Health Society, Assam.
2. Ms. Barnali Sarmah, ACS, Secretary to the Government of Assam, Health & Family Welfare Department
3. Dr. M.S. Lakshmi Priya, IAS, Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam
4. Dr. Robin Kumar, IPS, Managing Director, Assam Medical Services Corporation Limited
5. Shri Kamaljit Talukdar, ACS, Director of Health Services (FW), Assam
6. Dr. Nilmadhab Das, Director Health Services, Assam
7. Shri Ranveer Bora, ACS, Addl. Director of Medical Education (representative of Director of Medical Education)
8. Shri Pankaj Chamuah, ACS, Officer on Special Duty, National Health Mission, Assam
9. Dr. Ashoke Kr. Roy, Director Regional Resource Centre for North eastern States (RRC-NE)
10. Dr. L. Somendra Singh, Senior Regional Director, ROH&FW, Guwahati
11. Dr. Kareng Rongpipi, Addl. DHS (Hills) cum SPO NOHP, NPCCHH, NMHP
12. Dr. Krishna Kemprai, Addl. DHS (SP) cum SPO NVHCP
13. Dr. Bhanu Saikia, SPO, NPCB, NPPCB, NRCP
14. Dr. Avijit Basu, State TB Officer
15. Dr. Chinta Ram Hazarika, Jt. DHS cum SPO, NLEP
16. Dr. K.K. Deka, Jt. DHS (M) cum SPO NVBDCP
17. Dr. Narendra Singh Tishya, SSO, IDSP
18. Dr. Arundhati Deka, Deputy DHS cum SPO NIDDCP, NTCP & NPPCF
19. Er. Ranapratap Bezbaruah, Chief Consultant (Civil Works), NHM, Assam
20. Dr. Rahul Kumar Sarmah, SPO, NCD, NPCDCS, NPHCE, NPPC, NPPCD
21. Dr. Dipjyoti Deka, State Programme Manager, NHM, Assam
22. Shri Biswajit Deka, State Finance Manager, NHM