Institute of Health Management Pachod (IHMP)

Ending Child Marriage | Q10 (Jul to Sep 2017)



Project value: Total: INR 3.8 Cr; DGC contribution: 2.29 Cr

Duration: 3 yrs. (Apr 2015 – Mar 2018)

Project Status: On Track

In addition to ramping up program implementation this quarter, IHMP focused on modernization of program and organization systems

PROGRESS vs. Q10 TARGETS

72%To-date utilization against project budget

1,280

Married Adolescent Girls receiving monthly surveillance visits

1,332

Unmarried Adolescent Girls enrolled into Kishori Mandals

88%

703

Boys and Youth enrolled into groups

< 70% target 70%-90% target

>90% target

84%

90%

Highlights of the Quarter:

- **Digitalization of data collection:** IHMP is currently transitioning to a tablet-based data collection system for baseline and endline surveys. The paper-based system traditionally used being slow and labour-intensive, digitization is expected to save both time and resources
- **Financial system upgrade:** The financial management processes are being streamlined for a transition to Tally based management which should improve efficiency and transparency

Progress against DGC grant objectives:

Implementation of integrated model: In 2 Primary Health Centers (PHCs) of Jalna district, implementation has picked up pace post drought-driven slowdown in earlier quarters

- 68 ASHAs visit ~1.3K Married Adolescent Girls (MAGs) each month for surveillance, need-specific behaviour change communication and counselling, with the objective of directly impacting Maternal Mortality Rates in both 2 PHCs
- The second batch of **Unmarried Adolescent Girls (UAGs)** commenced the Life-Skills Education course to increase self-esteem and self-efficacy to delay their age at marriage. Facilitators visited the girls' homes to motivate parents and ensure family buy-in for girls' attendance
 - Post-test results from the first batch will be shared in the next DGC report
- 703 **boys and young men** are currently receiving behaviour change communication to instil gender equitable attitudes

Government Engagement: In response to government pushback on the cost of IHMP's model, a new proposal was submitted for a low-cost scale-up centered on training of government staff

This quarter IHMP invested in strengthening internal M&E systems

Government engagement efforts

- IHMP's sustained efforts have led to the inclusion of its integrated model into the NRHM* Supplementary Project Implementation Plan (S-PIP) as described in our last report
- The S-PIP is currently with MD**, NRHM for approval at the Maharashtra state level post which it will be sent to the central government

Jalna scale-up update

- The groundwork of listing beneficiaries has been completed and community mobilization efforts are now underway
- Investment of effort to digitize both monitoring and evaluation processes for implementation will result in a month of delay vs. the original operating plan
- IHMP is currently in discussion with vendors and peer-NGOs to gather best practices for use of technology for M&E

Leadership

- IHMP's new Research Director and Program Head for the scale-up have ramped up significantly, increasing overall leadership bandwidth and capacity
- Next hiring priorities include an H.R officer to support with hiring and performance management and a Senior Manager to support Dr. Ashok on advocacy

Area	Capacity Building provided in Jul-Sep 2017
Leadership	 Invited Dr. Ashok to participate in the Dasra Social Impact Accelerator Program, a leadership program designed to help social change-makers achieve financial sustainability and scale
M&E	 Facilitated a meeting for IHMP's leadership with Soft Corner, a software vendor to facilitate digitalization of monitoring and evaluation systems
Finance	 Connected IHMP with Avkaash, a vendor that provides solutions for accounting, financial management and compliance. Avkaash is supporting IHMP's migration from Foxpro-based accounting to Tally

SITE VISIT INVITATION

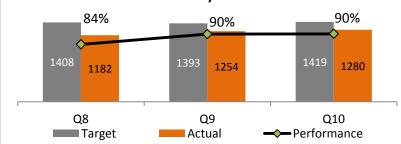
IHMP would like to extend an invitation to all DGC members to visit Jamkhed and Wadigodri to witness the impact that your support is enabling. Please RSVP if interested

Note: NRHM - National Rural Health Mission; MD - Mission Director

Appendix-I: Program Activities

Married Adolescent Girls:

Number of MAGs visited monthly:



Against IHMP's target of reducing maternal mortality and morbidity, IHMP trained ASHA's helped ensure that of the **83 women** who gave birth this quarter-

- 98.8% delivered in the hospital vs 82% in NFHS*.
- 98.8% had five or more antenatal check-ups vs 65% for four or more in NFHS*
- 100% women received two Tetanus Toxoid injections vs 89% in NFHS*
- 97.6% women reported having consumed 100 Iron and Folic acid tablets vs. 46% in NFHS*

The trend indicates progress towards universal coverage of women with standard minimal antenatal care has been achieved.

Unmarried Adolescent Girls:

- The second batch of 1332 adolescent girls have been enrolled for IHMP's life skills course of six—month duration.
- Facilitators (female) visited households of adolescent girls to motivate parents to get their daughters enrolled for the course and send their daughters regularly for the classes. On average facilitators visited 348 (83%) households out of a total of 419 planned households.
- An average of 57 ASHAs conducted monthly Kishori Mandal activities that were attended by 88.4% of enrolled adolescents. Activities included visits to police stations and ration shops, debate competitions and various art and craft sessions.

Boys and Men:

- On average, 40 BCC group meetings were conducted each month that were attended by 703 youth, or 88% of target.
- Topics covered in these meetings include anatomy and physiology of male reproductive system, temporary family planning methods, and reproductive tract infections in men.
- Monthly group meetings were done with the spouses of married adolescent girls to instill gender equitable norms.
- 88% of the planned meetings were done with 682 spouses attending.

^{*}National Health and Family Survey Data for Jalna district (Rural, 2015-16)

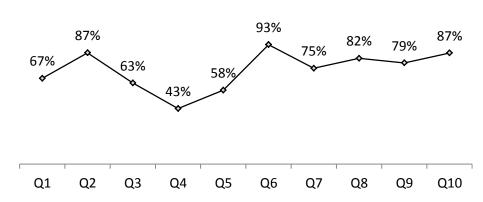
Project Financials

Total Project	Q10			Till Date		
Item	Budget	Actual	Var.	Budget	Actual	Var.
Personnel	6.6	6.7	102%	61.8	59.1	96%
Program	17.7	15.7	89%	173.4	95.6	55%
Impact Assessment	0.6	0.7	108%	21.1	25.4	121%
Advocacy	2.1	0.9	43%	27.8	19.7	71%
Admin/Overhead	3.1	2.1	67%	28.1	22.5	80%
Capex	0.0	0.0	-	11.5	10.7	93%
Total	30.2	26.1	87%	323.6	232.9	72%

Project expenditure against budget was a robust 87% this quarter.

- Utilization of funds from 'Program' expenditure continued its upward trend, reaching 89% this quarter, reflective of program operations achieving stability
- Advocacy expenditure is expected to fluctuate in the coming quarters based on the government decision on the Supplementary PIP submission

Historical: Actual vs. budgeted expenditure



Historical: variance since project inception

	Y1	Y2	H5	Total
Budgeted expenditure	121.6	136.4	65.6	323.6
Actual expenditure	74.2	104.7	54.0	232.8
- DGC contribution	62.7	92.7	50.4	205.8
- Other sources	11.5	12.1	3.6	27.2
Variance	61%	77%	82%	72%

Note: Numbers may not tie-in at the decimal level due to rounding off