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A robust Health Information System (HIS) is the backbone of public health. HIS in the simplest of terms can be explained as a system built for capturing, storing, transmitting, and managing data and activities related to health. An adequate HIS is important for analysing the healthcare needs of citizens as well as for the purposes of planning, assessing and implementing various health interventions. It further helps in program evaluation from both effectiveness and coverage perspectives.

Key components of HIS include, resources, indicators, data sources, data management, information products, and dissemination and use. To establish an efficient information system, some of the major perquisites are; 1) shift from paper to computer-based data management; 2) national systems as opposed to institution-centred systems; 3) effective use of data for healthcare planning and policy making; 4) constant improvements to incorporate newer technologies; 5) widening scope of real-time data capture.

Establishment of HIS has faced many practical hindrances particularly in developing countries. The key issues are; inadequacy of data collection systems, resource constraints, lack of incentives to innovate, lack of trained personnel, and political will. Similarly, Nutrition Information Systems in Monitoring and Evaluation are important for measuring the performance of a health program and evaluating its impact. Such routine surveillance of the nutrition program is critical for strengthening program implementation and also enables the program officials to receive early warning signs for any kind of disaster.

With the launch of the POSHAN Abhiyaan the nutrition monitoring and surveillance has assumed increasing relevance. For instance, the Anemia Mukt Bharat (AMB) (anemiamuktbharat.info) Dashboard of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is identified as a key strategic mechanism to improve upon AMB program implementation, review and coverage.While there have been systematic improvements in HIS reporting and coverage but the COVID-19 situation has affected data reporting across districts.The upcoming AMB webinar on "Integrating Nutrition in Health Information Systems" will address the very challenges and bottlenecks involved in the HIS and will discuss thevarious ways to continue reviews and reporting during and after COVID-19. The webinar will further address the relevance of Nutrition Information Systems in Monitoring and Evaluation. Experts from IFPRI, NI and IEG will share their experience on integrating nutrition in health information systems.

AGENDA (90 MINUTES)

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