

“Extent and factors influencing utilization of allocated funds for AMB”

Insights from Bihar

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Fund Allocation and Utilization Timeline

DECEMBER

(PIP Preparation & Submission for next FY) based on annual requirement of

- Procurement
- Trainings
- Incentives
- IEC/BCC activities
- Printing
- Programme Management
- Drugs
- Innovations
- Research et

JANUARY

(NPCC Discussion)

- Revision of activity if required; as per discussion during NPCC

APRIL

(RoP received for current FY)

- Collation of fund for AMB Program

MAY

(As per RoP fund allocation to district)

- Fund allocation under each FMR codes of AMB
- FMR Code wise financial guidelines

JUNE

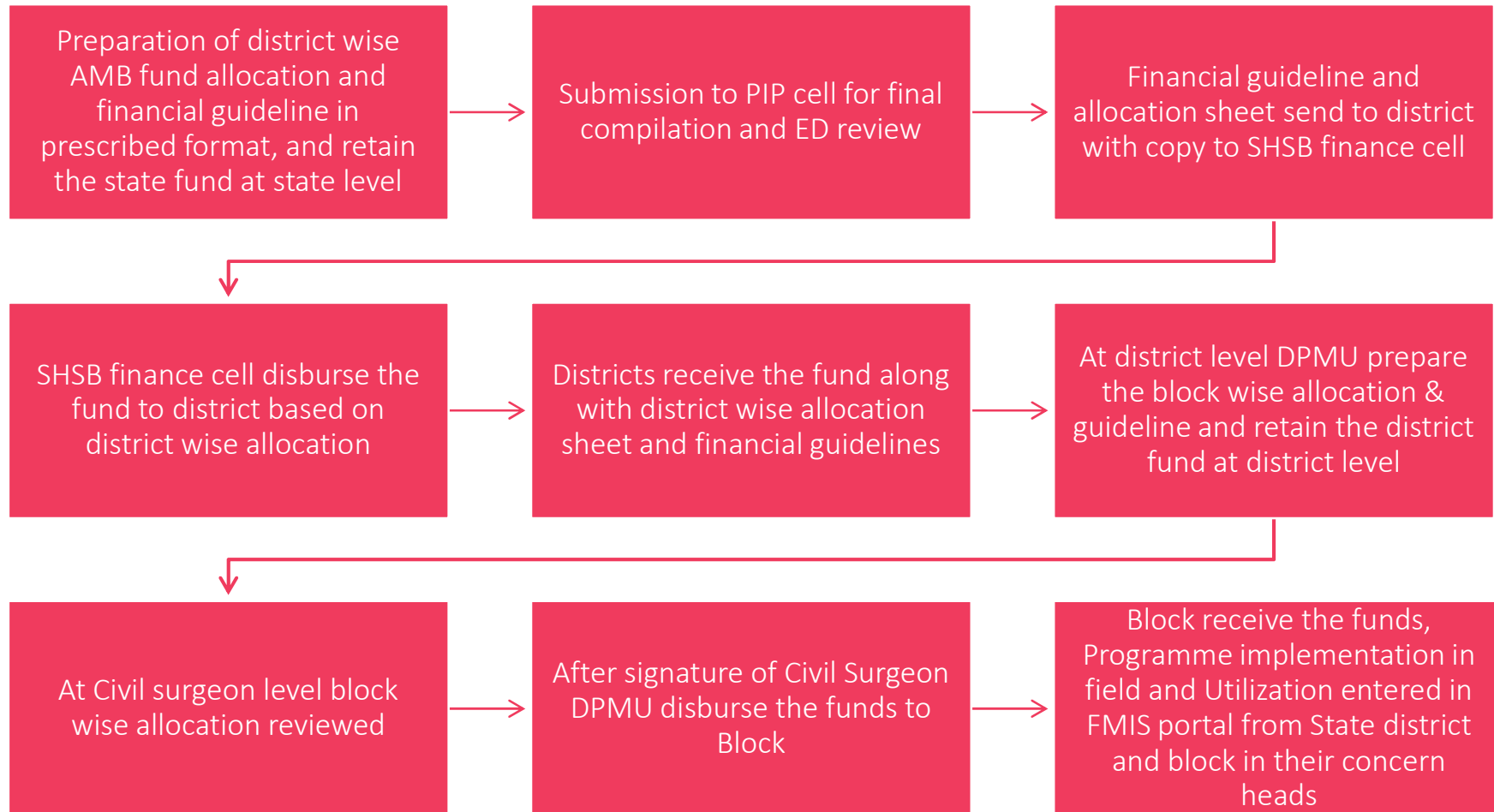
(Fund allocation, District to Block)

- Fund allocation to block under each FMR codes
- FMR Code wise financial guidelines

JULY TO MARCH

- Programme implementation
- Fund utilization

Fund Allocation and Utilization flow from State to Block level



Major Fund Utilization gaps under AMB programme in FY 2019-20

Particulars	Percentage of Fund utilized	Reason of low utilization	Action taken for FY 2020-21 utilization
IFA Syrup (with Auto-dispenser) for Children 6-60 Months	40 %	Programme was initiated during August-2019 at district level	As per RoP 20-21 approvals, District wise IFA requirement calculated and shared with the districts
IFA Pink	32 %		
Trainings	94 %	NA	All trainings completed
ASHA Incentives	13 %	Programme was new and 70% coverage eligibility for payment of ASHA incentive was the key factor	During 2020-21 state issued clear Financial guideline to improve utilization

Challenges in Utilization of Allocated Funds

- **Time delay in allocation:** Fund allocation from Gol to State, State to District and District to Block at each level it takes minimum 1 month
- **Less time to utilize the allocated funds:** District and Block have approximately 8 to 9 months to utilize the fund
- **Time delay in procurement and supply-chain challenges:** Fund approved in RoP but Rate Contract (RC) finalization takes much time (*Eg:- Digital Hb meter / IFA as per new specification*) and delay in indenting from the districts
- **Online Payment mechanism to ASHA:** Low net connectivity at some blocks, timely submission of payment request from ASHA remains a challenge.
- **Entry of Utilization in wrong head:** At times district and block put the utilization in wrong head. (*e.g: Trainings, Incentives*)
- **Other factors:** Sometimes due to natural disaster like Flood and other priorities (State / National Election etc.) which hinders fund utilization

Actions to track utilizations

- A. **Adopting Online Financial Management Information and Reporting System (FMIS):** Since September-2020 Bihar has started online FMIS to manage public financing, accounting, real time monitoring of utilization, prioritization, execution and reporting.
- B. **Periodic Reviews:** Periodic reviews with District and Block Level finance officials based on FMIS real time utilization data.
- C. **Time Management in fund disbursement:** Timely fund allocation and financial guidelines submission to the districts for further allocation and utilization.
- D. **Strengthening Supply Chain Management:** For timely distribution of IFAs, AMB consumables through Green Channel (Alternate Delivery Mechanism).

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