



ANEMIA MUKT BHARAT WEBINAR SERIES

INCREASING FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY OF ANEMIA MUKT BHARAT: LESSONS & OPPORTUNITIES

In 2018, the Government of India, as part of the POSHAN Abhiyaan, launched the Anemia Mukta Bharat (AMB) with an ambitious target of reducing anemia by 3% points per annum till 2022. Adopting a systems approach, ensuring adequate and efficient planning, allocation, disbursement, and utilisation of the budget is critical to the success of the programme. Each of these pillars requires evidence-based policy insights to support programme management for greater impact. In this context, it is important to understand how development partners and civil society organisations can come together to support States in enhancing programme financial efficiency.

Between July 2019 and June 2020, UNICEF through the Technical Support Unit, Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) developed a framework for comprehensively tracking AMB budgets across the financial cycle (planning, allocation, disbursement, and expenditure) and supported policy-makers for effective implementation.

With this backdrop, the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) in collaboration with Accountability Initiative (AI) at the Centre for Policy Research (CPR) are hosting a webinar to present preliminary insights from the analysis of the framework and elicit views from technical experts, development partners, and civil society organisations on priority issues for research and policy action across programmes in general and AMB in particular.



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1430–1630 HOURS IST



AGENDA

(120 MINUTES)

- Setting the Context-Financing for Nutrition in Health-sector Plans: Global to Local
Dr. Alok Ranjan, BMGF 10 min
- Applying a Contextual Framework for Influencing Planning and Allocative Efficiency of Nutrition Interventions in Health-sector Plans: Experience from Anemia Mukta Bharat
Dr. Vani Sethi, UNICEF, India 15 min
- Tracking and Improving Disbursement Efficiency of AMB - Madhya Pradesh Experience
Dr. Rajeev Shrivastava, DD, CHN, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh 10 min
- Extent and Factors Influencing Utilization of Allocated Funds for AMB - Insights from Bihar
Dr. B.K. Mishra, SPO (AMB), Govt. of Bihar 10 min
- Integration of Nutrition in Health System Financing - Situation, Challenges and Way Forward
Dr. Sandeep Sharma, NHSRC 10 min
- Moderator
Dr. William Joe, IEG, New Delhi 10 min
- Panel Discussion - Way Forward
Avani Kapur, CPR, India 40 min
Panelists: **Ms. Uma Mahadevan**, IAS GoK
Dr. Mita Choudhury, NIPFP
Mr. Luigi D'Aquino, UNICEF
- Final Insights and Closing
Dr. Sila Deb, Additional Commissioner, I/C Nutrition, MoHFW, GoI 15 min