

**HPF: Lead Partners Review: Minutes of the Meeting**

**Dated: August 16, 2017**

**Venue: Conference Hall, SIFPSA**

**Chaired By: Executive Director, SIFPSA/Mission Director, NHM**

A review meeting was organised to review the performance of the Lead Partners regarding the progress made in formation of the District Health Partners Forum (dHPF) under the Chairmanship of the Executive Director, SIFPSA. The meeting was attended by the representatives of organisations working as Lead Partner in the districts along-with the Divisional PMs alongwith GM(RI), NHM UP. The HLFPPPT, JHPIEGO and Sight Savers (Lead Partners) and Div PMs Azamgarh, Varanasi and Agra granted Leave of Absence.

The key discussion points and decisions of the meeting are as follows:

1. First of all, the Chairman reviewed the current status of the Divisional Health Partners Forum (dvHPF). The Chairman was appraised that the Divisional HPF have been formed in all the 18 divisions of the State and meetings are also taking place under the Chairmanship of the respective Commissioners. It was also discussed that at present there is no Lead Partner nominated at the divisional level.

The Chairman, directed that to improve efficiency and effectiveness of dvHPF, the involvement of the organisations as Lead Partners at the division level shall also be ensured.

2. While reviewing the progress the Chairman was appraised that till date, the District Health Partners Forum (dHPF) are established in 31 districts. Apart from JHEPIGO and MI, other Lead Partners have not putting the efforts as it was expected. The Chairman has shows its dissatisfaction on the sluggish progress.

The Chairman directed that the formation of District Health Partners Forum (dHPF) in all remaining districts shall be ensured at the earliest. He added Div PM should also attend the District Health Partners Forum (dHPF) meeting in the respective districts of the division.

3. The Chairman emphasised on the important role of Lead Partners and added that Lead Partner shall facilitate authorities to make the Health Partners Forum as an viable system. Although, responsibility of taking approvals for formation, meeting dates, minutes etc rests with DPM/DCPM and Div PM for dHPF and dvHPF respectively, however presence and support of Lead Partners will enhance the efficiency, effectiveness and functioning of the HPF. The key areas of support expected from the Lead Partners are as follows:

- a. Coordinate with Div. PM and DPM and CMO for establishment of District Health Partners Forum (dHPF) under the chairmanship of the respective District Magistrate.
- b. Establish coordination with other development partners to become members of dHPF. Also, facilitate for seeking sponsorship of the meetings, if possible, on rotation basis in coordination with Div PMU/DPM.
- c. Extend their cooperation in organising dHPF meeting by drafting agenda, Invitation circulation, collate presentations, prepare draft minutes after

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- discussion with respective District Programme Managers and Chief Medical Officers. Also facilitate District PMU for circulation of minutes.
- d. Conceptualise and propose the formation of Thematic Action Groups (dTAG) within the District Health Partners Forum (dHPPF) as per the guidelines and ensure the at-least one dTAG presentation and discussion in every dHPPF meeting.
  - e. Lead Partners shall also remain in touch with key officials viz. CMO, DPM, DCPM at the district level for ensuring compliance of the directions received in dHPPF meeting
4. The Chairman further added that the efforts shall be made to convince the District Magistrates and Commissioners regarding the usefulness of the Forum. All stakeholders try to ensure scholastic and intellectual discussions, which may be slightly different from the general administrative meetings. The venue and timings shall remain flexible and planned in such a way that such discussions may take place.
5. The issue of World Vision has winded up its activities from the state was also discussed during the meeting. The World Vision were selected to be the lead partner for Unnao Barabanki, Sitapur, Raebareilly, Hardoi, Bareilly, Balia. Out of the these 7 districts, Barabanki, Unnao and Sitapur districts are taken up by PFI as Lead Partners.

During the meeting, MI and PISRD have expressed their willingness to be the Lead Partner for Raebareilly and Hardoi districts respectively, presently vacant. The remaining two districts Bareilly and Balia may be assigned to Lead Partners based on their preference and solicitation.

The meeting was ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
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