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FINANCIAL SUMMARY
I am elated that my brainchild, The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security has entered its second decade as a platform for members to collaborate and achieve the common vision of sustainable food and nutrition security for all. It is heartening to see how the working groups of The Coalition formed by the members are theatres of action (They are responsible for evidence based advocacy On the relevant themes, and rendering thought leadership for knowledge management and membership services).

The Coalition is entering into viable new partnerships which is making the motion on eradicating malnutrition from the nation a self-supporting, self-sustaining movement. In this aspect, I shall illustrate why partnerships which The Coalition is forming with like-minded folks is essential. Today, we have the necessary theoretical knowledge. There are a number of agencies who have understanding in the nutritional problems of the country. But how to involve them together into a partnership? How to ensure that all the available know-how is converted to a field-level do-how? This can solely be done only by partnerships. And, for all the people working in relevant fields, it a win-win situation. This, The Coalition and its members are proving true.

There are three types of hunger. The first is Chronic Hunger, which is calorie deficiency. The second is Protein Hunger, which is deficiency of various kinds of proteins available in foods like pulses, poultry, eggs, and so on. The third is Hidden Hunger caused by the deficiency of micronutrients like iron, iodine, zinc, vitamin A, vitamin B12, and so on. So, if we want to have healthy children, healthy mothers, and healthy people we have to attack all these three forms of hunger. The government has successfully tackled one form, i.e. the availability of food in the market. Thanks to the green revolution! and also, the Food Security Act mention what should be the sufficient calories for different people, but protein hunger is still a problem, and hidden hunger is still a major problem.

The above-mentioned matter is a proof that paying attention to only food issues is not the solution. We need to concentrate more on nutrition issues. In other words, the whole approach should change. There should be a paradigm shift in the idea of Malnutrition. We need to move away from Food Security to Nutrition Security. Also, a life-cycle approach targeting the first 1000 days in a child’s life is very important. Usually, people neglect those period. Even in the ‘CDS’ children of the age-group 3-6 gain priority, but what about the very young children who are suffering from malnutrition?

Reform in the Food and Nutrition Security along-with National Nutrition Mission could lead to the much needed transformation. What The Coalition is planning to do is bring agriculture, nutrition and health together into a triangular relationship. Those who work in these areas will come together. Going forward, I am confident that The Coalition will play a greater role in this transformative process, towards achieving the sustainable efforts in building a strong and healthy India.

For achieving this goal, The Coalition will promote synergy and symbiosis among all institutions working for a hunger free India.
Dear Members,

First of all, I heartily cherish your association with The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security. As you are aware, The Coalition is a multi-stakeholder alliance comprising policy makers, program leaders and experts working in the field of food and nutrition security. It has been established as a society in the year 2014 under the leadership of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, and entered its fourth year as a platform for members to collaborate and achieve the common vision of sustainable food and nutrition security for all. It was a proud moment for The Coalition when the Board Vice Chair, Dr. Chandrakant S. Pandav was co-opted by the Government of India as a member of the National Council on India's nutritional challenges under the POSHAN Abhiyan under National Nutrition Mission (NNM) of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, and Dr. R. C. Panda, the Board Member was accepted as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Nutrition Mission.

What is unique about this coalition is that it brings together key stakeholders to advocate for improved food and nutrition policies and programs in India. The members of The Coalition include representatives from the key ministries, academia, researchers, national and international development partners, private sector and media representatives among others. We have influenced key policy decisions including the Food Security Law, ICDS Restructuring, increasing accountability through State Food Commission, Food Fortification Policy, NNM and Jan Andolan through our advocacy efforts significantly.

The Coalition has facilitated multiple cross-group collaborations and dialogues among subject matter experts, policy leaders and agencies in order to effect changes. It has eight Working Groups to work on specific themes. The Essential Nutrition Interventions Group is reassessing the action on nutrition. They are preparing a strategy document on Suposhan Bharat. The Working Group on Food Security is engaged in analyzing policy gaps. The reputed organization Nutrition International is supporting the Accountability and Governance Working Group.

In 2017-18, The Coalition made its presence felt in the food and nutrition security scenario of Assam. A planning workshop was conducted in the Darrang district wherein the senior state government functionaries were present along-with the grassroots level workers, such as, ASHA, AWW, and AWH. Several NGOs attended this workshop dedicated to the cause of nutrition. A blueprint of implementable district action plan to tackle malnutrition was developed. Thereafter, a sensitization workshop on the same was held in Barpeta district. The Coalition collaborated with the State SDG Centres and UNICEF to conduct a State Consultation on “Transforming the Food and Nutrition Landscape of Assam” on December 15, 2017 at the Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati.

Furthermore, on March 15, 2018 The Coalition collaborated with Voluntary Health Association of India (VHAI) and GHAROA, Assam to organize a conference on Nourishing Assam: A Call for a Women Led Nutrition Revolution. This addressed to issues on Jan Andolan, pathways to achieve the vision of NNM, and to make the Nutrition Mission a peoples’ movement with women in the frontline.

Additionally, The Coalition has made progress in Board Governance. The Board Executive Committee, Audit Committee, Policy Review Committee and Rules and Regulations Committee have been formed and are actively engaged in their tasks. All the finance related documents are audited by internal and external auditors. The best financial and accounting procedures and practices are being followed including grant management. Here, I need to mention the noteworthy contributions of National and State Governments, members, well-wishers and donors without whom The Coalition would not have achieved this mandate.

Members make a coalition. So, like any other coalition we strive to serve your cause, and earnestly hope to receive sustained and conscientious participation from your side for our noble vision and mission.
Respected Members,

We live in remarkable times. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set a big, bold agenda before the global community, calling to unite efforts and drive positive change through partnerships that leave no-one behind.

This year is an exciting one for The Coalition. We embarked on a new policy advocacy partnership that draws on the Sustainable Development Goals supports the National Nutrition Mission and Jan Andolan. It calls for redesigning several dimensions of how Coalition with the help of its members’ works towards the goal of nutrition security.

2018 has also been a year of transition as well as a year for beginning our organizational transformation. A number of new, and very exciting initiatives have been taking off the ground with the commitment of creating examples of bringing a desirable change differently to achieve a much higher impact at scale. The Coalition is expanding its geographic reach with the help of stake-holders at different levels. Also, our best efforts shall see that our membership network is spread far and wide. We have already initiated the process of our in-house strengthening. The state chapters shall be established in some of the states and the first one already seeing the light of day in Assam.

This promising start of our organizational journey became possible due to the effort of each of you that you made individually and collectively. On behalf of the Coalition, I want to express my gratitude to all of you for everything you did for achieving this success. I felt fortunate by being part of the great Coalition.

We did extensive planning for our meaningful engagement at national and state level interventions. Overall, I am very proud of our achievements this year under the guidance of the Board, and particularly appreciate the hard work of our dedicated members, partners, colleagues including our many extension team members from IIT Mumbai, other universities and volunteers, in tirelessly pushing towards our vision of a world that works for all of us. I hope we can continue to build on the momentum for change and push ourselves to learn more, innovate, and enhance our impact even further in 2018-19.

Looking forward to working with you towards realising our common dream.

Sujeet Ranjan, PhD
A Decade and Beyond

The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security (The Coalition) has entered its second decade as a platform for members to collaborate and achieve the common vision of “sustainable food and nutrition security for all”. The Coalition has provided technical support and knowledge platform to assist State and Central Governments and has worked as a national observatory of important issues and international best practices.

Some of the significant achievements of The Coalition in the past decade have been influencing key policy decisions including the Food Security Law, ICDS restructuring, the 12th five-year plan, increasing accountability through State Food Commission, Food Fortification policy and National Nutrition Mission.

VISION & MISSION

The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security is a group of policy and program leaders which was formed in 2007 and institutionalised as a Society in 2014.

VISION

To achieve sustainable food and nutrition security for all.

MISSION

The coalition aims to raise awareness, foster collaboration and advocate for improved programmes to achieve food and nutrition security in India.

CORE VALUES

Conviction and Courage, Evidence Based Agenda
Equity and Diversity, Democratic Discourse, Result Driven

MANIFESTO AND MANDATE

Knowledge Aggregator, Convener, Social Watch, Collaborator

GOALS AND COMMITMENTS

| Goal 1: | Political commitment for pro-poor policy and improved governance to end all forms of malnutrition |
| Goal 2: | Prioritise actions in first 1000 days of life: the first window of opportunity |
| Goal 3: | Empower women and girls to realise their potential to improve access to safe and nutritious food |
| Goal 4: | Climate-smart and nutrition-sensitive agriculture that meets sustained food and nutrition demand |
| Goal 5: | Prioritise hunger and malnutrition hotspots |
| Goal 6: | Regional leadership in amplifying in southern voice and increasing accountability on SDGs and WHA targets |
Global Goals and Targets

The Coalition is adhering to the global targets to achieve sustainable food and nutrition security in India. The SDG & WHA targets aim to achieve the following by 2025:

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<td>Anemia – reduce anemia in women of reproductive age by 50%</td>
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Footprints in the Journey so far...

The advocacy efforts have made significant achievements in influencing some of the key policy decisions including:

- ACFs technical expertise and contribution to malnutrition is being recognized in Rajasthan and various activities are performed such as MOU with NHM for 5 districts of Rajasthan, Official technical partnership with NHM in Community based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) program and Direct operations Baran district.

- Multi-Sectoral Result Based District Planning Workshop in Darrang, Assam- The first draft of an implementable district action plan to tackle malnutrition

- Multi-Sectoral Result Based District Sensitization Workshop in Barpeta, Assam - A sensitization workshop on multi-sectoral result based district planning was conducted in Barpeta district on November 28, 2017.

- Assam State Consultation - Echoed the State's will to Deliver to transform the nutrition landscape - The Centre for SDGs, Coalition and UNICEF, Assam collaborated in organizing a State Consultation on “Transforming the Food and Nutrition Landscape of Assam” in Assam on December 15, 2017

- In ODISHA, The State Coalition will work towards stakeholder and message alignment. Also Coalition is trying to Achieve the Measurable Health And Nutrition Targets In High Burden Disaster Prone Districts - By 2025.

- NITI Aayog is willing to collaborate with The Coalition to transform India’s nutrition landscape

- JANANI (Join Angan Nutrition Awareness for New India), which will directly impact more than 10 crore pregnant and lactating mothers and children under six years of age.

• To intensify our efforts for a fast track improvement in Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition (M IYCN) situation. This implies accelerating the reduction rate of stunting in under five year children from the current rate of 1.3 percent in the last decade to a much higher rate of 3 percent.

• The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security, India (The Coalition), Care India, Micronutrient Initiative (MI)”and others have joined to develop a National Strategy on Women's Nutrition in India and organize a national consultation on “Women’s Nutrition” on March, 22nd, 2017, in New Delhi.

• The Coalition in collaboration with Voluntary Health Association of India and GHAROA, Assam had organized a consultation on Nourishing Assam: A Call for a Women Led Nutrition Revolution on March 15, 2018 in New Delhi.

• The first ever “WASH and Nutrition Strategy” is going to be developed in the country by the Coalition and its partners. The idea came up during a core group meeting of WASH working group held at the Coalition office on November 13, 2017 and the necessity of having a strategy to integrate nutrition into WASH was felt and acknowledged by the core group members.

• Essential Nutrition Intervention -towards Suposhan It updates and builds upon the action agenda for improving nutrition outlined by The Coalition in the document titled “Sustainable Nutrition Security in India: A leadership Agenda for Action” and builds on it.

• HRD - Empowerment of state food commission Building the Capacity of Frontline Workers to Improve IYCF Practices among Marginalized Communities in Odisha.

• Women nutrition strategy - CARE and Nutrition Intervention Essential Nutrition Interventions (ENI) are nutrition interventions targeting the first 1000 days of life. WHO has recommended several ENIs that can help in fighting the problem of malnutrition, taking a lifecycle approach.

Knowledge Aggregator

The Coalition as a partner of choice provided evidences and strategic input to the Government of India's proposed policy and strategy on food fortification. A request has been received from the Chief Secretary, Government of Assam, to develop multi-sectorial result-based district plan for Assam, a pre-planning template to be used by the district authorities.

Convener

The Coalition's pan India presence is getting a momentum with increased and diverse representations from 14 states. Coalition has 120 paid members today including 73 individual and 47 institutional members. Representations are there from Assam, Andhra Pradesh, New Delhi, Haryana, Karnataka, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh. Among Individual members 41% are female members and 59% are Male members. More than 200 knowledge leaders have opted for 8 working groups and contributing to The Coalition agenda. Many Civil Society Organisations, academic institutions, donors organizations and faith-based institutions are associated with The Coalition today. The Coalition is conducting a network mapping exercise which will connect this institution with many more such networks and alliances in this country which will amplify the advocacy efforts of The Coalition.

Collaboration with the Government

This Coalition has been recognised as a trusted knowledge institution by the Government of India and by many state governments. Ministry of Women & Child Development & Ministry of Food nominated senior officials to the Governing Board of The Coalition. The Coalition has been invited to be a part of the Indian Council of Medical Research formed committee for reviewing evidence on timing of initiation of complementary feeding in preterm babies and also has been invited to provide technical support to develop Government of India’s CMAM Guideline and IYCF operational Guidelines. The Coalition was asked to provide technical input to the Madhya Pradesh State Food Security Rules.
The Strategic Initiatives

a. Membership Engagement

The Coalition will deepen its existing engagement with the government as a technical and subject matter expert. It aims at bringing together civil society networks, elected representatives, academia and socially responsible business leaders to create a shared space dedicated to delivering on the promise of a zero hunger and well-nourished nation. An amalgamation of resources and expertise in the form of a plan would help to deal with the multidimensionality of hunger and malnutrition concerns.

b. Knowledge Management

The Coalition works with its members and strategic partners to harness the knowledge evidences and transfer it across clientele. Endeavour is on knowledge assimilation and transfers across stakeholders, fill knowledge gaps and build the nutrition narrative and create benchmarks. Focus is on building capacities of the civil societies on research and evidences.

c. State Accountability to SDGs and WHA Targets

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. These 17 Goals are built on the successes of the Millennium Development Goals, while including new areas such as climate change, economic inequality, innovation, sustainable consumption, peace and justice, among other priorities. The goals are interconnected – often the key to success on one will involve tackling issues more commonly associated with another.

d. Evidence Based Advocacy

The Coalition's national strategies and programmes will be guided by evidence-based agenda setting. Through steady dissemination of evidence and knowledge sharing, we hope to generate will and accountability across decision makers, percolating through the layers of governance. The Coalition is engaged today with the NITI Aayog, the Prime Minister's Office, and all relevant ministries, State Chief Ministers, State Departments and political parties across party lines to bring focus of policies on nutrition. One of the key strategies is to advocate for the revival and reform of the ICDS. The Coalition along with the government and other stakeholders aim to promote and facilitate strong convergences across ministries, sectors and locally across district departments, ration shops, schools, panchayats and enforcement.

e. Catalyse Behaviour Change: Raise Awareness and Mobilise

The Coalition plans to develop a strong narrative on food and nutrition that is directly linked to wellbeing, life, productivity and economic gain. The social behavior change strategy will target changing behavior in communities. A critical window of opportunity to ensure optimal child growth is between pregnancies to the second year of life. Also, there is enough evidence to link feeding practices, frequency, nutrient density to growth and development. The organization will work in high-risk communities such as hunger hot spots or areas with high incidence of SAM to work on behavior and practices.
The Enablers

**a. Network and Alliance Model**

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**b. Working Group Model**

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**DURING THE YEAR**

**Engagement with States for Nutrition Landscape Transformation**

**Rajasthan**

The state of Rajasthan reels under poverty and backward tag and its marginalized population depend upon food and nutrition entitlements mandated under The National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013. Multiple meetings were held with Dr Sudhir Varma, Former Chairperson, Board of Revenue, Government of Rajasthan and Dr S D Gupta, Chairperson, Indian Institute of Health Management & Research (IIHMR) University, Jaipur.

**Assam**

The state of Assam, situated in the north east of India, has a considerable percentage of its population under the poverty line and its marginalized population depend upon food entitlements mandated under The National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013. The Coalition is engaged in evidence-based advocacy, sustained membership engagement through state and, contributes to knowledge management by regularly sharing state level information and data center and social behavior change communication activities that can increase healthy food and nutrition behavior.

**Multi-Sectoral Result Based District Planning Workshop, in Darrang, Assam**

A planning workshop was conducted by The Coalition with the support of UNICEF Assam in Darrang district. This workshop was attended by District Level Multi-Sectoral Advisory Body representatives, including the DC, and workers at the grassroots level such as Anganwadi Centre supervisors and ASHA workers, and various NGOs dedicated to the cause of nutrition. The first draft of an implementable district action plan to tackle malnutrition was developed after various group discussions among the participants. The draft will be further refined by The Coalition and UNICEF; the final version of which will be presented to the state level government officials in a State Consultation that will be organised by The Coalition.
Multi-Sectoral Result Based District Sensitization Workshop, in Barpeta, Assam

A sensitization workshop on multi-sectoral result-based district planning was conducted in Barpeta district on November 28, 2017. Barpeta is counted among one of the high-burden districts of Assam due to high prevalence of stunting and wasting indicators. The newly formed District Level Multi-Sectoral Advisory Body representatives, including the DC, from the district were present in the workshop, all of whom made suggestions on both nutrition focused and nutrition sensitive interventions. Participants were sensitized on manifestations, consequences and, impacts of under nutrition, and it was stressed upon that the key departments will work together under the multi-sectoral result-based district plan framework developed by the Coalition and approved by Government of Assam.

Assam State Consultation – Echoed the State’s will to Transform the Nutrition Landscape

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To complement the efforts of the Government of Assam and share the learnings from the decentralized multi sectoral district planning exercise which were being conducted in the state, The Centre for SDGs, Coalition and UNICEF, Assam collaborated in organizing a State Consultation on “Transformingthe Food and Nutrition Landscape of Assam” in Assam on December 15, 2017 at Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati.

Hon’ble Addl. Chief Secretary and Agriculture Production Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Horticulture, Government of Assam, Mr K K Mittal, attended the consultation as the Chief Guest and appreciated the efforts being undertaken by the Coalition, UNICEF joining hands together with the Assam State Government to accelerate progress and establishing Assam as a model state in the country.
Policy Level Engagement

NITI AAYOG has consented to collaborate with The Coalition to transform India’s nutrition landscape!

The Coalition Board Chair, Vice Chair and Chief Executive Officer had a strategic and insightful meeting with Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairperson – NITI Aayog and Chairperson – National Council on India’s Nutrition Challenges, Dr. Vinod Kumar Paul, Member – NITI Aayog and Chairperson – National Technical Board on Nutrition and Mr. Alok Kumar, Advisor (Nutrition) – NITI Aayog on January 24, 2018.

The Coalition shared its ideas on Jan Andolan, Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) Mukt Bharat and Social Audit framework to increase public accountability, presented how building hamlet level women volunteers can make a model state like Chhattisgarh in reduction of under nutrition and advocated to build a cadre of women CHANGE LEADERS as hunger and malnutrition fighters across the country to address India’s nutrition challenges.

The Coalition representatives also presented its five-year strategy and its engagement with the policy makers since inception. Coalition’s bandwidth and conviction of finding solutions in an Indian way were shared with NITI Aayog representatives and they expressed their willingness to collaborate with the Coalition to bring a transformative change in the country.

As a follow up The Coalition formulated a JANANI (Join Angan Nutrition Awareness for New India), which will directly impact more than 10 crore pregnant and lactating mothers and children under six years of age. JANANI will be an active, interested female member (Change Leader) from the community who acts as a promoter and monitor of good nutrition and health practices in the neighborhood (15-20 families) and counsels families on a voluntary basis to induce and promote positive health nutrition and sanitation behaviors. It is envisaged that there will be around 2.5 million JANANIs in 649,481 villages of India. The NNM may plan to engage JANANI, in areas of Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices through inter personal counseling at family level. Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices including early and exclusive breastfeeding and complementary feeding play significant roles in reduction of stunting and wasting and in development of children’s full potential.
Milestones Suggested:

- By August 2018, JANANIs will be selected in 550 districts with the active support from local government bodies.
- By September 2018, NNM along with NIPCCD and Ministry of Skill Development will develop training modules and tools for IPC and quality counseling.
- By December 2018, training for JANANIs will be rolled out (cascading model of training).
- By December 2018, Digital database on the JANANIs will be developed.
- By June 2019, JANANI volunteers will be selected in rest of the districts and training for JANANIs will be rolled out (cascading model of training) by December 2019.

Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM)

Overall prevention of malnutrition including improving infant and young child feeding practices needs to be scaled-up. Within a comprehensive approach addressing acute malnutrition there needs to be a specific focus on ensuring that children with Moderately Acute Malnutrition (MAM) do not develop SAM and that children that had SAM before do not get it again. Caregivers should receive targeted counseling, support and frequent monitoring of the nutritional status of their child.

The Second meeting of the Sub-Group-I: Prevention Strategy on Moderate Acute Malnutrition and Severe Acute Malnutrition was held under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Ajay Khera, Deputy Commissioner, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, on 2nd August 2017. The Coalition represented by the CEO attended the meeting.

It was suggested by the members that the Strategy paper should not be specific to SAM and MAM only; rather it should suggest preventive strategies for prevention of under nutrition with special emphasis on prevention of MAM and SAM.

- The section on Age-specific feeding presently included in the Strategy paper should be included in the Operational IYCF Guidelines.
- The list of indicators to be reviewed and the level at which these need to be monitored.
- Complementary feeding should be prioritized in view of the downward trend seen in the NFHS-4 data.
- The table on Health and ICDS Contact opportunities will be shared by Dr. Sheila Vir.
- Joint trainings should be encouraged for ICDS and Health functionaries.
- Triple As (ASHA, AWW and ANM) may be jointly involved during the training and monitoring activities.
- The progress may be monitored by the respective District Magistrates as per the matrix of indicators which may be given in the Operational Guidelines.

Infant and Young Children Nutrition (IYCN)

Towards achieving the World Health Assembly (WHA) nutrition targets of 2025 and SDG goals by 2030, there is a need to intensify our efforts for a fast track improvement in Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) situation. This implies accelerating the reduction rate of stunting in under five-year children from the current rate of 1.3 percent in the last decade to a much higher rate of 3 percent.

It is well established that there is a need to redesign the nutrition program by increasing the coverage of evidence based direct essential nutrition interventions (ENIs) in first 1000 days of life to at least 90 percent as well as ensuring inputs are intensified to address nutrition sensitive issues such as improving socio-economic and education situations of women, access to diversified food, improved sanitation and hygienic environment. The ENIs comprise interventions for improving young child feeding practices, maternal nutrition, improving supply and compliance of IFA tablets by adolescent and pregnant women, energy-protein supplements to undernourished pregnant women and prevention and treatment of severe acute malnourished (SAM) children.

The nutrition program systems therefore need to go beyond ICDS and Health sectors. NRLM (now renamed DAY: NRLM), which focuses on economically empowering poor women for eliminating poverty, needs to be included as a key partner for improving MIYCN situation.
The Coalition Vice Chair, Dr. Chandrakant S Pandav and Member of the Board Dr R. C. Panda have been co-opted to the National Council and Executive Committee respectively under the POSHAN Abhiyan of the Ministry of Women and Child Development. The National Council on India’s Nutritional Challenges will be providing policy directions to address India’s Nutritional Challenges through coordinated inter-sectoral action and review programmes on nutrition on a quarterly basis.

The launch of the long awaited National Nutrition Mission (NNM) with a mandate on JAN ANDOLAN and SOCIAL AUDIT has created a great momentum to transform the nutrition landscape in the country. NNM would act on Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time Bound (SMART) commitments and targets.

The Coalition in collaboration with Voluntary Health Association of India and GHAROA, Assam organized a consultation on Nourishing Assam: A Call for a Women Led Nutrition Revolution on March 15, 2018 in New Delhi which was designed to address all such queries, ignite thoughts around the JAN ANDOLAN, learn from best practices and outline strategies and pathways to realize the vision of the NNM and more specifically making nutrition a peoples’ movement having women at the forefront.

Knowledge Management

Wash and Nutrition
The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security convened a meeting with the WASH working group, and other working group leads of the Coalition to discuss the importance of the National Nutrition Mission, and how Coalition can cater to the Mission’s objectives. The meeting was held at the Water Aid India office on February 5, 2018. The purpose of the meeting was also to discuss about the WASH and Nutrition National Strategy that the WASH working group is developing and taking inputs from the other working group members.

Dr R C Panda, Executive Committee Member, National Nutrition Mission (NNM) and Governing Board Member, Coalition chaired the meeting. Ministry of Health, Ministry of W&CD, UNICEF, World Bank, SNEHA Mumbai and many other members and partners attended the meeting. The WASH and Nutrition Strategy is going to be developed in the country by the Coalition and its partners. The idea came up during a core group meeting of WASH working group held at the Coalition office on November 13, 2017 and the necessity of having a strategy to integrate nutrition into WASH was felt and acknowledged by the core group members.

Essential Nutrition Intervention - towards Suposhan

About the Document:
his Action Agenda for Nutrition Security in India is an evidence-based and peer reviewed document prepared by a group of renowned experts in food and nutrition with inputs from and consensus of a wide range of stakeholders and experts across food security, agriculture, health, water, sanitation and hygiene. It updates and builds upon the action agenda for improving nutrition outlined by The Coalition in the document titled “Sustainable Nutrition Security in India: A leadership Agenda for Action” and builds on it to:

• Incorporate the new evidence and that has become available and policy and program context in the country since the earlier document was prepared;
• Expand the scope to make it more holistic to include actions to address not only under nutrition, but also those required to address obesity, overweight and other diet and lifestyle related chronic non-communicable diseases;
• With the primary focus on preventive measures to address under nutrition, it also examines action points for appropriate treatment and management of severe wasting in children;
• Adopts a multi-sectoral approach to address critical multi-sectoral actions that substantially influence nutrition outcomes. While providing the multi-sectoral recommendations and framework of interventions, the document provides in detail the essential action agenda for direct nutrition interventions for both under nutrition and obesity. It is hoped that experts in other sectors will contribute similar detailed action agenda to improve nutrition.
The partnership with the Coalition at the national level aims at continuing and further strengthening the advocacy efforts to bring the nutrition issues on the highest agenda in the country and to facilitate multi-sectoral response to address the complex issue of malnutrition. The partnership would also undertake focused efforts in bringing out a nutrition policy paper and Food Security working group meetings, policy analysis, activities etc. during the agreement period. The proposed effort will further provide a scope to enhance the Coalition’s five-year strategy for strengthening advocacy activities and positioning the Coalition as a strong advocacy body in the country.

The project would undertake strategic and focused advocacy efforts in close collaboration with Food Security and Essential Nutrition Interventions (ENIs) Working Group members with an aim to establish Nutrition Mission in near future. Further, the efforts on strengthening Coalition’s strategy document would yield result in the long term for the Coalition as well for the collaborating partner. The achievements and learning would inform the future partnerships to strengthen nutrition programs in the country.

### AGM and Governing Board Meetings in FY 2017-18

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There was a financial crisis in the middle of FY 2017-18. The extended collaborative project of IFRPI came to an end and there was only a small grant from UNICEF Assam in November – December 2017. There was no project fund or core support grant to run the secretariat of the Coalition for 4-5 months. This was the time when key secretariat staff left the society. To run the Coalition secretariat with the skeleton staff, some of the Board Members donated money, and the senior executive staff consented for voluntary salary cut.

A process review and stakeholders perception study was undertaken by AMALTAS. The study was pertaining to robustness and inclusivity of the processes of the Coalition which also sought to captured the stakeholder’s perceptions about the CNFS and its work.
BOARDS AND GOVERNANCE

Harshita Pandey
Chairperson,
State Women Commission,
Chhattisgarh

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President,
Public Health Foundation of
India

Mr. K. R. Venugopal
Former Secretary
to the Prime Minister of India

Mr. Nilamadhab Prusty
Honorary President of
Humanitarian AID Interna-
tional and Honorary Direc-
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& Disaster Management
Support Services

Mr. Rajan Bahadur
MD and CEO,
CARE India Solutions for
Sustainable Development

Dr. Ramesh Chandra Panda
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Government of India
and Former Member
Central Administrative
Tribunal

Rita Sarin
Global Vice President &
Country Director,
The Hunger Project India

Dr. Satish B. Agnihotri
Former Secretary
Coordination,
Cabinet Secretariat &
Professor, CTARA and
Head, Centre for Policy Stud-
ies, IIT, Mumbai

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23% Administration Expenses
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3rd Annual General Body Meeting of
The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security