

THE COALITION - A GLIMPSE DECEMBER, 2018

Dear Members & Friends

Season's Greetings from The Coalition Team!



“Driven by the SDG to attain zero hunger The Coalition is working relentlessly to raise awareness, foster collaboration and advocate for improved programmes to achieve sustainable food and nutrition security in India.”

The year 2018 was an exciting one for the Coalition. We embarked on a new partnership that draws the SDG and supports the Poshan Abhiyaan. It calls for redesigning several dimensions on how Coalition with the help of its members work towards the goal of nutrition security.



The Coalition appointed as a technical partner by the world bank to accelerate the progress on SDGs in Assam



The World Bank on the request of Government of Assam provided technical assistance in order to spurt up the progress towards the SDGs. CFNS was appointed as the partner agency in extending the technical assistance alongside the World Bank team. The technical assistance aimed to improve the nutrition, health & development of the children in the early life and especially the ones who are on the higher side vulnerability.

CFNS partners with UNICEF to strengthen state level advocacy on nutrition in Assam

Two working groups were entrenched to facilitate multi-sectoral convergence and dialogue on Nutrition. The Coalition, in consultation with UNICEF identified the working groups members. One working group focused on Essential Nutrition and the other on Food Security. The amalgamation of the members from Governmental and Non-governmental organizations resulted in the formation of the working groups. The meeting witnessed the eminent dignitaries who presented their views on nutrition and security . As a whole the meeting was the integration of transformative ideas.



The coalition in partnership with TINI (The India Nutrition Initiative) finalized and executed a KAP study in five districts of Rajasthan to gauge the gaps in demand and service delivery with regard to nutrition.



CFNS in partnership with TINI (The India Nutrition Initiative) flagged off a project which emphasizes and ensures the strengthening systems for demand generation and service delivery to achieve Improved nutrition outcomes in the five districts of Rajasthan namely Alwar, Dausa, Dhaulpur, Karauli and Tonk. This was initiated to understand the gaps that exist between demand generation and service delivery for improved nutrition. The agenda was to mobilize and sensitize the community on nutrition and the best use of resources available around them.

On being invited by Trickle up Asia The Coalition shared the insights on the Community-led initiative for improved Nutrition outcomes. The Coalition was invited for providing support in framing a strategy for the continuation and addressing ultra-poverty through integrated development interventions. The success of **“Gram Varta”** (participatory learning and action approach) in mobilizing the community through Self-Help Groups to improve nutrition outcomes. Key learning from the same were also shared highlighting how it helped the women to overcome the odds.

The Coalition extended its support in framing a strategy for continuation and addressing the ultra-poor through the integrated developmental interventions.



CFNS joined forces with the Social Welfare Department along with the NHM to address the problem of malnutrition in the district of Barpeta, Assam



The initiative by District Social Welfare Department, National Health Mission & The Coalition was flagged off in the four sectors of Barpeta namely Nagaon, Keotkuchi, Bagodi & Bhella. To gauge out the problem of malnutrition in the respective sectors a Nutrition camp was organized successfully conducted in the district of Barpeta , Assam.

The statistics of Barpeta showed that almost 41.7% of the children are stunted and 33.1 % are underweight. Acting on the urgency the decision was taken to hold more such camps across the districts especially the vulnerable areas.

The Coalition on December 19th, 2018 held its 19th meeting of the governing board. The meeting took place at the coalition conference hall in Delhi. The meeting began with the welcome message & opening remarks by the honorary chair. The meeting ended on the satisfactory note with the chair thanking all the members.

The Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security held its 19th Meeting of the Governing Board



Driving Ahead:

Dear Members, the 2018 has been a year of transition as well as a year for beginning our organizational transformation. A number of new, & 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 bigger impact at scale.

Thank you once again for your support and commitment towards Nutrition and Food Security. Looking forward to for your continuous support in achieving our common dream

Warm Regards

The Coalition Team

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