

# CFNS NEWS



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## Message from the editor:

*This is our second issue of Newsletter to share the new initiatives / efforts of the Coalition with all the valued members.*

*The Year 2019 has begun on a very positive note with the various stakeholders joining hands to accelerate UNSDGs and giving all voices a space for the greater good.*

**The State Nutrition Policy Seminar to bring together organizations & stakeholders in Guwahati, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Centre for SDGs**

On 25<sup>th</sup> of January, 2019, Center for Sustainable Development Goals (CSDGs) in collaboration with the Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security (CFNS) organized first monthly nutrition policy seminar on multisectoral convergence to improve Nutrition, Health and Early Childhood Development Outcomes in Assam.



The objective of the seminar was – (a) To hear from district officials (Barpeta, Goalpara and Udalgiri) of various departments linked to nutrition, if convergence of various departments for curbing malnutrition in the district is required at all and if yes how it can be ensured at grass root level, (b) To understand the challenges that various department face in implementation of programs related to nutrition & (c) To generate ideas and strategies to overcome challenges and improve the efficacy of the ongoing programs for better outcomes

Shri Chandi Prasad Bhatt, one of the pioneers of the Chipko Movement and an awardee of the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award, Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan and Gandhi Peace Prize graced the occasion with his presence.

**District Sensitization Workshops- Multisectoral Result Based Nutrition Action Plan to accelerate SDGs- Barpeta and Udalgiri districts, Assam**

As a part of non-lending technical assistance of the World Bank to Center for Sustainable Development Goals (CSDGs) for enhanced Nutrition, Health and Early Childhood Outcomes in the state an inception workshop was held at Udalgiri on 5<sup>th</sup> January & Barpeta on 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2019. The workshop was jointly organized by the office of the Deputy Commissioner Barpeta district, CSDGs and Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security (CFNS) on multisectoral convergence for nutrition.



*District Sensitization Workshop, Barpeta*

The objective of the workshop was (a) to orient district officials and other key stakeholders of the technical assistance objectives; (b) to understand the perception of district administration of the nutritional scenario of districts and key challenges; (c) to understand the issues that departments face in the implementation of the ongoing projects related to nutrition.

The meeting was attended by 58 participants from departments linked to nutrition including Health, Public Health and Engineering department, Agriculture department, Water and Sanitation department, Elementary Education department, Child Development Project Officer (CDPOs) of some of the Integrated Child Development Schemes (ICDS) projects and civil society organizations.

## Meeting with Jharkhand State Food Commission

A meeting with the Chairman and Members, Jharkhand State Food Commission was held in Ranchi, Jharkhand. A detailed discussion was held on the National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013 with Mr. Sudhir Prasad, I.A.S.(Retd.) & the first Chairperson of the Commission and Mr. Haldhar Mahto and Ranjana Kumari (Members). The road map was proposed on the advocacy to further strengthen the State Food Commission as per the NFSA Act, published in the Gazette of India on 10th of September 2013 but deemed to have come into force on the 5th of July 2013.

## Driving Ahead

The month of January has been marked by the initiation to catalyse actions and influence the key policy makers, development partners and CSOs in line with UNSDG goals.

The Coalition in partnership with Government of Assam and World Bank is initiated an efforts to accelerate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a think-tank which provides research and technical support to identified Aspirational Districts in Assam.

Warm Regards

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**Multisectoral Results Based Nutrition Action Plan Workshop in Udalgiri District of Assam**



**Multisectoral Results Based Nutrition Action Plan Workshop in Barpeta District of Assam**



**Field Visit- beneficiary interactions**