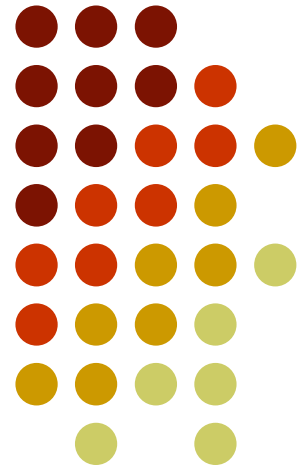


Mobilizing Cross-Sectoral Action For Nutrition:

Role of Civil Society

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Outline of presentation



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Why Mayurbanj and Keonjhar?



PHRN presence Health Systems	District level networks (members – GO/NGO)
	Ran academic programs
	Action research programmes through its fellowships program
	Network at State level- platform providing opportunities to share concerns
Action Against Malnutrition	Since last 2½ years

Convergent Action – Steps taken



ICDS, Health, WASH & PRI

State level consultation

- Consensus for local action

District program Review meetings

- Issues identified

District level consultation

- Actions Plans prepared

Block level consultation

- Ensuring implementation



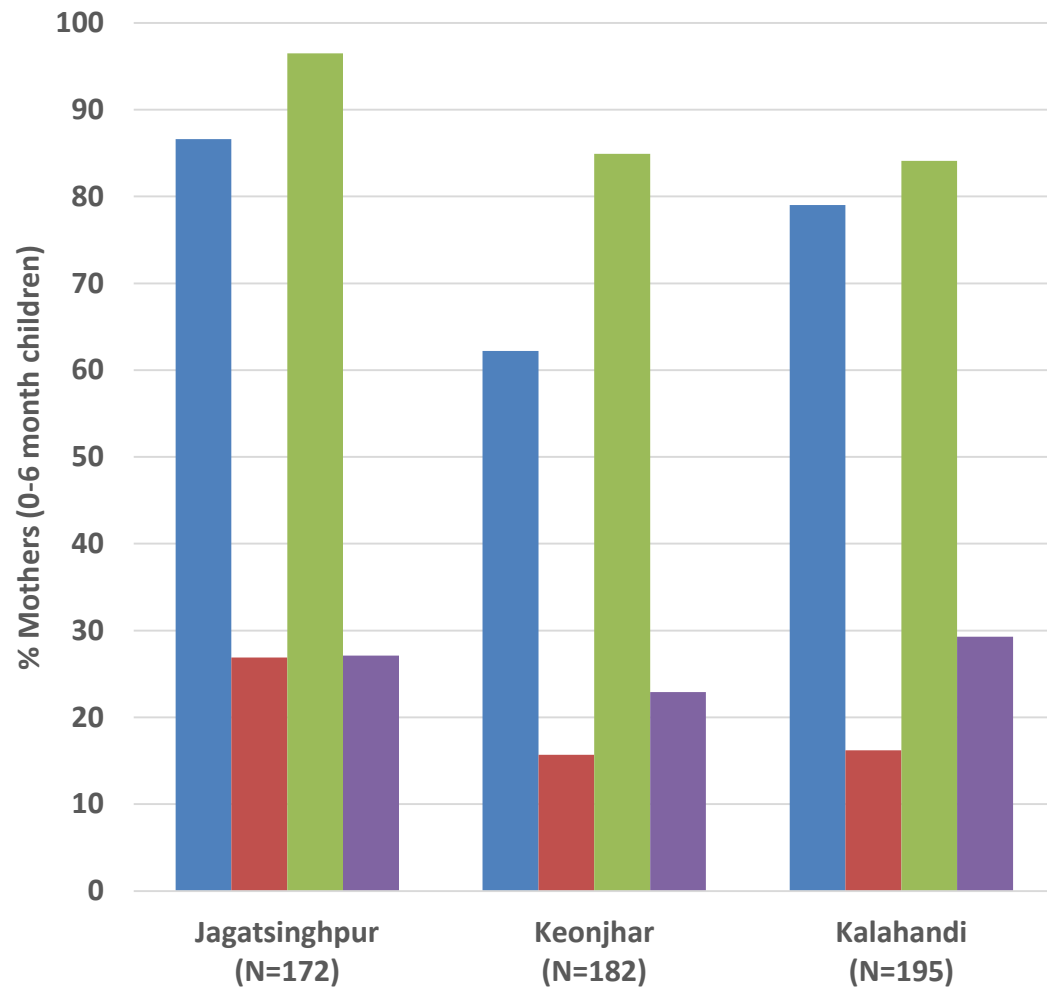
Use of available data inter district and Inter state comparison

Health and Nutrition Indicators

- IMR, U5 MR (district) and MMR
- Immunisation coverage
- Nutrition (state and district and others states)
- Water sanitation and hygiene

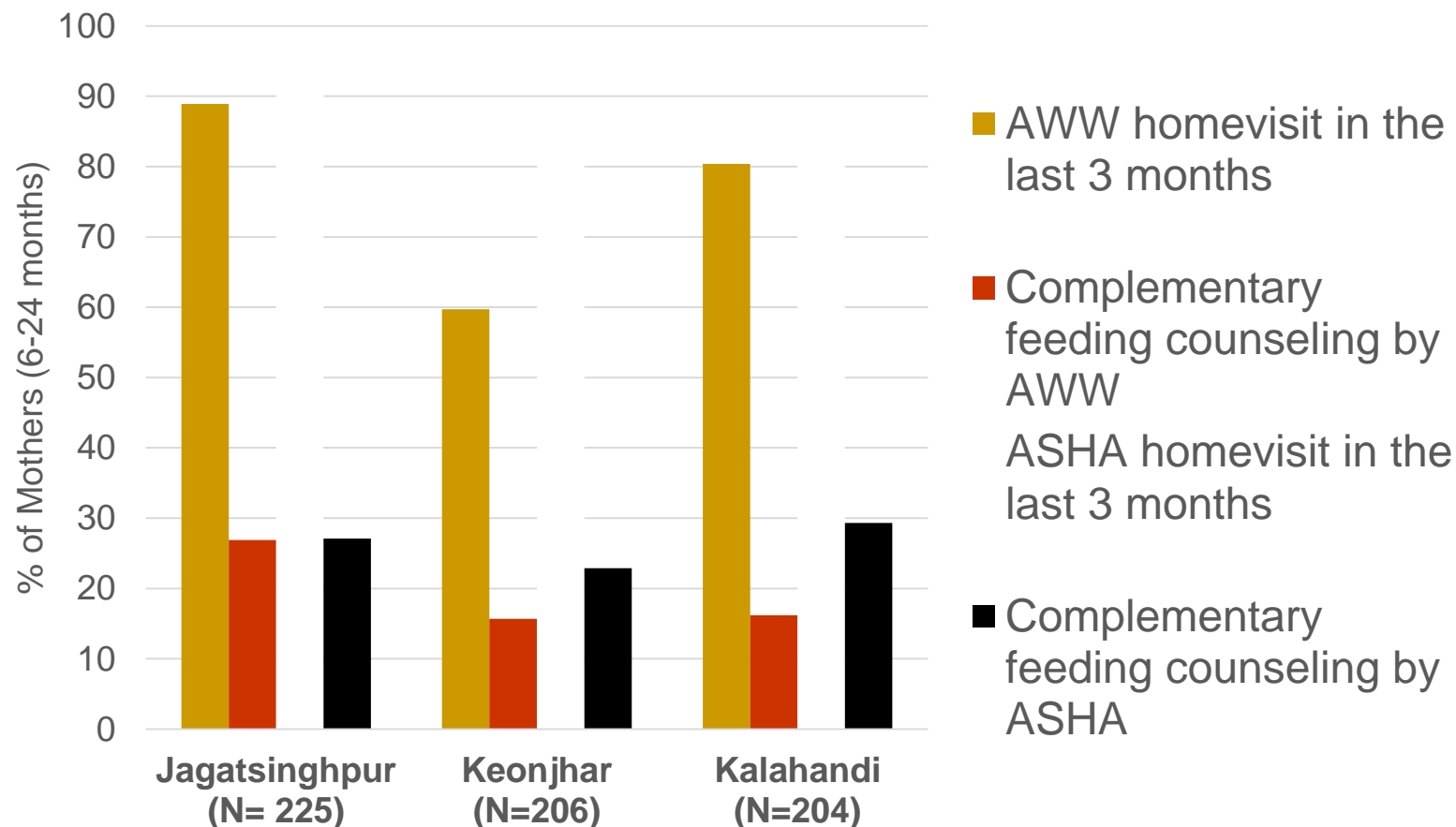


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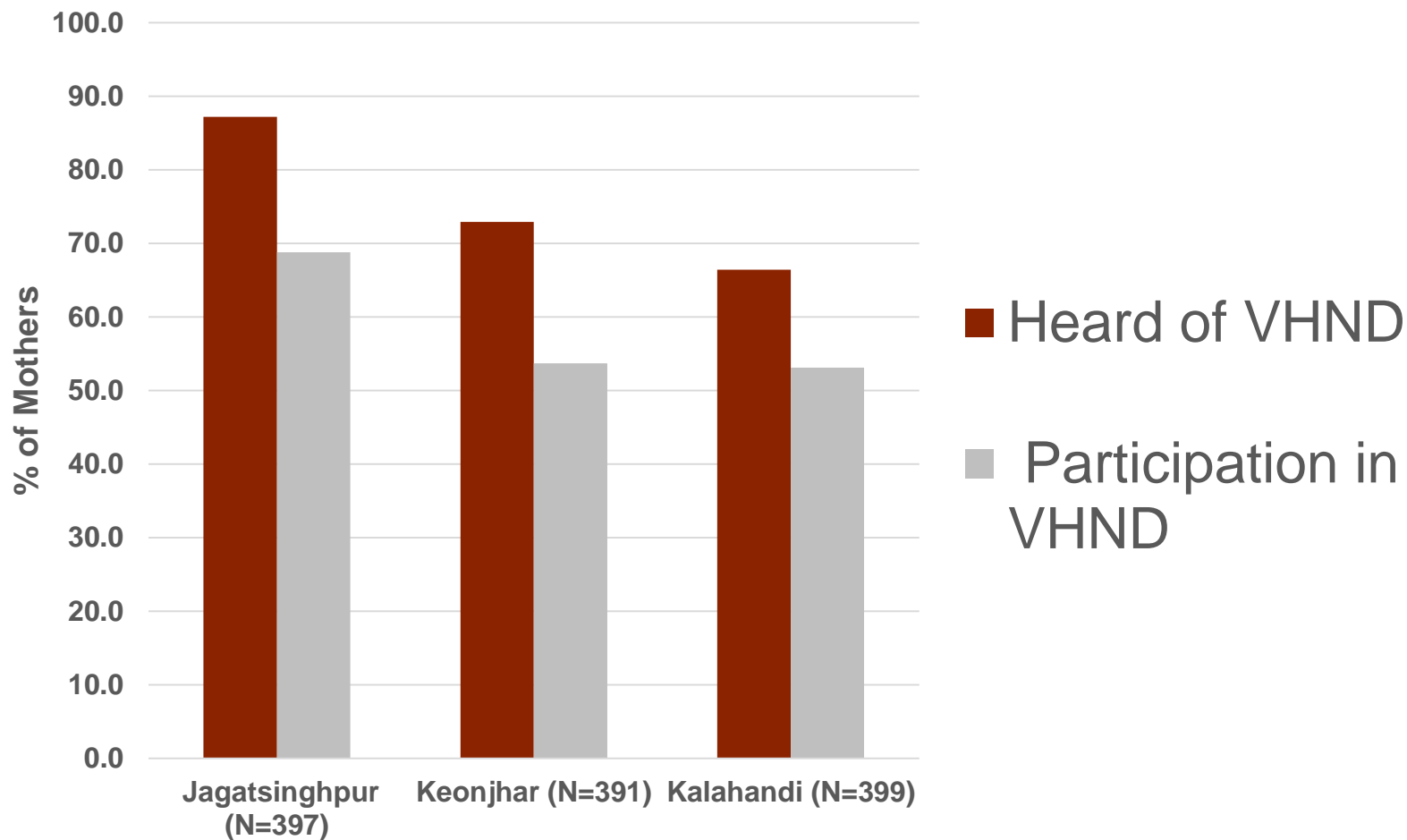


- AWW homevisit in the last 3 months
- Breastfeeding counseling by AWW
- ASHA homevisit in the last 3 months

Complementary feeding counseling during home visits is low



Mamata Diwas / VHND: Awareness is high



Questions for reflection



- What do these indicators mean to us?
- Where are we?
- Does it bother us ?
- How people of other districts with better indicators see us?
- How our district is perceived by others ?
- How do we see other districts or states with better indicators?
- Are these a pride for us or do we need to do something to stand with others?

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- How many *IAS, Engineers, Doctors, professors, teachers and others* are from this district?
- Is there any relationship of indicators with the above?
- Do you see all the district - better or poor health and nutrition indicators in same way?
- As a concerned citizen can we do something?



Emerging Issues

1. Training and capacity building support to AWWs on weighing, growth monitoring etc.
2. Improve facilitation of NRC referrals
3. Improve Post NRC discharge Follow up
4. Monitoring Quality issues in THR
5. Technical support in data analysis, management and budgeting
6. Help required - review block and district level meeting- data analysis and looking for solutions
7. Has been asked by district – to suggest and help address issues related to planning, implementation. And monitoring during review mission visits



Issues and gaps identified

- WASH and PRI rarely attended joint meetings
 - Attempts made to get WASH and PRI officials sensitized
 - Attendance is being assured for WASH
 - Need to work more closely with PRI
- Program data not reviewed jointly
 - District and block data review to be conducted – dates fixed
- IYCF counseling and Home visits

Knowledge Networking Meeting in Keonjhar : A new platform



- Leadership -health department – initiation of meeting letter by CDMO. Discussion together on indicators and opportunities to support and improve indicators together
- Focus realised for collaborative actions – joint review and planning
- Platform to share best practices like ekjut shared in the meeting – debate and discussions went around.
- District team visit planned : Shaharpada block
- Enthusiastic DSWO - convergence meeting plan to scale in all the blocks like district – support sought to take forward analytical review meetings
- Help sought for data analysis and planning to work on gaps.



Thanks

