



COMMUNITY ACTION ON MALNUTRITION

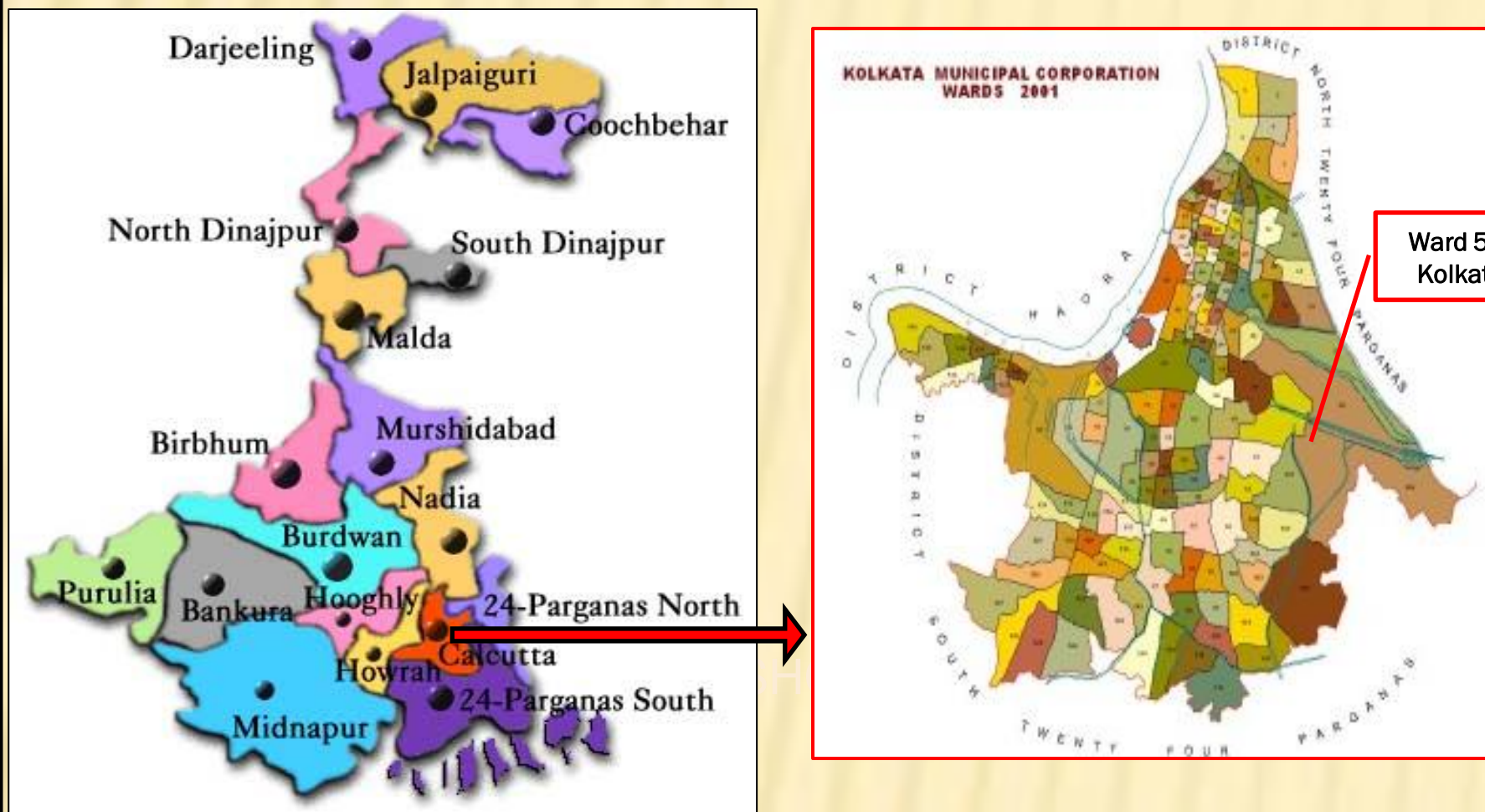
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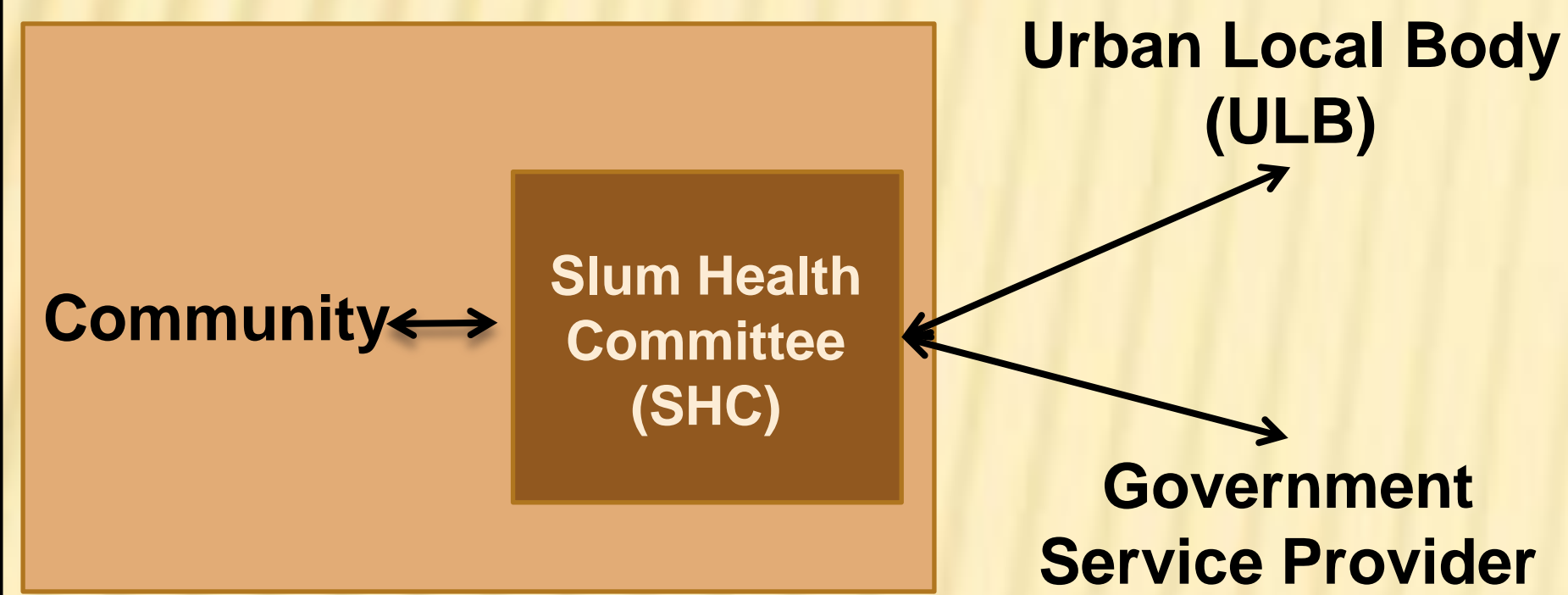
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BACKGROUND

“Fighting malnutrition in West Bengal” is an initiative of Child in Need Institute (CINI) in partnership with Save the Children aimed to reduce infant and child mortality through continuum of care ensuring management of malnutrition at community and institutional levels and preventing malnutrition by improving knowledge, skills and practices of community.



West Bengal



Monthly Sharing and planning meeting of Slum Health Committee

Communication between Urban Local Bodies (ULB) and Slum Health Committee (SHC)



Updating of Social map and Community Growth Chart

Trained SHC member Providing basic First-Aid



SHC member Monitoring Nutrition Counseling & Child Care Sessions (NCCS)



TOOLS : TO MONITOR MONTHLY STATUS



Involvement of SHC in Growth Monitoring (using MUAC tape)

Name of Change Agent: AINU
Month: AGU TO SEP
Slum Name: 66 D. C. DEY ROAD Kol-15

Day	Name	Name	Name
NCCS1			
NCCS2			
NCCS3			
NCCS4			
NCCS5			
NCCS6			
NCCS7			
NCCS8			
NCCS9			
NCCS10			

Format for Monitoring of Supplementary Feeding

Slum Name	Ward No.	Area	Population	SHC Members	Government Service Provider
66 D. C. DEY ROAD Kol-15	58				

Checklist used by SHC

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Monitoring Format To Check Weight Gain After Consumption Of Supplementary Food

Identification and Management of Severe Acute Malnourished Children by Slum Health Committee members			
Identified SAM	SAM treated in NRC	Management of SAM in community	Monitored by SHC
51	13	38	44

Source: Project MIS March 2013-Jan2014

INTERVENTION

Awareness on child health, hygiene, sanitation in the localities

Monitoring mother and child (0-2 years) on effective weighing, NCCS & early detection of malnourished children

SHC
700 members - Caregivers, Youths from local clubs & few motivated local citizens cover over 1,00,000 population in Ward 58

Creating local pressure for advocacy

Referral at Nutrition Rehabilitation Center, Ward Health Unit & Follow up



Local Vegetable seller contributing for NCCS



Participation of SHC members in First Rice Ceremony

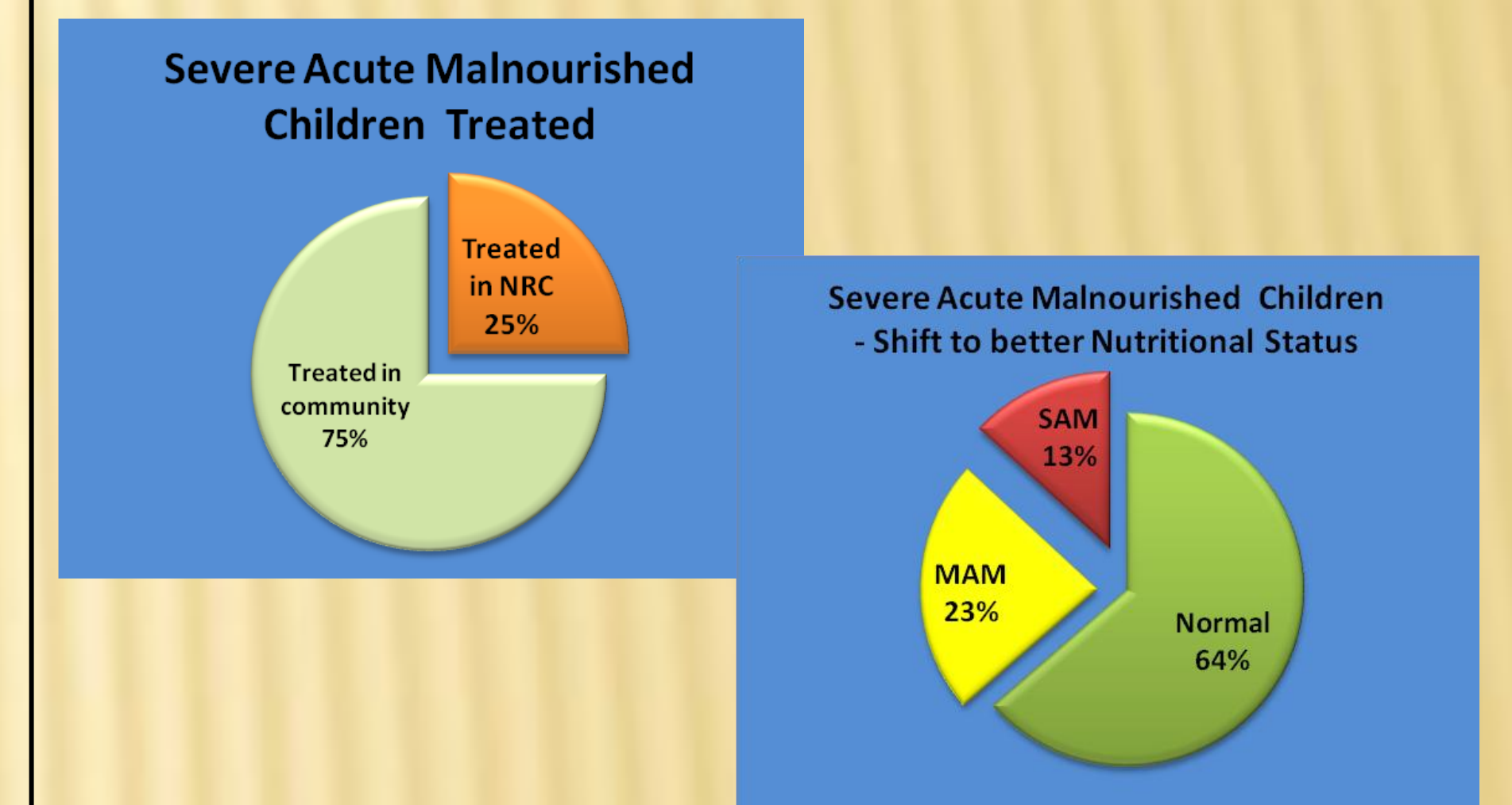
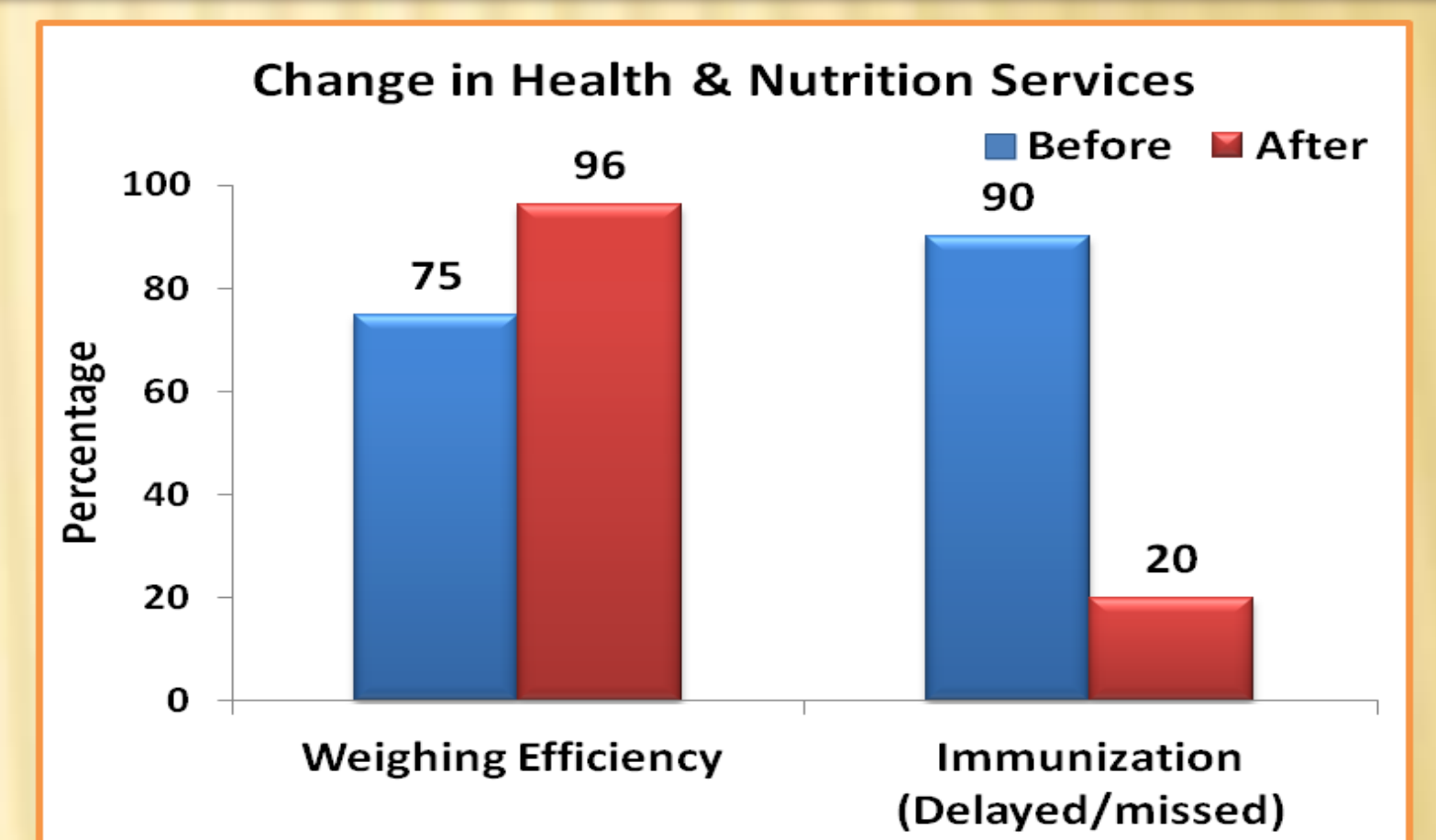
The members of SHC

- Plan for home visit, community meeting
- Provide logistic and cooking materials for Nutrition Counseling and Child care Session
- Monitor weighing, MUAC measurement and distribution of additional supplementary food
- Motivate families for admitting severely malnourished children to NRC
- Share the update on health, nutrition & hygiene issues in SHC monthly meeting
- Advocate with local urban body for better health & Nutrition services

FINDINGS

SHCs update the social maps and community growth charts (CGC), in making malnutrition visible to raise the concern of caregivers and community members about monthly weighing and interpretation of red, yellow, green zone of the CGC.

Change in Health & Nutrition Services and Nutritional Status after One Year of Active Community Involvement



Source: Project monitoring data March 2013-Jan 2014

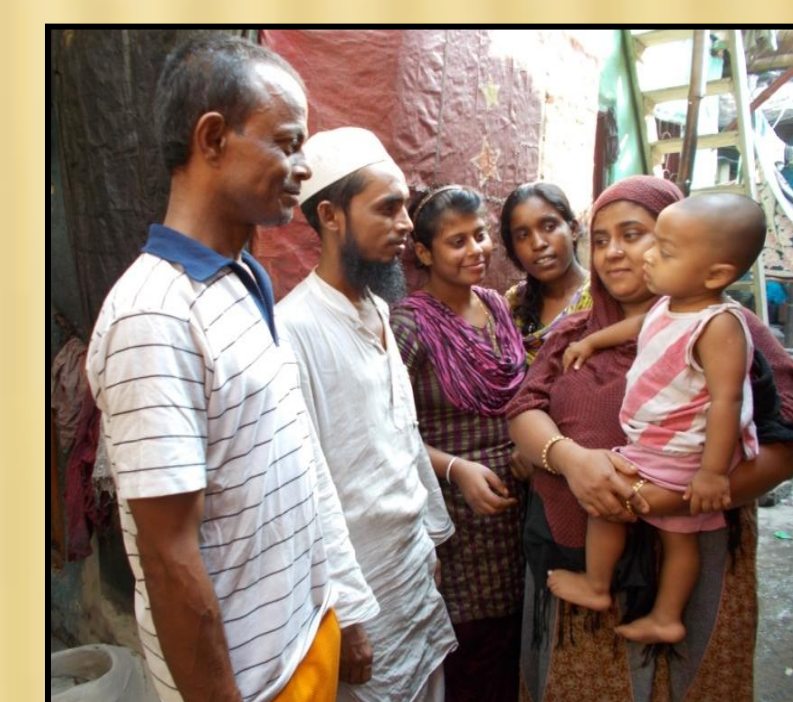
LESSONS LEARNED/ CONCLUSION

➤ Community SHCs engagement varied considerably. They actively participate in social mapping of localities and provide need based support .

➤ Strengthening SHCs lead to mobilization of the community to ensure utilisation and uptake of health & nutrition services from Government service providers.

➤ ULB members ensure in securing space for SHCs activities and provide essential support.

➤ There is need to examine the extent and nature of ULB engagement closely. Ideally, ULBs should move from providing material support to participating actively for combating malnutrition.



Follow up visit by SHC members



Monitoring of Child Care & Feeding Practices at Home

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