

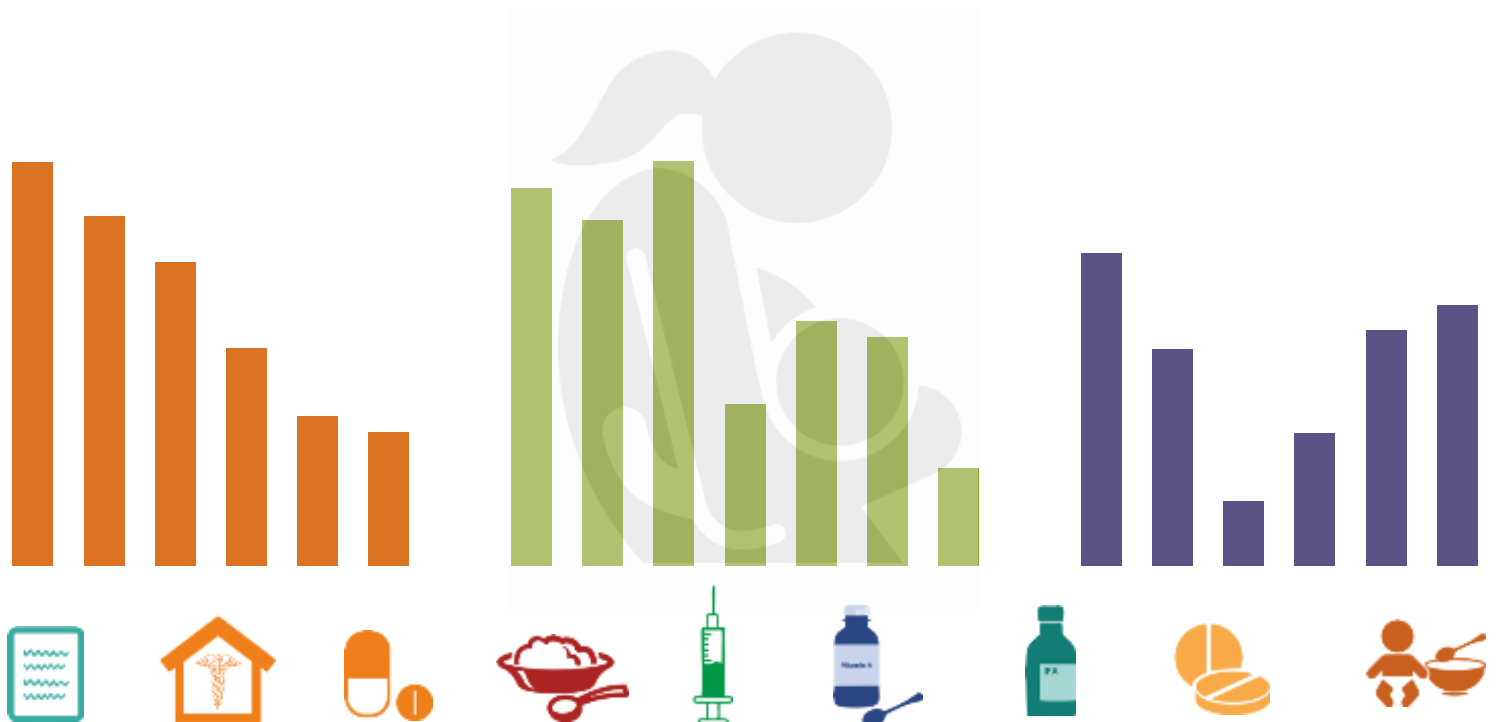
# Delivering for Nutrition in India

## *Learnings from Implementation Research*

November 9–10, 2016

Jacaranda Hall  
India Habitat Centre  
New Delhi, India

### Agenda



# Conference Support

## ***About the conference***

In India, despite supportive policy and program environment, the data and evidence points to lingering gaps in the coverage, scale, and quality of nutrition interventions targeted to the period between adolescence and the first 1000 days. This conference will offer opportunities to learn about recent research and evidence on factors that affect the coverage and quality of services and examine solutions to close gaps both on the supply-side, demand-side and governance of interventions for maternal and child nutrition in India. Research areas that will be featured include those related to supporting and motivating frontline worker performance, strengthening intervention components like supplements and behaviour change communication, testing new solutions to old problems (e.g., ICT for nutrition, cash transfers, etc.), using new platforms for behaviour change (e.g. self-help group programs), financing for nutrition, data for decision-making and more.

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## ***About the banner***

The banner is a stylized representation of the variability in the coverage of the maternal and child nutrition interventions along the continuum of care during the first 1000 days. The three sets of bar graphs represent variability in the coverage of interventions during pregnancy, 0-6 months, and 6-24 months. The icons at the bottom of the bar graphs are examples of some interventions such as the mother and child protection card, IFA tablets, immunization, and complementary feeding.

## ***Banner icon credit***

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# Day 1

## Wednesday, November 9, 2016

9:00–10:20	<p><b>Introductory session: The relevance of implementation research in the context of nutrition in India</b></p> <p><b>Co-chairs: Dr. CS Pandav (AIIMS) and Dr. Pramod K. Joshi (IFPRI)</b></p> <p><i>Opening</i> Dr. PK Joshi, IFPRI</p> <p><i>Welcome and conference overview</i> Dr. Purnima Menon, IFPRI</p> <p><i>Evidence base for nutrition action in India: Where are the gaps?</i> Dr. Rasmi Avula, IFPRI</p> <p><i>Priorities for implementation research on nutrition in India: Findings from a research priority-setting process</i> Dr. NK Arora, INCLEN</p> <p><i>Evidence needs in the context of India's vision for nutrition</i> Dr. Alok Kumar, NITI Aayog</p> <p><i>Closing</i> Dr. CS Pandav</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
10:20–10:45	<p><b>Tea</b></p>
10.45–12:00	<p><b>Session I: Assessing coverage and performance of nutrition interventions: Research experiences from across India</b></p> <p><b>Co-chairs: Dr. Deepika Chaudhery (World Bank) and Dr. Rasmi Avula (IFPRI)</b></p> <p><i>Insights from the India Health Report on coverage of nutrition interventions: What's available, what's missing?</i> Dr. Neha Raykar, Public Health Foundation of India</p> <p><i>Coverage of nutrition interventions: Results from a multi-state study</i> Dr. Avula Laxmaiah, National Institute of Nutrition</p> <p><i>A tool to assess gaps in district-level coverage of nutrition interventions in multiple domains</i> Dr. Sumathi Swaminathan and Dr. Jithin Sam Varghese, St. John's Research Institute</p> <p><i>Integrated Child Health and Immunization Survey (INCHIS): Objectives, methodology and challenges</i> Dr. Santanu Pramanik, Public Health Foundation of India</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>

12:00–13:00	<p><b>Session II: Implementation research on delivery of interventions during pre-pregnancy through lactation</b></p> <p><b>Co-chairs: Dr. Prema Ramachandran (NFI) and Dr. Kapil Yadav (AIIMS)</b></p> <p><i>The Adolescent Girls' Anaemia Control Programme: A decade of programming experience to break the inter-generational cycle of malnutrition in India</i> Dr. Preetu Mishra, UNICEF</p> <p><i>Insights from formative research from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh on maternal diet diversity during pregnancy</i> Dr. Sebanti Ghosh, Alive &amp; Thrive</p> <p><i>Improving women's diet quality preconceptionally and during gestation: Effects on birth weight and prevalence of low birth weight—A randomized controlled efficacy trial in India (Mumbai Maternal Nutrition Project)</i> Dr. Sirazul Ameen Sahariah, Centre for the Study of Social Change</p> <p><i>Weekly home visit and supervision of iron folic acid tablets intake in pregnant women in rural population in Haryana</i> Dr. Farhad Ahamed, AIIMS</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
13:00–14:00	Lunch
14:00–15:30	<p><b>Session III: Implementation research on delivery of interventions during pre-pregnancy through lactation [continued]</b></p> <p><b>Co-chairs: Dr. Prema Ramachandran (NFI) and Dr. Kapil Yadav (AIIMS)</b></p> <p><i>Antenatal care and counseling measures increase iron and folic acid receipt among pregnant women in Bihar</i> Dr. Amanda Wendt, University of Heidelberg [video]</p> <p><i>Realising the promise of Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefits Scheme (Scoping study) and engaging women to improve breastfeeding outcomes (pilot study) in Tamil Nadu</i> Dr. Shubhra Mittal, JPAL</p> <p><i>Effect of Peer Counselling by Mother Support Groups on Infant and Young Child Feeding Practices: The Lalitpur Experience</i> Dr. Arun Gupta, BPNI</p> <p><i>Impact of nutrition interventions on infant feeding and other outcomes in Uttar Pradesh</i> Dr. Laili Irani, Population Council</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
15:30–16:00	Tea
16:00–18:30	<p><b>Session IV: Implementation research on delivery of preventive and curative interventions during early childhood</b></p> <p><b>Co-chairs: Dr. Manjula Singh (CIFF) and Dr. Naveen Jain (MD, NHM)</b></p> <p><i>Insights from formative research on closing gaps in delivery of complementary feeding interventions from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh</i> Dr. Archana Ghosh, Alive &amp; Thrive</p>

*Improvements in growth monitoring in the context of the Bihar Child Support Program, a conditional cash transfer program*

Dr. Shruti Viswanathan, Oxford Policy Management

*Impact of point of care multiple micronutrient fortification on anemia, iron status and cognitive development of pre-schoolers*

Dr. Madhavan Nair, National Institute of Nutrition

*SPRING- Kilkari community early development intervention for India: Baseline findings and intervention implementation insights*

Dr. Gauri Divan, Sangath

*A crèche-based model to deliver comprehensive care for nutrition in tribal areas: experiences and evaluation results*

Dr. Ganapathy Murugan, Public Health Resource Network

*Community-based management of severe acute malnutrition in India: New evidence from Bihar*

Dr. Alan Pereira, Mediciens Sans Frontiers

*Addressing severe-acute malnutrition in Rajasthan using community-based strategies*

Dr. Deepti Gulati, GAIN

*Growth prospects of children after discharge from malnutrition treatment centers: A study from Jharkhand*

Dr. Jyoti Sharma, Indian Institute of Public Health, Delhi

**Q&A**

## Day 2

### Thursday, November 10, 2016

9:00–10:30	<p><b>Session V: Big numbers about small children: Research on nutrition financing</b></p> <p><b>Co-chairs: Dr. Alok Ranjan (Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) and Dr. Ramanan Laxminarayan (PHFI)</b></p> <p><i>Estimating the economic benefits of addressing undernutrition</i> Dr. Harold Alderman, IFPRI</p> <p><i>Cost implications of scaling up essential nutrition interventions in India and all states</i> Dr. Suman Chakrabarti, IFPRI</p> <p><i>Budget and expenditure analyses for centrally sponsored schemes addressing nutrition in India</i> Dr. Avani Kapur, Accountability Initiative</p> <p><i>Nutrition financing at the state-level: The case of Rajasthan</i> Dr. Yashodhara Rana, Results for Development [video]</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
10:30–11:00	<b>Tea</b>
11:00–12:30	<p><b>Session VI: Food supplementation programs for nutrition in the Indian context: Current status and future directions</b></p> <p><b>Co-chairs: Dr. Monica Jain (3iE) and Dr. Biraj Patnaik (Office of the Commissioners of the Supreme Court)</b></p> <p><i>Production of fortified food for a public supplementary nutrition program: Performance and viability of a decentralized production model for the Integrated Child Development Services Program</i> Dr. Salil Kumar, The Nutrition Initiative of the Tata Trusts</p> <p><i>Nutrition services in Bihar – A performance assessment of service delivery</i> Dr. Ronald Abraham, IDInsight</p> <p><i>Changes in the supply of supplementary nutrition during early childhood between 2004 and 2014: Findings of the FOCUS study</i> Dr. Biraj Patnaik, Office of the Commissioners of the Supreme Court</p> <p><i>Improving mid-day meal delivery and encouraging micronutrient fortification to reduce anemia and malnutrition among children (Odisha)</i> Dr. Urmi Bhattacharya, JPAL</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
12:30–13:30	<b>Lunch</b>

13:30–15:00	<p><b>Session VII: Taking it to the frontline: Improving frontline worker motivation, performance and convergence in health and nutrition</b></p> <p><b>Co-chairs: Dr. Rajani Ved (National Health Systems Resource Center) and Dr. Gayatri Singh (UNICEF)</b></p> <p><i>Frontline worker and household determinants of exposure to essential nutrition interventions: An observational study in Madhya Pradesh and Odisha</i> Dr. Sunny Kim, IFPRI</p> <p><i>Evaluation of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Continuum of Care Services (CCS) Intervention in Bihar</i> Dr. Anu Rangarajan, Mathematica Policy Research [video]</p> <p><i>Effectiveness of an innovative mHealth intervention to improve coverage of proven maternal and new born health (MNH) interventions in rural India: A quasi-experimental study</i> Dr. Dhiren Modi, SEWA-Rural</p> <p><i>Evaluation of the Team-Based Goals and Performance-Based Incentives (TBGI) Innovation in Bihar</i> Dr. Sunil Babu, CARE</p> <p><i>Impact of caregiver incentives on child health: Evidence from an experiment with Anganwadi workers in India</i> Dr. Prakarsh Singh, Amherst College [video]</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
15:00–15:30	<b>Tea</b>
15:30–16:30	<p><b>Session VIII: A new platform for delivering nutrition impacts: Emerging research on self-help groups and rural livelihood programs</b></p> <p><b>Co-chairs: Dr. Yamini Atmavilas (Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) and Dr. Isha Bhagwat (National Rural Livelihoods Mission)</b></p> <p><i>Design and baseline findings from a community-based health initiative using participatory learning and action cycles approach to improve nutrition</i> Dr. Malavika Subramanyam, IIT Gandhinagar</p> <p><i>Baseline findings from two impact evaluations using self-help group platforms to deliver nutrition impact (Bihar and multiple states)</i> Dr. Kalyani Raghunathan, IFPRI</p> <p><i>Layering health and nutrition interventions into self-help group platforms in UP and Bihar: Insights from large-scale evaluation surveys</i> Dr. Niranjana Saggurti, Population Council</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
16:30–17:00	<p><b>Closing session: Generating and using evidence in policy and implementation – where next?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conference highlights: Dr. Suneetha Kadiyala, LSTHM</li> <li>- Remarks on evidence generation and evidence use by discussants</li> </ul>
17:00–17:15	<b>Thanks and close</b>