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Message



**Honorable Minister
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare**

I am very pleased to let all know that Bangladesh National Nutrition Council (BNNC) of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is going to publish 1st issue of BNNC Newsletter.

This newsletter contains of BNNC's activity progress in reaching the relevant 22 ministries who work with nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive interventions to implement the Second National Plan of Action for Nutrition (NPAN2).

The Government of Bangladesh has planned to accelerate the progress in reducing the high rates of maternal and child under-nutrition by mainstreaming of nutrition interventions by all sectors at all levels throughout the country. This publication will be a necessary source of information containing the service statistics of nutrition sector. I hope that the facility specific data will guide and help the policy makers and other concerned to take future step in improving the Nutritional status of mother and child in equitable manner. It also reflects different Nutrition related activities taken by NNS throughout the country.

I thank the respectable Secretary, MoH&FW and related other 21 ministries, the Director Generals of DGHS & DGFP for their continuous support for improving nutrition status in Bangladesh. I also thank to BNNC for their well coordination among 22 ministries to establish a functional nutrition governance through proper coordination, monitoring, knowledge sharing and advocacy for improving the nutritional activities in national and sub-national level of Bangladesh.

I am hopeful that BNNC will continue developing newsletter and share with all stakeholders.



Zahid Maleque, MP

Message



**Secretary
Health Services Division
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**

It is a great satisfaction for me to be acquainted with the first publication of the Bangladesh National Nutrition Council (BNNC) newsletter under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW), Bangladesh.

Second National Plan of Action for Nutrition (NPAN-2) keeping in alignment with different global commitments, aims to reduce all forms of malnutrition from the country. Preparation of the routine newsletter through BNNC is a part of that process. Bangladesh National Nutrition Council (BNNC) is responsible for developing multi-sectoral nutrition strategy with prioritized, evidence based and cost-effective activities. This newsletter is a worthwhile publication as it enables multi-stakeholders from different ministries and partners to receive regular nutrition information and progress of the activities. I hope that this information will be used to improve planning, coordination, advocacy and policy development of multisectoral nutrition of Bangladesh.

I would like to thank everyone who directly worked on publishing this newsletter and I expect BNNC will continue this effort to generate subsequent published editions.

Md. Jahangir Alam



**Director General
Directorate General of Health Services
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**

I am pleased to know about the first ever newsletter published by Bangladesh National Nutrition Council (BNNC) which reflects the multisectoral nutrition issues of both national and sub-national levels. Though substantial progress is being made, much more need to be done in getting intersectoral collaboration.

I appreciate BNNC, particularly for its important roles in improving horizontal and vertical coordination among relevant ministries and operational plans (OP) of DGHS, advocacy and developing monitoring system for implementation of Second National Plan of Action for Nutrition (NPAN2). I hope, BNNC with its efforts will find the evidence-based ways to engage both nutrition specific and sensitive sectors to make synergistic action for scaling up nutrition interventions across the country.

I expect this initiative will help to stimulate strategic decision making by multiple government bodies, development partners, NGOs and civil society organizations to enhance overall nutrition for the population of Bangladesh.

I look forward to achieving the continued success of this initiative.

Prof. Dr. Abul Bashar Mohammad Khurshid Alam

Message



**Additional Secretary (WH Wing)
Health Services Division
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**

I am very pleased to let all know that Bangladesh National Nutrition Council (BNNC) is going to publish the 1st issue of newsletter.

The father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had a dream of building a hunger-free and prosperous Bangladesh. Ensuring good health of the people through the development of public health and nutrition sector was one of the components of the plan. Father of the Nation formed Bangladesh National Nutrition Council on April 23, 1975 with the aim of institutional development of the nutrition sector. His daughter Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina reformed Bangladesh National Nutrition Council in 2015. Bangladesh National Nutrition Council is the highest body of the government in the field of nutrition policy management, coordination and monitoring headed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

This newsletter is a useful document as it enables multi-stakeholders from different ministries and partners to receive regular nutrition information and progress of the Second National Plan of Action for Nutrition (NPAN2) activities. I would like to thank all who were involved in developing and editing the newsletter.

I am hopeful that BNNC will continue developing newsletter and share with all stakeholders.

Md Saidur Rahman



**Additional Secretary (PH Wing)
Health Services Division
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**

I am very delighted to know that the Bangladesh National Nutrition Council (BNNC) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is going to publish the first issue of multi-sectoral nutrition related newsletter.

The Government of Bangladesh has planned to accelerate the progress in reducing the high rates of maternal and child under-nutrition by mainstreaming of nutrition through the multi-sectoral nutrition interventions and services in our country.

I would like to thank BNNC for their brilliant initiative to ensure multi-sectoral nutrition coordination and collaboration to publish this newsletter. I would also thank our development partners for their supports to BNNC. I would also like to thank Honorable Secretary, MoH&FW, and Director General of BNNC for their support to produce the newsletter.

I am hopeful that BNNC will continue developing newsletter and share with all stakeholders.

Dr. Md. Akhteruzzaman



Message

Director General (In-Charge)
Bangladesh National Nutrition Council Office

It is a matter of pride for me to see the first "BNNC Newsletter" published by Bangladesh National Nutrition Council (BNNC). The Father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman dreamt a hunger-free and prosperous Bangladesh. Ensuring good health of the people through the development of public health and nutrition was one of the components of fulfilling his dream. This newsletter is a worthy publication as it enables stakeholders from government and development partners to provide regular progress and update of multisectoral nutrition coordination, governance program, coordination, advocacy, planning and monitoring of relevant sectors in line with the Second National Plan of Action for Nutrition (NPAN2).

This newsletter is very useful publication as it enables to get recent accomplishments of BNNC with information from relevant sectors on progress of nutrition specific and sensitive activities including current initiatives to establish nutrition governance. BNNC is playing as an apex body in policy and strategy formulation of nutrition coordination mechanism, research and establishing partnership both in home and abroad at national and sub-national levels. Therefore, this newsletter is necessary to publish the routine progress of BNNC as well as implementation status of NPAN2 (2016-2025).

I would like to thank everyone who is involved in developing the newsletter. I am hopeful that BNNC will continue developing the series of newsletters and share with relevant partners.

Dr. Zubaida Nasreen



Ex-Director General
Bangladesh National Nutrition Council Office

I am delighted and overwhelmed to know that the Bangladesh National Nutrition Council (BNNC) is going to release its maiden issue of the "BNNC Newsletter." This publication aims to provide updates on the progress and status of program coordination, advocacy, planning, and monitoring of nutrition interventions, policy recommendations, advocacy and establishing partnership across relevant sectors, aligning with Second National Plan of Action for Nutrition (NPAN2) for the period of 2016-2025.

The initiation of this routine newsletter by BNNC is obviously a commendable and timely effort, reflecting the organization's commitment and to its ToR. Having served as the first Director General of the restructured BNNC during a tenure of March 2018 to April 2020, and witnessing the substantial growth in capacities, it brings me immense satisfaction to see the flourishing of nascent BNNC into a vibrant and sparkling organization. BNNC has been instrumental in establishing nutrition coordination mechanisms, fostering research and enhancing nutrition governance at both national and sub-national levels which garnered recognition for BNNC on both national and international scale. As I reflect on the journey from inception of revitalized BNNC, the activities depicted in this issue clearly demonstrate significant strides toward fulfilling its mission.

I express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who worked hard in bringing out the first issue of its kind. I hope, BNNC will continue generating such informative documents and sharing them with both national and international stakeholders. Your dedication contributes significantly to the continued success of BNNC's mission in addressing nutritional challenges and promoting well-being in the country and can fulfil the dream of Father of the Nation.

Dr. Md. Shah Nawaz



Ex-Director General
Bangladesh National Nutrition Council Office

It is a great pleasure for me to learn that Bangladesh National Nutrition Council (BNNC) is going to publish the 1st issue of "BNNC Newsletter".

As Bangladesh National Nutrition Council is the highest body of the government for nutrition policy management, coordination and monitoring, the initiative of publishing routine newsletter is really harmonized with BNNC's roles and responsibilities.

Once I served here as Director General, I realized that BNNC is playing a significant role in the development of nutrition in national and sub-national level through developing strong coordination mechanism. The purpose of this newsletter is to focus and review the routine progress of Bangladesh National Nutrition Council as well as Second National Plan of Action for Nutrition (NPAN2) during 2016-2025.

I would like to appreciate everyone who is involved in publishing this newsletter. I am hopeful that BNNC will continue developing newsletter and share with all stakeholders.

Dr. Md. Khalilur Rahman

Editorial Note



**Ex-Director General
Bangladesh National Nutrition Council**

I am pleased to announce the 1st publication of the Bangladesh National Nutrition Council of six-monthly Newsletter. This newsletter serves to share and document BNNC's performance in reaching the relevant ministries who work with nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive interventions as per the guideline of Second Plan of Action for Nutrition (NPAN2). The newsletter speaks on current activities and achievement of BNNC relating multi-sectoral involvement with progress and coverage of nutrition activities.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the honorable Minister, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, the honorable Secretary, HSD, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare along with all the officials of Health Service Divisions and Directorate General of Health Services for their timely necessary support.

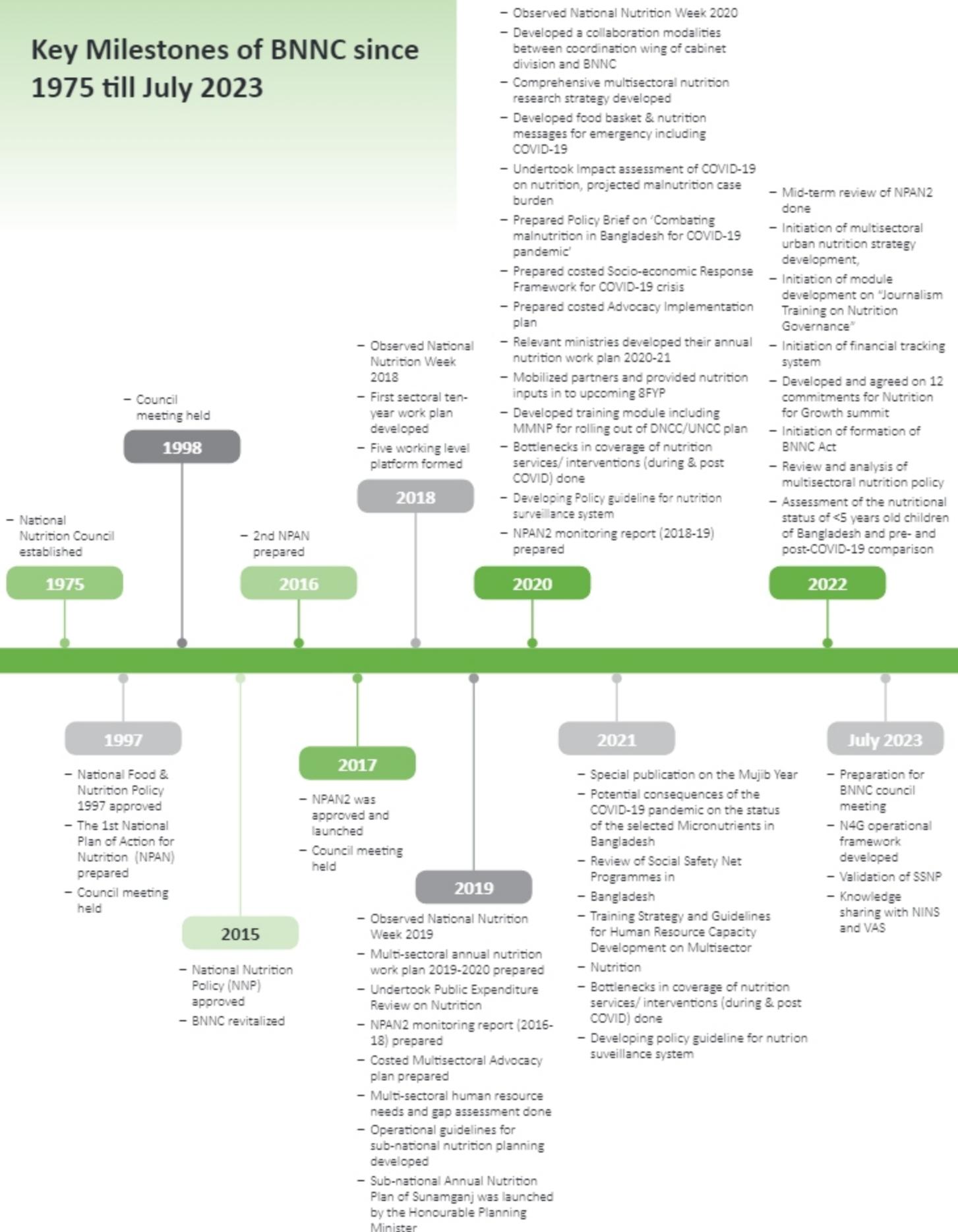
I thank the Director IPHN and line Director NNS for their continuous support to BNNC and acknowledge the contribution of improving nutrition status in our country. I also owe my deep gratefulness to the Directors, Deputy Directors, Assistant Directors of BNNC for their technical contribution and extensive administrative support.

I would like to acknowledge and sincerely appreciate the contributions of all who work hard to bring out this important document along with the all development partners, consultants, and other staffs who have been working closely with BNNC since it's revitalization.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hasan Kabir', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir

Key Milestones of BNNC since 1975 till July 2023

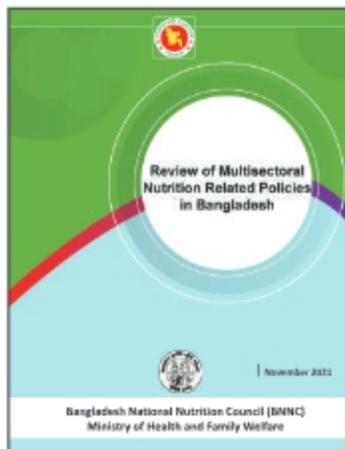


Key Achievements

Review of Multisectoral Nutrition Related Policies

Policy is the mainstay of BNNC mandate and responsibility. BNNC took an initiative to review nutrition related policies in Bangladesh with an aim to find strengths, gaps and provide recommendations thereby improving overall policy environment for nutrition.

BNNC reviewed existing nutrition related policies, plans, strategies, legislations in Bangladesh to determine whether and how these adequately addressed and incorporated nutrition issues. Twenty four policies of the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) were reviewed, which included relevant laws/acts, policies, strategies, and plans.



Online monitoring of functionality of DNCC & UNCC

Online monitoring system, and supporting IT-based tools, have been developed to enable BNNC office for assessing the functionality of district- and Upazila level nutrition coordination committees (DNCC & UNCC). The system and tools include modules for monitoring, budgeting, implementation plan and monitoring of multi-sectoral nutrition activities at the sub-national level. It will thereby act as supportive supervision for DNCC and UNCC to monitor and report on the status of the Multi-sectoral Minimum Nutrition Package (MMNP) implemented by different departments under relevant ministries. The system was tested in three districts (Sunamganj, MoulviBazar, and Rangpur), and will be further piloted in the next six months before the official launch. before full scale operation. [Please see the web link of dashboard: <http://app.bnnc.gov.bd:8017/>]



Screenshot: Online annual nutrition planning and monitoring tool

Formulation and review of sectoral annual nutrition workplan

The Bangladesh National Nutrition Council (BNNC) office jointly with technical and financial supports from different partners, organize workshop on formulation and review of sectoral annual nutrition workplan for 22 nutrition related ministries in every year. Nutrition focal points along with alternative focal from those Ministries and departments participate in the workshop. Their full engagements in the processes to prepare the annual work-plans and review of progress of last year plan is really appreciated. This participatory approach of developing annual nutrition plan helps to clarify the status and challenges faced by the implementing ministries and development partners in advancing the nutrition improvement in the country and establishing their ownerships and future commitment.



Photo: Workshop of planning and review of annual nutrition workplan for related operational plans

Multi-sectoral Minimum Nutrition Package (MMNP) and Rollout at Sub-national level.

A Multi-sectoral Minimum Nutrition Package (MMNP) consisting key nutrition interventions from key nutrition relevant sectors has been developed to address the local needs of DNCC and UNCC. 25 priority nutrition indicators from NPAN2 have been identified and incorporated in the package. They have been aligned with activities included in the Sectoral Annual workplan/ OPs of the respective ministry at national level, considering the geographical and cultural needs/demands. The package includes interventions under DLI 13, 14 and other relevant DLIs (for nutrition specific interventions). A rollout strategy including an operational guideline for implementation of MMNP at sub-national level by DNCCs/UNCCs has been developed. BNNC has formed the Central Multisectoral Resource Team (CMRT)- a pool of resource persons/experts selected from the government sectoral focal persons, partner organizations responsible for supporting DMRT in order to facilitate smooth operation of the DNCCs and UNCCs in this endeavor. Orientation package for sensitizing the members of CMRT, DMRT, DNCC and UNCC members has been prepared by BNNC with technical support from partners.

Annual Monitoring Report of NPAN2 for 2016-2017 & 2018-19

The annual monitoring report 2016-2017 and 2018-19 of NPAN2 was prepared and shared to monitor and track of the progress made against all priority indicators of NPAN2.



It also outlined a budgetary analysis with recommendations for funding by different sectors. However, nutrition governance both in central and sub-national level has got different aspect in this report. For full document: [Click here](#) & [Click here](#)

Food package during emergency

The food package was developed by an expert committee during the verge of massive threat of Covid-19 at the request of MoDMR. An expert committee headed by the Director General, BNNC formed by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, with Line Director, National Nutrition Services (NNS) as Member Secretary and experts from UN, academia and research organizations as members. The committee reviewed the existing food basket, assessed food/nutrient requirements for different age and target groups during disaster, and proposed a nutritionally balanced food package for disaster affected people. For full document : [Click here](#)

Multi-sectoral Nutrition Surveillance System Guideline

With the advent of Covid-19, it appeared as a priority to have a functional Multi-sectoral Nutrition Surveillance System in the country. Establishing the MNSS is one of the key commitments made by Honorable Prime Minister during the N4G Summit held in Tokyo in 2021. Consequently, BNNC with the relevant stakeholders developed a guideline for establishing the Multi-sectoral Nutrition Surveillance System through Monitoring, Evaluation and Research platform. The guideline clearly depicts the present scenario and recommends the possible ways to establish a functional MNSS. The guideline proposes the data collection from three different phases, namely- Short term, Medium term and Long term with the specified sentinels. It is strongly recommended that MNSS should be institutionalized and be housed in BNNC for the multisectoral nature of the system to make it functional and effective. Ministry of Finance has been advocated to be part of the system as a prime stakeholder. For full document : [Click here](#)

Operational Research Strategy for Nutrition

An operational and implementation research strategy under NPAN2 was developed and published by BNNC. The strategy was developed in close collaboration with the SUN academia network. A workshop was held on 4 March 2020 to disseminate and validate the findings of an assessment of research gaps in Bangladesh, where SUN Country Focal person and additional secretary of MoHFW, Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman, attended as the chief guest. Bangladesh is hereby fulfilling one of its three commitments to Global SUN, making it the first country globally to do so. For full document: [Click here](#)



Photo: Workshop on Development of Nutrition Operational Research Strategy for Nutrition

Special Publication on the eve of Mujib Year: Achievement of BNNC

"Mujib Year" has been observed from March 2020 to March 2021 to mark the birth centenary of Father of the Nation. Numerous activities to commemorate the centenary birth anniversary of Bangabandhu have been undertaken by BNNC. On 23 September, 2021 in Radison Blu, nutrition focal points from 22 Ministries along with development partners participated in the event. Honorable Health Minister Zahid Maleque MP graced the occasion as Chief Guest while honorable Senior Secretary, MoHFW, Director General of Health Services along with other dignitaries from different ministries and DGHS were also present. A special publication on BNNC's achievement since 1975 till now "Bangladesh National Nutrition Council: towards improved nutrition" was unveiled in this event.



Photo: Event of Special Publication on the eve of Mujib Year: Achievement of BNNC in Radison Blu, Dhaka

Major Achievements (July 2022-June 2023)

National Nutrition Week 2023 Observed

National Nutrition Week (NNW) 2023 was observed countrywide from 7-14 (instead of 23 April-29th April) June 2023 to commemorate the formation of Bangladesh's National Nutrition Council in 1975 by the Father of the Nation.



Photo: Inauguration of National Nutrition Week 2023 observation

The decision to celebrate NNW was taken at the first meeting of the revitalized BNNC on 13 August 2017 with Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina as Chair. Under the leadership of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the Institute of Public Health and Nutrition and Bangladesh's National Nutrition Council, NNW was celebrated. The theme of 2023 National nutrition week was - "মজবুত হলে পুষ্টির ভিত, স্মার্ট বাংলাদেশ হবে নিশ্চিত". The NNW 2023 was observed country wide through rallies, discussions, different programs on day wise thematic areas, with participation from government and non-government officials, representatives from civil society both in national and at the sub national level. Other events included cooking competition, nutrition fair, school and courtyard meetings.

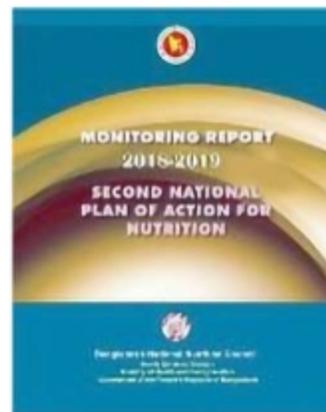
Monitoring, Evaluation & Research Platform :

In 12th M&E platform meeting, held in September 15 at the Hotel Sarina, Banani, Dhaka. Syed Mojibul Huq, Additional Secretary (PH wing), Ms Kazi Zebunnessa Begum, Additional Secretary (WH wing) was present as special guests. The meeting was presided by Dr Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General Bangladesh. The agenda was to discuss about the i) Monitoring report of the NPAN2, Nutrition status of the U5 children, mother of the U5 children, Adolescent girls before and after the Covid-19. and discussion on establishing the Multisectoral Nutrition Surveillance System. The key findings of the annual draft Monitoring & Evaluation report 2020-21 and the draft findings of the Covid-19 study were shared with the participants.

Additionally, this has been one of the key commitments from Honorable Prime Minister during the N4G Summit, in 2021, therefore, BNNC along with HSD WH wing, took the initiatives to establish the budget tracking system. Consequently, HSD -WH wing in collaboration with BNNC, invited the relevant stakeholders for a consultative workshop held at Hotel FARS on 23rd June 2022. The workshop identified six key Ministries initially to start with and MoF was requested to send letter to the selected ministries.

Annual Monitoring Report of NPAN2 for 2020-21

The third Monitoring report 2020-21 of NPAN2 was prepared under the leadership of BNNC. The report presents an overview of progress made against all priority indicators set in NPAN2 and across sectors. It also outlines a budgetary analysis with recommendations for funding. BNNC continued its efforts to improve the nutrition governance both at national and sub-national level during the reporting period by improving horizontal (inter-sectoral coordination with various line ministries, platform meetings, executive committee and standing technical committee, SUN Networks, etc.) and horizontal and vertical coordination (with DNCCs and UNCCs); advocacy for resource mobilization (internal and external), developing monitoring system to monitor the functionality of sub-national committees and advocacy plan for high visibility for nutrition, etc.



Multisectoral Urban Nutrition Strategy

The first meeting of the Technical Working Group on formulation of 'Multisectoral Urban Nutrition Strategy'.



Photo: Meeting of TWG on formulation of 'Multisectoral Urban Nutrition at BNNC office

Meeting with DNCC to observe subnational activities

A team from Bangladesh National Nutrition Council led by DG, BNNC visited in Rangpur and Nilphamari district in order to observe the functionality of the DNCC and UNCC. The committees of the areas are being supported by the JANO project with to implement their nutrition activities.



Photo: Meeting with DNCC to observe subnational activities

Different departments presented their work progress according to the workplans in this meeting. DG, BNNC provided the practical directions to the committees to make DNCC/UNCC more functional. Team of BNNC also visited the Ramnagar Union Parishad and observed the UDCC activities with the help of JANO project. They prepared their union nutrition workplan and implementing them with different activities including bill boards with nutrition messages, nutrition garden and SBCC materials, etc.

ToT for Divisional Multisectoral Resource Team

In order to activate the DNCC and UNCC across the country, the DMRT was formed to trained up as master trainer from the Divisional level to facilitate the DNCC and UNCC members for appropriate functioning of the committees. To establish the nutrition governance across the country, it is very necessary to activate the DNCC and UNCC and make them accountable.



Photo: ToT for Divisional Multisectoral Resource Team in Dhaka

The member of the DMRT will be focusing on how to make nutrition action Plan aligning with the APA of the relevant departments, engagement of the communities, civil society, media and how to monitor the activities of the committees. BNNC has conducted this TOT of the DMRT members in Chottagram, Mymensingh, Sylhet, Rangpur, Barishal and Khulna division.

Media advocacy

Media has been identified one of the key important hands out of twelve target groups for advocacy in the Advocacy Strategy made by BNNC. Involvement of media to raise awareness in mass people and to make policy makers more sensitive in nutrition issues is fundamental part of nutrition governance. Bangladesh National Nutrition Council has taken a very time needed initiative to involve media through a project name CRAAIN with the help of EU, Concern worldwide. Under this project to strengthen the role of media in nutrition governance Bangladesh National Nutrition Council Prepared a training module with the help of EU, concern world, SOMASHT (Society for media & suitable human communication techniques). Under this program 10 journalists got fellowship during this process. Desk review, focus group discussion & training need assessment by specialist were done during the process. module was prepared in light of result, Data & information, recommendations collected from the assessment. Aim of the module is to raise nutrition knowledge, capacity building to improve quality & quantity of nutrition related news, positive influence to policy making area through advocacy. Good nutrition policy, plan, initiatives, budget that reflect public need, establishing accountability are the biproduct of Good nutrition governance.

Knowledge sharing program in Vietnam

In recent years, as Vietnam has made a substantial improvement in nutrition indicators through its National Institute for Nutrition, BNNC has been contemplating to learn the experiences in regards to programs and policies that Vietnam has experienced through its journey. However, the knowledge sharing between both of the countries would help moving forward in establishing bilateral collaboration. In this context, BNNC visited the National Institute for Nutrition (NIN) Vietnam & Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Science (VAAS) with its officials in order to facilitate learning experiences, sustainability and collaboration in future between two countries.



Photo: Participation of BNNC members in Knowledge sharing program in Vietnam

Meeting with National Institute for Nutrition (NIN)

The first meeting was held with NIN, Vietnam at NIN's conference room. Vice Director of NIN Associate Prof. Truong Tuyet Mai, MD. PhD greeted group-2 with her team. BNNC group-2 was led by Director General of BNNC Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir. At first NIN gave a brief presentation on their institutional history, their working policies, overall nutritional status of the country, scientific research, trainings, Nutritional network coordination, international cooperation's. After that representative from SHiFT gave a brief presentation on the Vietnam adolescent nutrition and food environment in Vietnam. Then BNNC gave their presentation about their council foundation history, their working & service policies, overall nutritional status of Bangladesh.



Photo: Meeting with BNNC members and NIN

After the presentations brief discussion occurred on the micronutrient supplement services in Bangladesh and Vietnam, including the micronutrient status and how Vietnam government were supplying the micronutrients among the pregnant women. NIN appreciated the micronutrient supplement services of Bangladesh. After the meeting NIN gave BNNC team a short tour of their activity centers such as training centers, patient consultation center, vaccination corner, pharmacy etc. Picture can be placed from both groups

Meeting with Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Science (VAAS)

VAAS mainly works under the Ministry of Agriculture and rural Development and has been promoting high scientific technological research, technology transfer, international co-operation, post graduate training, consultancy and to provide services in agriculture and rural areas for management requirements in agriculture and rural development.

The meeting with VAAS was held at VASS's conference room. Before the meeting BNNC team visited the agricultural scientific nursery by the technical support of SHiFT.

The team observed the scientific cultivation methods of different fruits & vegetable without using any artificial means, so that the country could grow more nutritious crops, fruits and vegetable with low cost. BNNC team also visited the museum of VAAS. Vice President Dr. Dao The Anh greeted BNNC team with his team. BNNC and VAAS gave their presentation to understand the modalities of activities, implementation strategies and best practices. The discussion focused on the micronutrient supplementation, food fortification, food & nutrition security, supply chain management, inclusion of last mile farmers into the market system with a focus on healthy and diversity of diets in Bangladesh and Vietnam.



Photo: Meeting with BNNC members and VAAS

Lesson Learnings

From NIN

1. Mechanism of coordination and other priorities for nutrition led by Ministry of Health.
2. Research on nutritional requirements and Dietary intake of Vietnamese people, Food and nutrition surveillance, nutrition epidemiology studies and other nutrition related health problems
3. Research on nutritive values and health aspects of Vietnamese foods, research on food hygiene and food safety.
4. NIN also highlighted the importance of developing the food based dietary guidelines for Vietnamese people.
5. Assessment of nutritional status and dietary intake of Vietnamese people in different ecological regions, every year and or a period.
6. Establishing the dietary allowances and food based dietary guidelines for Vietnamese people and the development of a Nutrition Policy in Vietnam (updated in 2006).

7. Developing and updating the food analysis data, establishing the Vietnamese Nutritive Composition Table (update 2007).
8. Implementation of National Nutrition Strategy (NNS). National focal point for nutrition coordination of Protein Energy Malnutrition Program (PEM) and micronutrient deficiencies (Vitamin A and iron deficiency control programs).
9. Implementation of nutrition education and nutrition surveillance activities. Institutional collaboration.
10. The NIN has set up cooperative relationship with such international agencies as UNICEF, WHO, FAO, The Netherlands Government, ADB, WB, ILSI as well as many Non-Governmental Organizations and other research institutions/ Universities.

From VAAS:

1. Promoting high scientific technological research, technology transfer and international cooperation.
2. Post graduate training.
3. VAAS highlighted recent issues regarding agriculture, market transformation & farmers inclusion.
4. VAAS fosters the post graduate education and high throughput research in the field of agriculture and food security.
5. VAAS promotes with the provision of penetrating the comprehensive market system as well as exporting products globally.
6. International cooperation in research technology transfer.
7. Plant breeding and agricultural biotechnology

World Breast Feeding Week-2022

Director General of Bangladesh National Nutrition Council Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir. Mr. Zahid Malek, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare was the Chief Guest in the event.



Photo: Inauguration ceremony of World Breast Feeding Week-2022

Establishing Financial Budget Tracking System

Consultative Workshop on Establishing Financial Budget Tracking System for Nutrition (FTS4N) in Bangladesh.



Photo: Workshop on Establishing Financial Budget Tracking System for Nutrition (FTS4N)

International Nutrition Olympiad (INO)

Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General, Bangladesh National Nutrition Council graced the Inauguration of Online Registration of International Nutrition Olympiad (INO) 2022 as the Special Guest. The program was held on 1-2 October, 2022.



Photo: Inauguration ceremony of International Nutrition Olympiad (INO)

Technical Workshop on Nutrition Policy

Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General, Bangladesh National Nutrition Council has attended the Technical Workshop on Nutrition Policy as the Chair.



Photo: Technical Working Group Workshop on Nutrition Policy

Development of Operational Framework for N4G Commitment

The 8th Meeting of Nutrition Sensitive Platform and Workshop on Formulation of 'Operational Framework for N4G Commitment' was held in BNCC conference room on 1 September 2022.



Photo: Meeting of Nutrition Sensitive Platform and Formulation of 'Operational Framework for N4G

Mid-term review of NPAN2 (2016-2025)

Workshop on determining the course of action of the task groups for midterm review. The workshop held on July 2022 in Six Seasons.



Photo: Workshop on Mid-term review of NPAN2

8th Standing Technical Committee meeting

Md. Anwar Hossain Howlader, Secretary, Health Services Division was attended as the chief guest; Kazi Zebunnesa Begum, Additional Secretary (World Health), Health Services Division and Manoj Kumar Roy, Additional Secretary (Admin), Health Services Division were the Special Guests in the meeting. The meeting was presided over by Syed Mojibul Haque, Additional Secretary (Public Health Division), Health Service Division of MoHFW.



Photo: Participants of 8th Standing Technical Committee meeting

Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN), Policy Dialogue

Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General, Bangladesh National Nutrition Council attended the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN), Policy Dialogue, 2022 as Special Guest.



Photo: Participants of Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN), Policy Dialogue

12th Meeting of the Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Platform.

The 12th meeting of the Nutrition Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Platform of the Second National Plan of Action for Nutrition (2016-2025) held on 15 September, 2022 in Hotel Sarina, Banani, Dhaka. Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General, Bangladesh National Nutrition Council was present as Chair.



Photo: Participants of 12th Meeting of the Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Platform

Developing a Sustainability Strategy for NIPU

Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General, Bangladesh National Nutrition Council has attended the Workshop on Developing a Sustainability Strategy for Nutrition Information and Planning Unit (NIPU) under National Nutrition Services (NNS) as the Special Guest.



Photo: Workshop on Developing a Sustainability Strategy for Nutrition Information System

Field visit : Urban Multi-sectoral Nutrition Strategy

Dr Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General of Bangladesh National Nutrition Council (BNNC) and few officials of BNNC visited the urban nutrition program of the municipality in Chadpur on 11 January 2023 as a part of the Urban Multi-sectoral Nutrition Strategy formulation, and exchanged views with the departments under the relevant ministries. Civil Surgeon, Chandpur, Municipal Mayor's representative, Upazila Health and Family Planning Officer, Sadar Chandpur and North Matlab and other officials of Municipal were present in the inspection of urban nutrition program.



Photo: Discussion meeting of Urban Multi-sectoral Nutrition Strategy with Kustia Municipality

Meeting on District Nutrition Coordination Committee and formulation of action plan in Bhola

A meeting of District Nutrition Coordination Committee was held in the conference room of the District Commissioner of Bhola was conducted. Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General of National Nutrition Council was present as the Chief Guest in the meeting. He emphasized on improving the nutritional status of workers especially women workers of Uttara EPZ located at Nilphamari district. Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) of Nilphamari District Administration presided over the meeting. Also, Dr. Jahangir Kabir, Civil Surgeon, Nilphamari, Ikhtiyar Uddin Khandkar, Director-Health, CARE Bangladesh and other representatives of ESDO, PLAN Bangladesh were present.



Photo: Meeting on District Nutrition Coordination Committee and formulation of action plan in Bhola

Visit in Community Clinic to observe nutrition services

Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General of Bangladesh National Nutrition Council and Dr. SM Mostafizur Rahman, line director, National Nutrition Service visited Purba Varni Community Clinic of Companiganj Upazila of Sylhet District on October 24, 2022. In the visit, they observed overall activities of the community clinic and routine nutrition services provided by Community Health Care Providers. A representative from Upazila Health Complex, Companyganj and representatives from Save the Children were also present along with the other officials of Bangladesh National Nutrition Council and National Nutrition Service.



Photo: Court yard meeting to observe nutrition services

TWG meeting on development of Multisectoral Urban Nutrition Strategy

Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General, Bangladesh National Nutrition Council as chairperson attended the workshop of TWG on development of Multisectoral Urban Nutrition Strategy on 18 January 2023 at the conference room of BNNC office. Officers from different ministries, different departments as well as NGOs were present there. Group works on Multisectoral Urban Nutrition Strategy was also performed and experts opinion on different themes for inclusion in the strategy was well found.



Photo: Participants of TWG meeting on development of Multisectoral Urban Nutrition Strategy

Meeting on District Nutrition Coordination Committee and formulation of action plan in Gazipur

District Nutrition Coordination Committee meeting and district nutrition action plan formulation workshop of Gazipur held on 8 November 2022. Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General, Bangladesh National Nutrition Council was the Chief Guest in the meeting. The event was chaired by Anisur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner of Gazipur district. Besides discussing the nutrition situation of Gazipur, hands-on training was also provided for preparing the annual nutrition action plan for this district.



Photo: Meeting on DNCC and formulation of action plan in Gazipur

AMAN Project Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting

A Project Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting of AMAN Project implemented by Nutrition International (NI) held On 12th, December, 2022. Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir, DG, BNNC was chief guest in the meeting.

Vivek Prakash and Lisanne Garceau-Bednar from High Commission of Canada, Dr. Md. Khalequzzaman, Associate Professor of BSMMU, Acting Line Director of NNS, Country Director of NI, Director of Health, Nutrition & Population Program, BRAC was also present in the meeting. Overview of AMAN project as well as the next one year annual work plan and project governance was discussed in the meeting.



Photo: Participants of AMAN Project Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting

BNNC Annual Workplan Review & Planning (2022-2023)

The annual workplan review and planning workshop (2022-2023) of BNNC conducted in Dream Square Resort, Gazipur, Dhaka from 17-18 December 2022. Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General, Bangladesh National Nutrition Council chaired the Workshop. Jakia Pervin, Joint Secretary (Per Wing), Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare was the special Guest of the workshop. Dr. Rasheda Sultana, Director, IPH was the special Guest of the workshop.



Photo: Participants of BNNC Annual Workplan Review & Planning (2022-2023)

8th Advocacy and Communication Platform meeting

The 8th Meeting of "Advocacy and Communication Platform of Second National Plan of Action for Nutrition (2016-2025)" was held in the Public Health Institute Conference Room on 29 January 2023. The program was presided over by the Hassan Shahriar Kabir, Director General of Bangladesh National Nutrition Council and Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (WH), Health Services Division and Syed Mujibul Haque, Additional Secretary (PH), Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

The workshop discussed the platform's action plan, publication of BNNC's newsletters and media advocacy, and various Government and development aid officials in attendance provided expert views.



Photo: Participants of 8th Advocacy and Communication Platform meeting

13th Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Platform meeting of NPAN2

The 13th meeting of the Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Platform of the Second National Plan of Action for Nutrition (2016-2025) was held in BNNC's Conference Room on 28 December 2022 and chaired by Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General, BNNC. Mr. Syed Mojibul Haque, Additional Secretary (Public Health Division), MoHFW was present as the Chief Guest. In the meeting, the progress of preparing monitoring report of NPAN2 (January 2020-December 2021) and the possibility of organizing an international conference on nutrition by the Bangladesh National Nutrition Council office was discussed.



Photo: 13th Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Platform meeting of NPAN2

Divisional Multisectoral Resource Team (DMRT) Orientation program

Divisional Multisectoral Resource Team (DMRT) Orientation program on 29 December, 2022 at Conference Room, Chattogram Circuit House. Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General, Bangladesh National Nutrition Council, attended as the special guest while Md. Ashraf Uddin, Divisional Commissioner, Chattogram attended as chief guest. Madhuri Banerjee, chief of Field Office, UNICEF, Chattogram was also present in the workshop. The programme was chaired by Dr. Md. Shakhawat Ullah, Divisional Director(Health), Chattogram. In the workshop, an exercise on making nutrition work plan as part of TOT was carried out by the officials of different departments.



Photo: Divisional Multisectoral Resource Team (DMRT) Orientation program in Chattogram Circuit House

9th STC Meeting of BNNC and workshop on mid-term review of NPAN2

The 9th meeting of the Standing Technical Committee of Bangladesh National Nutrition Council and the mid-term review of NPAN2 were held in CIRDAP, Dhaka on January 4, 2022. Md. Anwar Hossain Howlader, Secretary, Health Services Division; Kazi Zebunnessa Begum, Additional Secretary (WH), Health Services Division; Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General, Bangladesh National Nutrition Council were present in the meeting.



Photo: 9th STC Meeting of BNNC and workshop on mid-term review of NPAN2

GoB-Unicef Nutrition Programme Review & Planning Workshop

Bangladesh National Nutrition Council (BNNC) attended the two-day daylong Joint GoB-UNICEF Nutrition Programme Review & Planning Workshop. Dr. Hasan Shahriar Kabir, Director General, BNNC attended as Special Guest and Syed Mojibul Huq was the Chief Guest of the workshop. Divisional Directors from eight selected divisions and Civil Surgeons from selected districts attended in the workshop.



Photo: GoB-Unicef Nutrition Programme Review & Planning Workshop

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