



MINUTES OF MEETING | HEALTH AND WASH SECTOR COMBINED | 6th APRIL 2020

The second combined meeting for the Health and WASH sector group was held on the 6th of April 2020 at 3:30 pm through Zoom application interface with reference to COVID 19 preparedness and response. Meeting was chaired by Dr.Ritu from WHO. Agenda of the meeting and list of members that participated in the meeting is attached in the Annex 1 and 2.

KEY DISCUSSIONS

1. A briefing was done by health task group on the identified actions for CSOs and recommendations for health sector.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were presented and finalised.
3. It was informed that NITI Aayog has defined certain areas to work for CSOs.
4. Concern was raised pertaining to ongoing spread of virus that there would be high demand for space, medical staff and it was suggested that community level engagement can be done for the simple and moderate cases.
5. There is a need for adequate and good quality training for both medical and non medical staff, standardised guidelines, and protocols and procedures for hospitals to follow for prevention and control.
6. There was a concern regarding the medical facilities for regular patients that need regular treatments, such as TB patients etc.
7. It was shared that there is a confusion due to lots of guidelines from various agencies being updated regularly. Also, it was asked whether the government schemes can be extended to CSOs healthcare facilities.
8. States are coming up with schemes for social protection of vulnerable groups for which CSOs needs to be active for effective implementation.
9. Members were informed about COVID academy going to be launched soon which would provide a range of courses.
10. It was informed that large quarantine places, shelters can pose a threat and can affect a larger group. Technical groups are working on creation of standard PPE. However, but due to lockdown, challenges are being faced, DCP [Disease Commodity Packages] are not being fulfilled due to large scale virus outbreak.
11. Issue was raised for the non availability of basic healthcare facilities, accessibilities in semi urban and rural areas.
12. There is a need of training for police, frontline workers as they have maximum reach
13. It was asked to finalise the draft for the role of CSOs by inputs from the members.
14. It was informed that checks on infected people are going on through polio networks along with ministries and departments.
15. Briefing of Impact and expectations of advocacy notes was done and organisations were urged to volunteer for working, authoring the notes.
16. Concern was raised to define particular issues for CSOs coordination, resources it could entail, areas of work along with a feedback mechanism and managing of clusters even after lockdown reopens.
17. It was suggested to form a small group to make an effective interface between the health group and empowered groups of NITI Ayog.



18. There is a need for directions for financial assistance for the CSOs both in rural and urban areas along with guidelines to be a part of empowered groups.

KEY ACTIONS

1. A document will be shared by Doctors For You for preparing manpower, to work on guidelines and home care for patients.
2. HIV Alliance India will inform about state partners so as to have a wider outreach.
3. Access to COVID academy courses and training will be provided soon through Sphere India.
4. WaterAid India shared an online campaign strategy to create awareness to farthest corners.
5. URS matrix will be shared among CSOs so that larger coordination can be done.
6. Health Task group formed earlier volunteered to support development of advocacy notes.

ANNEX 1- AGENDA OF MEETING

1. Sharing of info:
 - a. Update on crisis and response.
2. Inputs from technical working group
3. Way forward
4. Inputs on advocacy notes.
5. AOB

ANNEX 2- LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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1.	Dr.Ritu	WHO
2.	Dr.Ravikant	DOCTORS FOR YOU
3.	Dr.Sunil	HEALTH EXPERT
4.	Akhilesh	RED R
5.	Delhi Rose	OXFAM
6.	Marije	UNICEF
7.	Dr.Rita	ALLIANCE INDIA
8.	Dr.Carel	WVI
9.	Pawan	WVI
10.	Pratibha	CHILD FUND
11.	Ranjan	TATA TRUST
12.	Satyanarayan	TDH



13.	Satya	TDH
14.	Kyra	TDH
15.	Raman	WATER AID
16.	Shem	EHA
17.	Roy	ESAF
18.	Sebastian	IGSSS
19.	Anchal	
20.	Subir	
21.	Vikrant	Sphere India
22.	Eilia	Sphere India
23.	Paritosh	Sphere India
24.	Vaibhav	Sphere India