TRACK 20 FP2020

INDIA

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Location: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Family Planning Division

Length of Posting: Since July 2014

M&E Officer's position is funded by: Track20 pays the salary of all M&E Officers. There are plans to hire a second national M&E officer (making a total of four M&E officers in India) and Track20 will also pay that person's salary.

Background

India's family planning program is led by a strong national government through the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW). They work closely with their 36 states to implement the national family planning program. M&E Officers support national statistics and data gathering, but also participate in regular field visits to states and reviews of state programs on behalf of the government's RMNCH+A activities.

Dr. Y. P. Gupta was hired in January 2014 to provide overall management of the Track20 team in India and has primary responsibility for the review and preparation of the data for the annual FP2020 report. Track20 directly supports Dr. Gupta and the three M&E officers in India through Y.G. Consultants & Services (P) Ltd. The organization of Track20 in India reflects the way family planning is managed and implemented in the country, with a focus on "high-priority" states where reproductive, maternal, and child health indicators are lagging. At the national level, the M&E Officer provides direct support to the offices of the Deputy Commissioner, in charge, Family Planning, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. S.K. Sikdar, (FP2020 Focal Point), and the Deputy Commissioner Family Planning, Dr. Teja Ram, with primary responsibilities for logistics management. Two M&E Officers support the state-level monitoring work of family planning in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar through the Technical Support Units.

Highlights of the M&E Officer's Work

Government is invested in data and has been routinely requesting Track20 data from the M&E Officer. The last DHS survey was completed in 2007 so the Government of India (GOI) routinely asks the M&E Officer for Track20 data in order to monitor and evaluate program progress. As the M&E Officer sits in the MOHFW, he regularly interacts with other members of the monitoring program and sees the FP Manager regularly. He is also regularly invited to meetings where data is on the agenda.

- A rapid survey was designed by the M&E Officer for use in 6 high focus states where TFR is relatively higher and contraceptive prevalence rate is low. Presently, it has been carried out in 10 representative districts of Uttar Pradesh to provide a state-level estimate. Data collection has just been completed and data is being reviewed for further analysis. Preliminary results are available.
- The M&E Officer assessed the performance of the ASHAs in delivering information about birth spacing. Primary data was collected from the field in 5 states.

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- The M&E Officer conducted analysis of the decline in the government provision of condoms, EC, and oral pills. This analysis lead to a revision of the government packaging of these commodities. It was determined that government commodities were in unattractive packaging.
- M&E Officers in Bihar and UP conducted the first consensus meetings in these states which brought together for the first time the state health societies, donors, and technical partners to review both state-specific goals and performance on the FP2020 indicators.
- At the national level, a consensus meeting was held to review India's goals for FP2020 with a focus on the national plan's objective of reducing unmet need by 50% by 2020. The office of the Deputy Commissioner will use the finalized goals and performance indicators to internally monitor the progress of high priority states. Review of logistics data indicated a pressing need for monitoring stock status beyond the warehouse levels in these states.

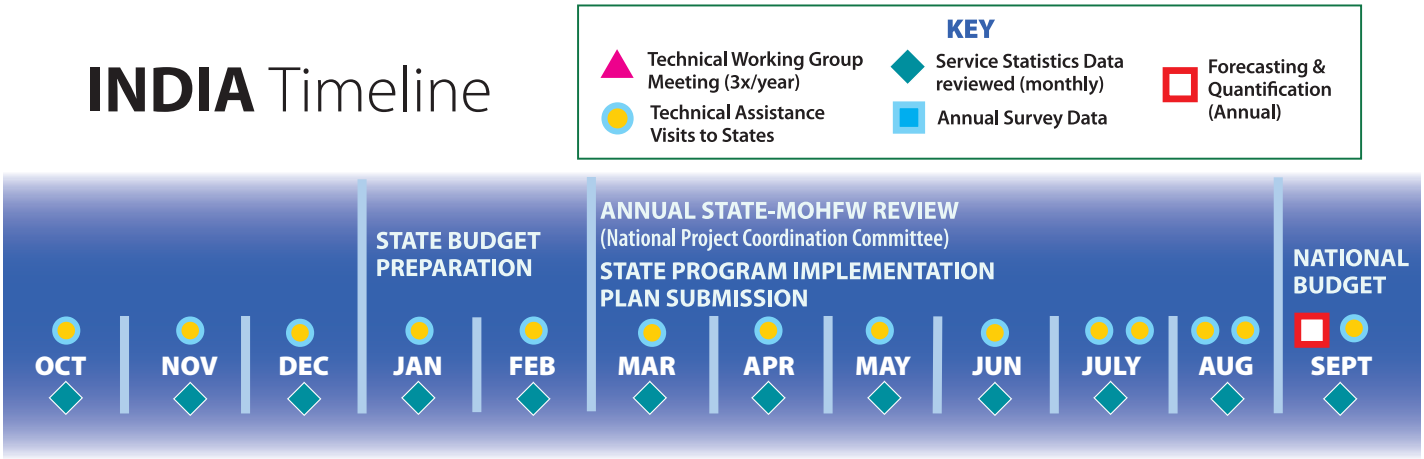
2015-2016 Priorities

Key activities that the M&E Officer will be taking on in the coming year will be to:

- Monitor and assess FP performance through service statistics and survey data.
- Monitor the supply chain to address stock outs at the ASHA and facility levels and evaluating the options provided by the system currently in use in Odissha.
- Prepare demand estimates for annual FP procurement requirements.
- Evaluate performance on the expansion of methods available for spacing in the public sector and incorporating available evidence from the private sector at the state level.
- Review State programs to determine program progress and budgeting requirements.
- Develop Rapid Assessment Survey tool.

Activities

The following represents an indicative picture of the range of activities where data is collected, analyzed, and then disseminated to partners, including key opportunities for FP decision makers to use the data for program design and performance management.



SURVEY DATA:
DHS (2007), National Survey Data, District Level Household Survey, Annual Health Survey

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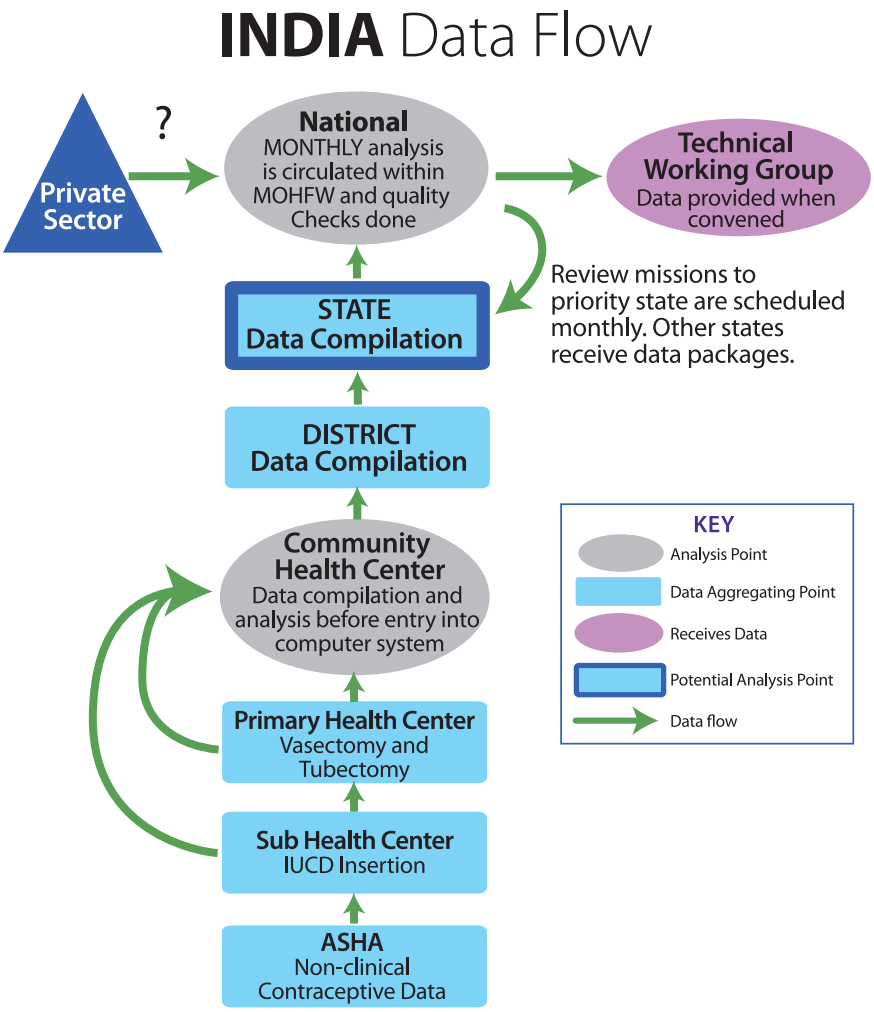
Currently, as no national level survey estimates are available after the DLHS 2007, the M&E Officer is asked to provide projections through making estimates with Track20 data. During annual program review meetings with each state government, called the National Project Coordination Committee, service statistics and available survey data are reviewed together to measure performance and next year's program activities and budgeting.