



Inter Sectoral Convergence

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Convergence

- A process - that facilitates different functionaries and community to work together for efficient service delivery
- Convergence -
 - Time saving
 - Helps in building rapport
 - Increases efficiency
 - Reduces workload
 - Sharing of ideas
 - Trustworthy



Why Convergence?

- Vertical nature of programs
- Loosing focus on primary health care
- Need to ensure unity of purpose
- Provide directionality
- Promote team work



How ISC Helps?

- More participative
- Implies commitment
- Economizes efforts
- Improves quality of work
- Avoid duplication and wastage
- Optimizes output



Types of Convergence

- Within the department – Intra-sectoral
- Between the department
- Inter-sectoral coordination
- Intra-sectoral coordination



Inter-Sectoral coordination: Constraints

- At the Knowledge level
 - Program goals and implementation in isolation
- At the Attitudinal level
 - Power conflicts and egos related to programs
- At the Practice level
 - Unaware about mechanism of operations



Pre-requisites of Effective Coordination

- Leadership style and willingness
- Health policies and priorities
- Sharing of a common vision and perspective
- Defining role & responsibilities of participatory agencies
- Participatory decision making



- Developing informal contacts with involved groups
- Learning more about quality of services
- Spelling out strategies and procedures
- Conducting joint monitoring and evaluation
- Taking remedial measures in solving problems related to coordination

Activities of Health Department



- Supply of safe water
- Excreta disposal and refuse disposal
- Waste water disposal
- Maternal and child health
- Family welfare & immunization
- Prevention and control of locally endemic diseases
- Health education on prevailing health problems.



Coordination Mechanism

- **Listing** out programmes
- **Identifying** areas
- **Knowing** categories of health personnel
- **Locating** the level of health systems
- **Forming** coordination committee of members
- **Forming** of operation teams



Interdepartmental Convergence

Convergence with...

- WCD
- Water and sanitation
- Education Department
- National Blindness Control Programme



Convergence with WCD

Convergence issues:

- Women and Children's Health
- Women's empowerment, gender and equity
- Nutrition, Health & Women's Empowerment
 - Joint formulation of BCC strategies, materials, and messages,
 - Operational strategies for joint planning
 - Development of joint MIS
 - Identification of functional areas



Issues between WCD and Health

To reduce-

- Low birth weight
- IMR, high morbidity and under nutrition during infancy
- Under five mortality rates & high under nutrition rates
- Anemia
- Ensure universal access to iodized salt by 2010
- Tackle over-nutrition and disease risks



Synergy between ANM, ASHA & AWW

A. Safe Abortion Services

- AWW, and ASHA may help in safe abortion services
- ANM can refer them to the appropriate facility for MTP and contraception

B. Antenatal Care

- ANM provides ANC
- AWW provides Food supplements to pregnant women



C. Convergence: on the health & nutrition days

- AWW & ASHA can bring all pregnant women to AW & weigh them
- Decision regarding place of delivery
- ASHA can help the woman to access emergency care in complications during delivery
- Identify those weighing less than 2 kg and refer them to CHC for care
- ASHA and PRI can facilitate emergency referral for neonate



D. Declining sex ratio

- Counsel those women who have 2 or more girls
- Village women /AWW/ASHA persuade women for hospital delivery to reduce female infanticide

E. Low Birth Weight

- AWW to report all births in village
- Weigh all neonates delivered at home soon after birth and
- Refer those weighing less than 2.2 kg to a hospital with a pediatrician



Convergence with Water and Sanitation

- **Total sanitation campaign (TSC).**
 - Construction of individual household latrines
 - Hygiene education, and rural sanitary marts

- **The village health & sanitation committee (VHSC)**
 - Responsible for planning, monitoring and implementation



Involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions

- Monitoring and supervising the services of health
- Sensitized and oriented towards issues relating to women
- Reproductive health issues, child health issues, family planning and gender
- Responsible for the selection of ASHA



Convergence with Education Department

- Inclusion of educational material for formal and non formal education
- Involvement of various agencies and all zilla saksharata samitis in IEC activities
- Involving school teachers ,health workers and children for awareness programmes

Convergence with National Blindness Control Programme



Develop a strategic plan to address –

- The refractory errors
- Eye related problems of children & adolescents



Thank You

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