



The Journey
of
Mid-term Appraisal (MTA)

August 4, 2016

Goals & Objectives of NACP-IV



Goal

Accelerate Reversal. Integrate Response.

Objectives

Objective 1: Reduce new infections by 50% (2007
Baseline of NACP III)

Objective 2: Comprehensive care, support &
treatment to all persons living with
HIV/AIDS



Five-Pronged Strategies under NACP-IV



Prevention

- Targeted Interventions with peer-led approach for high risk & vulnerable groups
- Condom promotion, treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infections, linkages
- Blood Safety, HIV counseling & Testing, PPTCT, Mainstreaming

IEC & Behaviour Change

- Increasing awareness about HIV transmission & prevention among high risk & general pop.
- Behaviour Change Communication
- Demand Generation for HIV/AIDS Services

Treatment Services

- Free Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART)
- Treatment of Opportunistic Infections including Tuberculosis
- Psychosocial support to HIV infected and affected persons & families

Institutional Strengthening

- Building capacities at national, state, district and facility levels
- Project & Financial Management, Supply Chain Management

Strengthening Strategic Information Management Systems

- Surveillance, Research, Programme Monitoring, Data Analysis & Dissemination

Context

- ▶ The NACP IV has now reached the mid-point and witnessed remarkable successes as well as challenges.
- ▶ It was felt it is important to review the progress and experience of NACP IV and to make midcourse corrections to the programme and also to deliberate upon the long terms recommendations that can feed into NACP V program design.
- ▶ The HIV program in India have set precedence of conducting such reviews in past that reflects its openness for self-evaluation and the recommendations drawn from such reviews are appropriately considered under the program.
- ▶ This MTA is a unique exercise wherein all partners of NACO had come together to review the progress made by the NACP IV.
- ▶ MTA ensured the active engagement and involvement of the development partners of NACO as well as select SACS, technical experts, community members, civil society organizations, representatives from MoHFW and other stakeholders.

Objectives of the MTA

- To review the progress made by the NACP IV and to document the achievements of the programme.
 - To identify the opportunities and challenges of the programme with a view to sustain AIDS response in India.
 - To advise and offer recommendations for the planning of NACP V in the context of the international goals stated for the 2030 and the India's Commitments to SDG.
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Methodology & Processes adopted:

- ▶ Planning Meetings
- ▶ Formation of Steering Committee (SC) & Meetings
- ▶ Formation of Technical Sub-Committee (TSC) & Meetings
- ▶ Common Briefing Meeting
- ▶ Field Visits to five States
- ▶ Debriefing Meeting
- ▶ Consolidation of Field Visit Reports
- ▶ Presentation to the NACO & Steering Committee
- ▶ Review by members of SC & TSCs
- ▶ Dissemination



Planning Meetings

- ▶ Articulated & finalized the objectives of MTA
- ▶ Deliberated on the Key Activities & Timeline
- ▶ Discussed on the support to various activities of MTA
- ▶ Suggested on the formation of Steering Committee (SC) and Technical Sub Committees (TSC) appraisal methodology etc.
- ▶ Identified Key Focal Point and Conveners of TSC
- ▶ Selection of districts and States for field visits
- ▶ Finalization of time duration for field visits



Formation of Steering Committees



- ▶ To provide strategic direction and oversight to the MTA activities
- ▶ To review the recommendations presented by the Technical Sub Committees
- ▶ To provide direction regarding the financial support to MTA

SC Members

- ▶ Sh. N S Kang, Secretary & DG, NACO (Chairman)
- ▶ Sh. Manoj Jhalani, Joint Secretary (Policy), MOHFW
- ▶ Dr. C V Dharma Rao, Joint Secretary, NACO
- ▶ Dr. Henk Bekedam, WHO India Representative/ Dr. Nicole Seguyn,
- ▶ Dr. Sameh El-Saharty, The World Bank
- ▶ Mr. Oussama Tawil, UNAIDS Country Coordinator
- ▶ Dr. Pauline Harvey, Head, DGHA/CDC/ Dr. David Nelson, CDC
- ▶ Mr. Perry Mwangala, Fund Portfolio Manager – India, The Global Fund
- ▶ Mr. Xerxes Sidwa, Director, USAID
- ▶ Dr. Sundar Sundararaman, AIDS Research Foundation of India (ARFI) / Senior HIV/AIDS Advisor
- ▶ Dr. K Sudhakar, Senior HIV/AIDS Advisor
- ▶ Dr. Smarajit Jana, Chief Advisor, Durbar Mahila Samiti (DMS)

Key Players of MTA

- ▶ Development Partners
- ▶ Community Representatives
- ▶ Technical Experts
- ▶ Civil Society Organizations
- ▶ Representatives from other Government departments
- ▶ NACO/SACS



Formation of Technical Sub-Committees



Sl. No	Technical Sub-Committee	Thematic Areas Covered	Conveners	Team Leads
1	Prevention	Targeted Intervention, HIV testing including PPTCT, STIs & Blood Transfusion services	Dr. Neeraj Dhingra, DDG, NACO	Dr. Sameh El-Saharty, World Bank Mr. Oussama Tawil, UNAIDS
2	Care, Support & Treatment	Care and Support to PLHIV including stigma and discrimination ; ART & Clinical Management and HIV/TB Coordination	Dr. R S Gupta, DDG, NACO	Dr. Nicole Seguyn, WHO
3	Institutional Strengthening & Cross Cutting	Capacity building, M&E, Lab services, IEC, NTSU/TSU & DAPCU	Dr. Naresh Goel, DDG, NACO	Ms. Alka Narang, UNDP
4	Finance & Procurement	Finance & Procurement	Dr. Ajay Chauhan, Director (Finance), NACO Ms. Alka Ahuja, Deputy Secretary, NACO	Mr. Dan Rosan, CDC



Terms of Reference for the Technical Sub-Committee



- To take a stock of efforts undertaken in NACP IV and earlier phases in terms of coverage, quality of interventions, gaps, constraints, etc in respect of the goals and objectives set in NACP IV.
- Identify barriers in the implementation of the prevention and control strategies and thereby suggest possible solutions.
- Take into account the international call for 2030 goals, technical strategy changes, fulfillment of the international commitments and national commitments in terms of SDGs.
- Suggest practical goals, objectives and strategies for NACP V keeping in view the above and also the financial resource availability.
- Suggest changes in the infrastructure at various levels of implementation in line with proposed strategies and availability of resources.



TSC & Thematic Sub-Group Meetings



- ▶ Team Lead/district rapporteur were selected.
- ▶ Members of the Group for development of Issues paper and Tools were finalized.
- ▶ Members for development of Report for each sub thematic components were finalized.
- ▶ Draft Tool and a document highlighting issues and key questions were circulated by the lead for inputs from the members of the group.
- ▶ The list of people for field visit was prepared.
- ▶ Online discussions through emails were held to finalize the tools and other aspects.
- ▶ Technical reviews.

Briefing Meeting

- ▶ Presented the overview of MTA,
- ▶ Presented the component wise programmatic achievements and challenges,
- ▶ Presented the field visit plan,
- ▶ Orientations to tools and templates



Details of the Districts and States for field

Phase	Dates of Field Visit	States visited	Districts visited	Focal Points
I	30 May – 04 June 2016	Manipur	Imphal & Churachandpur	Dr. Bitra George, FHI 360
		Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur & Varanasi	Dr. Naresh Goel, NACO
II	06 - 11 June 2016	Maharashtra	Sangli & Nagpur	Dr. Ajay Chauhan, NACO
		Punjab	Amritsar & Patiala	Dr. R. S. Gupta, NACO
		Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore & Madurai	Ms. Alka Ahuja, NACO





Field Visit Activities

- ▶ Meeting with the Project Director and other officials of SACS and DAPCU
- ▶ Meeting with the Community and Community Based Organizations,
- ▶ Meeting with key stakeholders (health administration, district administration, police, Nehru Yuva Kendra, religious leaders etc.)
- ▶ Visit to districts and facilities (Centre of Excellence-CoEs; ART centres; Community Support centres- CSCs; ICTC; PPTCT; Drop-in-centres; STI clinics; blood banks; medical colleges and hospitals; youth and adult education on HIV/AIDS centres; DAPCU and other implementation sites)
- ▶ Preparation of district wise report
- ▶ Debriefing meeting with SACS



Debriefing Meeting

- ▶ Presented the State-wise key observations during the field visits
- ▶ Presentation of the thematic reports



Report Writing

- ▶ Preparation of Draft Thematic Reports
 - ▶ Development of summary report
 - ▶ Review by Steering Committee & Feedback from Community and Civil Society Organizations
 - ▶ Preparation of detailed report
 - ▶ Internal review and comments at NACO
 - ▶ Vetting by the members of Steering Committee
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- ▶ Finalisation of the report

Report Content

- ▶ Introduction, Achievements & Context
- ▶ Methodology
- ▶ Observations & Recommendations (Long term & Short term)
- ▶ Discussion & Next Steps





Sequence of MTA Activities (5 months)

Sl. no	Activity	Dates
1	Planning Meeting	3 March & 2 May 2016
2	Steering Committee Meeting	12 April & 5 th July 2016
3	Technical Sub-Committee Meetings	April & May 2016
4	Common Briefing Meeting	27-28 May 2016
5	Field Visits	30 May – 11 June 2016
6	Debriefing Meeting	13-14 June 2016
7	Consolidation of Field Visit Reports	15-22 June 2016
8	Presentation to the NACO	22 June 2016
9	Presentation to Steering Committee	5 July 2016
10	Dissemination	4 August 2016



Development partners that supported the various MTA activities

- ▶ CDC
- ▶ UNAIDS
- ▶ UNDP
- ▶ USAID
- ▶ WHO

- ▶ **TECHNICAL SUPPORT:** BMGF, CDC, CHAI, THE GLOBAL FUND, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNICEF, USAID, WHO, THE WORLD BANK,



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