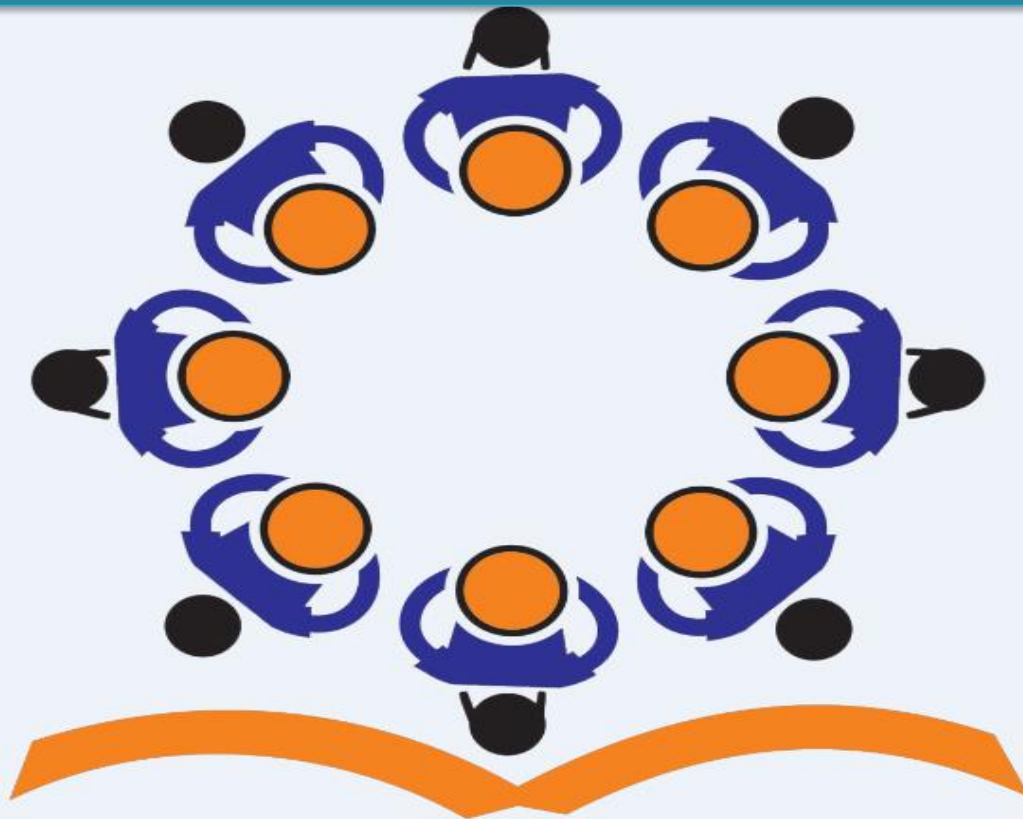




Jharkhand State Food Commission

Study of Mid-day-meal Scheme in Jharkhand



Mid Day Meal Scheme

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Topic of our study

- Implementation status of Mid-Day-Meal Scheme
- issues with the implementation.
- status of the delivery of entitlements.
- status of transparency and accountability measures.
- issues in grievance redressal mechanism.

Introduction

- In Jharkhand MDM is served to 32,09,960 children 41,016 schools.
- It aims at increasing school attendance; provide nutrition to children and increase social cohesion.
- The National Food Security Act, 2013 entitles every child in the age group of 6 to 14 years; studying in classes I to VIII to hot cooked meal free of charge in all government and government-aided schools on all school days.

Methodology

- We began by analyzing the rules and notifications, guidelines and orders issued time to time by the Government of India and Government of Jharkhand. From these we learned about the provisions, entitlements, implementation, transparency and accountability mechanism and institutional structure for the MDM scheme.
- To identify issues in the implementation process we visited various stakeholders involved in the process; households of beneficiaries, DSE, DSO, BEEEO, MDM Division of Department of School Education and Literacy, at the state level. We made field visits to Bishunpur block of Gumla district and Chhatarpur and Lesliganj blocks of Palamau district.

Observations and Findings

- Food grains
- Funds
- Supplementary Nutrition
- Infrastructure
- Monitoring
- Grievance redressal
- Awareness

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Recommendations

Food grains:

- Estimation of quantity of food grain based on the highest average monthly attendance in previous year.
- Stock of food grains at block level.
- Disbursement of food grains at Panchayat level through government employed dealer.
- Introduction of millets into the menu of MDMS

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Funds:

- many schools purchase supplies for MDM from local shops on credit, such cases should be investigated immediately and their accounts should be settled
- A ‘Green Channel Scheme’ similar to that of Andhra Pradesh should be adopted

Supplementary Nutrition:

- Funds for supplementary nutrition should be increased to Rs. 5 per egg from Rs. 4 per egg.
- Poultry farming by SHGs should be promoted so that perishable food items like eggs are locally available.
- Iron folic acid tablets should be distributed.

Infrastructure:

- Infrastructure of schools in the state should be reviewed through the monitoring capabilities of the CRPs
- Kitchen gardens should be introduced



Monitoring:

- An integrated monitoring mechanism should be put in place.
- The state should conduct the technical review of the SMS monitoring System.
- Vigilance committees of local government bodies should be strengthened.
- State level Steering-cum-monitoring committees should meet every three months instead of every six months.

Grievance Redressal:

- A toll-free helpline number should be set up by JSMDMA, where people can lodge their complaints. Also, the Jharkhand State Food Commission should set up a toll-free number and maintain records of complaints lodged.
- A register of complaint should be maintained at BEEO office DGRO office, JSMDMA and Jharkhand State Food Commission.
- A Grievance Redressal Officer should be appointed at the block level. Also, an independent DGRO should be set up instead of notifying the Additional Collector for the same role.

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Awareness:

- Awareness campaigns should be conducted in a phased manner
- Wall paintings should be put up that will state all provisions of MDMS. Also, pamphlets consisting the same should also be distributed.
- The Jharkhand State Food Commission should take steps to organize *Nukkad Nataks* and also use print and electronic media to spread awareness.
- The Jharkhand State Food Commission should write a letter to at least 1% beneficiary households, making them aware of the provisions of MDMS.

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- राज्य निर्धनता सह मेधा छात्रवृत्ति योजना - VIII
- राष्ट्रीय साधन मेधा छात्रवृत्ति योजना - VIII
- राष्ट्रीय मेधा छात्रवृत्ति योजना - IX
- राष्ट्रीय प्रतिभासोज प्रतियोगिता परिक्षा - X
2. इंदिरा गाँधी बालिका स्वयं नैतरहाट आवासीय विद्यालय में नामांकन परिक्षा - V
3. जवाहर नवोदय विद्यालय चयन परिक्षा - V
4. प्री-मैट्रिक छात्रवृत्ति योजना - I-X (SC, ST, OBC Minority)
5. राष्ट्रीय बालिका प्रोत्साहन योजना - IX (SC, ST छात्रा, KGBV घोड़कर)
6. इन्सपायर अवार्ड योजना - VII, VIII, VIII
7. सार्कल वितरण योजना - VIII
8. अनिमिया उन्मुलन कार्यक्रम - 10 से 19 वर्ष के सभी छात्र / छात्रा ।
9. मध्याह्न भोजन योजना - I-VIII
10. पौशाक वितरण योजना - I-VIII
11. निःशुल्क पुस्तक वितरण योजना - I-VIII
12. निःशक्त बच्चों के लिए विशेष उपकरण वितरण योजना ।

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Incentives:

Monetary awards for best performing school in every block, district and State should be introduced. The SMCs and *Saraswati Vahinis* should be given awards annually to incentivize and promote effective implementation of MDMS.



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