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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly Summary for the month of April, 2020 in respect of Ministry of Women and Child Development.

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the unclassified portion of the monthly summary in English pertaining to the Ministry of Women and Child Development for the month of April, 2020.

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All the Members of the Council of Ministers

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Monthly Summary Report for the month of April, 2020 in respect of Ministry of Women & Child Development

The significant events relating to the work of Ministry of Women and Child Development for the month ending April, 2020 are as follows:

1. Meetings/ Conferences/ Workshops under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister, WCD

1.1 The Ministry, through virtual platforms organized educative training sessions on “COVID-19 Introduction and Prevention Management” on 1st April, 2020 under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister, WCD in order to sensitize Field functionaries, Anganwadi Workers, Anganwadi Helpers, Lady Supervisors, CDPOs and beneficiaries about COVID-19 and its prevention therein.

1.2 On 3rd and 4th April, 2020, interactive sessions were conducted on “*Psycho Social Impacts of COVID-19*” across the country under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister, WCD. The participants were also made aware of various initiatives/ advisories issued by the Government, for example, *Aarogya Setu* App, Immunity Boosting Measures as enunciated by Ministry of AYUSH and use of Home-made Face covers/ masks. More than 4 lakh field functionaries and beneficiaries across the country participated in these sessions.

1.3 An *Orientation Workshop for District-based Child Protection Units on COVID-19* was organized through use of virtual platforms on 7th April, 2020 under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister, WCD. During the first Session (Hindi) 892 officials /Child Protection functionaries joined the interactive conference through Zoom and 18719 stakeholders viewed the session through shared YouTube links. In the Second Session (English) around 459 officials/ Child Protection functionaries joined the interactive conference through Zoom and 10004 stakeholders viewed the session.

1.4 Hon'ble Minister, WCD addressed a *Nationwide Orientation Workshop* on 8th April, 2020 through webinar, where frontline functionaries of Women Helplines (WHLs), One Stop Centres (OSC) and Women's Homes and Hostels across the country participated along with concerned officers from States/ UTs and Government of India.

1.5 An *Orientation Workshop for CIF Childline Partners on COVID-19* was organized through the use of virtual platforms viz., Zoom Cloud Meetings, YouTube on 9th April, 2020 under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister WCD. Childline India Foundation (CIF) and its partner units along with Childline India Foundation Board were requested to join and register themselves for the meeting. The Sessions were held in Hindi and English, followed by a Q&A session. 564 participants registered for the Zoom interactive session, while more than 15,000 persons attended the session through YouTube livestreaming.

2. D.O. letter from Hon'ble Minister, WCD to the Hon'ble MPs

Hon'ble Minister, WCD wrote a D.O. letter to all Hon'ble Members of Parliament (Rajya Sabha & Lok Sabha) seeking their continued support during the Pandemic and subsequent Lockdown and requested all MP's help ensure distribution of supplementary nutrition to all the beneficiaries under Anganwadi Services in their constituency.

3. Distribution of Take-Home Ration (THR)

Women and young children being the most vulnerable, especially in the current scenario, Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) continued to distribute Take Home Rations (THR) to Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers and Children from 6 months to 6 years, to ensure that they receive their regular supply of nutrients during these critical periods of their life. The only difference now is that instead of distributing THR and providing Hot Cooked Meal (HCM) to children from 3 years to 6 years at Anganwadi Centers, AWWs now distribute dry ration directly to all beneficiaries. THR distribution usually takes place twice in a month and District-wise data is being collected regularly and analyzed from all States/ UTs.

4. Video Conference between MWCD, MSDE, MoHFW and Healthcare Sector Skill Council

A video conference was held under the Chairmanship of then Secretary, WCD on 21.04.2020 with Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Senior Officers of MWCD, MSDE, MoHFW and Healthcare Sector Skill Council. During the conference, discussions were held regarding:

- Action Taken on the meeting on Care Economy chaired by the Hon'ble Minister of WCD on 17.02.2020;
- Feasibility and modalities to start training of Anganwadi Workers in emergency health-care on digital platform immediately;
- MoU to be signed between MWCD, MSDE and NSDC.

5. First meeting of the Broad-Based Committee for Gender Analysis and Budgeting

In pursuance to the Budget announcement 2019-20 (Para 78), the Ministry has constituted a "Broad-Based Committee for Gender Analysis and Budgeting" with Government and Private stakeholders.

The first meeting of the committee was held under the Chairpersonship of the then Secretary, WCD on 21st April, 2020 via Video Conference to evaluate and suggest action for moving towards addressing gender concerns and reviewing actions for

advancing Gender Budgeting. 24 participants from Ministries/ Departments and private organizations attended the meeting.

6. Measures to ensure safety and well-being of Women & Children in view of spread of COVID-19

6.1 Daily review of COVID-19 situation in MWCD institutions like One Stop Centres (OSCs), Swadhar Homes, Ujjawala Homes, Working Women Hostels (WWHs), Child Care Institutions (CCIs), Specialized Adoption Agencies (SAAs) etc. is being done. Daily reports are collected from all States/UTs to ensure the availability of adequate arrangements for welfare and protection of Women and Children residing in these institutions. Report pays special attention to any of our inmates testing positive for COVID 19 and the follow through therein.

6.2 A brief daily report on implementation status of schemes of the Ministry during the National lockdown period is also sent to Ministry of Home Affairs.

6.3 A series of Video Conference Meetings with States/UTs of COVID-19 Hotspot Districts (123 districts) were organized under the Chairmanship of the then Secretary, WCD from 27.04.20 to 29.04.20. Senior Officers from the Ministry, States/UTs and representatives of Child Welfare Committees from the Hotspot Districts participated and discussed measures undertaken for protection of vulnerable Children in these districts.

6.4 The National Commission for Women issued an advisory to all States/ UTs on 7th April, 2020 to address the needs of Internal Women Migrants in India during COVID-19 lockdown so as to ensure food, shelter, hygiene and health including mental health, and also for their safety and security including incidences of gender-based violence.

6.5 Coping Strategies were issued on 02.04.2020 for Parents/Caregivers to deal with children during the pandemic and was shared by MWCD with all States/UTs, with the request to translate it into local languages and share with all concerned including Child protection staff. It contained various strategies to be adopted by parents and caregivers while dealing with children and also way to support themselves.

6.6 Video Conference Meetings were organized with MSK Nodal officers and State Resource Centre for Women (SRCW) staff from respective States/UTs to review implementation of MSK scheme with special reference to the role of staff engaged under MSK Scheme in supporting respective State/ UT/ District administration in their efforts to raise awareness about COVID-19 in order to curb its spread. MSK teams in States/UTs are playing a role in ensuring that women not only receive benefits of programmes or services of Government, but are also linked to support services provided by the Center/State Government in case of any kind of distress.

6.7 The Ministry has recommended the adoption of *Aarogya Setu* App through SMS facilities available in the system under POSHAN Abhiyaan. The Frontline functionaries of this Ministry have been conveyed to adopt the *Aarogya Setu* App in bilingual (English & Hindi) messages on 15.04.2020 and 16.04.2020. So far, messages have been sent to more than 11.56 Lakh Anganwadi Workers. The activity is continuing with more numbers being provided by States/UTs.

7. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)

During the month of April, 2020, more than 2.67 lakh beneficiaries were enrolled under the PMMVY. More than 7.12 lakh applications were entered on the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana-Common Application Software (PMMVY-CAS). More than Rs. 156 crores of maternity benefits were disbursed.

As on 30.04.2020, under the scheme, more than 1.59 crore beneficiaries were enrolled under the PMMVY; more than 1.45 crore beneficiaries were paid maternity benefits under the PMMVY; more than 4.07 crore applications were entered on PMMVY-CAS; more than 3.74 crore applications were paid and more than Rs. 6073 crores of maternity benefits were disbursed.

8. One Stop Centers and Women Helpline

As on 31st March, 2020, 681 One Stop Centres were functional in 34 States/ UTs and Women Helpline was functional in 32 States/ UTs.

It may kindly be seen for information that earlier it was reported that a total of 683 OSCs are operational; whereas during this month, two OSCs namely *Damoh* and *Ujjain* of Madhya Pradesh have been transformed into Isolation ward for COVID-19 patients. Therefore, total number of OSCs operational have come down to 681.

9. Minimum Government, Maximum Governance:

9.1 Video Conferences are being held on regular basis for inter-action and dialogues with States/UTs for effective implementation of various schemes.

9.2 Full-fledged e-Office implementation by Ministry has resulted in savings to Government exchequer. Also, substantial number of Inter - Ministerial communications are made through e-mail.

9.3 All Policies/ Programmes/ Schemes/ Acts/ Sanction orders etc. are loaded on public domain for easy access by stakeholders.

10. Status of Public Grievances:

No. of Public Grievances disposed off during the month	No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of the month (30.04.2020)
445	70
