

Forecasting Working Group (FWG) meeting under DGFP

The 2nd Forecasting Working Group Meeting:

The 2nd FWG meeting was held on 24 July 2013 at DGFP/IEM conference room and the program was chaired by Mr. AKM Amir Hossain, Director General, DGFP.

At the outset of the meeting, Mr. Md. KafilUddin, Director L&S, DGFP welcomed all the participants and stated the objectives of the technical session.

Objective of the session includes-

- To validate and agree on the forecast values of contraceptives including DDS kits for procurement in FY 2013-14
- To discuss on the National Stock Status of contraceptives and DDS kits and their expiries

Then, Ms. Sabina Parveen, Assistant Director (Foreign Procurement), L&S unit, DGFP has made a brief presentation on the background, structure and TOR of the working group.

In the main technical session, Mr. Mohammad GolamKibria, Senior Technical Advisor- Quantification & MIS has presented the requirement exercise for contraceptives and DDS kits for FY 2013-14 and his slides were divided into four parts-

1. Information gathering
2. Updating the forecast values based on the report- National Reproductive Health Commodities Quantification Bangladesh 2012-2016, Omer, A. M., M. S.Giashuddin, and M. G. Kibria, 2013.
3. Validation and adjustments with FWG members
4. Monthly DGFP stock status report

After the presentation, the participants were participated in an open discussion and the key highlights were-

1. Dr. Sharif, Line Director, MCH-FP has requested SIAPS to conduct a situation analysis on the actual demand of DDS Kits at service and user levels. Now this kit has been distributed in downstream as per facility allotment; not according to population distribution. Thus, the distribution yields to irrational distribution and also creates unmet need.
2. The working group reviewed the estimated need for each contraceptive and DDS Kits for FY 2013-14 and agreed not to procure the certain items- Implant, condom and they also requested DGFP to accelerate the procurement process for DDS kits to avoid potential stock out beyond December 2013.
3. As per HPNSDP target, DGFP supposed to increase the sharing of LAPM at 20%; but the trend data shows that it is less than the target. So, the FWG members requested DGFP to re-consider

the proportion of sharing LAPM method (at best 12%) and to reflect on procurement plan. The presentation that was made by Mr. Kibria also had the same findings.

4. The DGFP was planning to procure 400,000 IUD for next FY but the exercise reveals that this planned quantity is above to the actual requirement. Then DGFP informed SIAPS that they are going to recruit 1,200 FWVs whom would be responsible to insert IUD; thus number of IUD users would be increased significantly in next year.
5. EDCL should actively communicate SMC to sell their produced condoms (subject to quality and standard) to SMC.
6. SIAPS supports, in regard to condemnation process were well appreciated by all. A clinical trial on Sino Injection was done and DGFP will procure it in FY 2014-15; in order to do so, they will revise the CCSDP operational plan in FY 2013-14
7. It was also raised the LD/IEM that all the LDs should work together to ensure better coordination and effective implementation of plan
8. SIAPS will work with DGFP to prepare the supply plan for the required contraceptives and DDS kits in September 2013

At the end of the meeting, the Mr. Ganesh Chandra Sarker, Line Director(IEM), DGFP expressed his contentment on the technical discussion that held and also thanked SIAPS for its efforts to ensure national contraceptive security and concluded the technical session by giving thanks to all for their active participation.



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