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Dear reader,

We Collaborate for Nutrition (WeCan) is happy to present the third issue of **WeConnect**, our quarterly newsletter, which brings you insights from diverse interventions aimed at **improving the nutrition outcomes for women and children across India**.

About this Issue

One year of POSHAN Abhiyaan: Just a little over a year ago, in March 2018, the Government of India launched the POSHAN Abhiyaan, which has led to nationwide focus on Mother Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN). The first three months of 2019 have seen some important initiatives around nutrition for women and children. This issue of WeConnect will look at some such steps taken by government bodies, nutritional partners and development organizations from across the country.

If you would like to share practice insights and lessons from your nutrition interventions then please contact us at: wecollaboratefornutrition@ipeglobal.com

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



NHM Jharkhand Launches State Action Plan for Micronutrient Supplementation: National Health Mission, Jharkhand launched the State Action Plan (SAP) for Micronutrient Supplementation at Ranchi's Capitol Hill on Feb 25, 2019. The SAP aims to enable last mile delivery of micronutrients to Women and children.

Dr. Nitin Madan Kulkarni, Secretary, Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare presided as the Chief Guest at the launch. Dr. Rajendra Paswan, Director in Chief, Jharkhand Health Services; Dr. Dinesh Kumar Saxena, Director General, State Nutrition Mission; Dr. Alok Ranjan of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and; Dr. Madhulika Jonathan, UNICEF Jharkhand were present as the guests of honour... [Read more](#)

IMPORTANT UPDATES



IMPAct4Nutrition, A Public-Private Sector Collaboration for Poshan Abhiyaan: On the first anniversary of the Central government's POSHAN Abhiyaan, the 'IMPAct4Nutrition' platform, convened by UNICEF, Tata Trusts, Sight and Life, CSRBOX, CII, WeCan and NASSCOM Foundation was launched to provide an opportunity to the private sector to be part of a large initiative that will positively impact the nutritional and health status of India... [Read more](#)

STORIES FROM THE FIELD



Improving IFA access in the public sector in Madhya Pradesh: Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) has been working to scale-up a comprehensive supply chain strategy to ensure that frontline workers, health facilities and schools consistently have access to IFA. CHAI, with support from the IKEA Foundation, supports the Government of Madhya Pradesh to reduce Anaemia across the state by raising awareness and increasing the availability and distribution of iron folic IFA tablets to girls and women... [Read more](#)



Strengthening IFA & Calcium Supplementation for Pregnant & Lactating Women in Gujarat: Through its *Right Start Program*, Nutrition International is providing technical support to the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Gujarat for strengthening IFA and Calcium supplementation program for pregnant women and lactating mothers through capacity building, behaviour change communication, system strengthening, program reviews through coverage and compliance surveys... [Read more](#)

KNOWLEDGE SECTION

Here are three study briefs of nutrition related reports from the last quarter:

1. [New Evidence Should Inform WHO Guidelines on Multiple Micronutrient Supplementation in Pregnancy](#) | Sudfeld and Smith, 2019
2. [Demand and Supply Factors of Iron-Folic Acid Supplementation and its Association with Anemia in North Indian Pregnant Women](#) | Varghese and Swaninathan, 2019
3. [Malnutrition Among Women and Children in India: Limited Evidence of Clustering of Underweight, Anemia, Overweight, and Stunting within Individuals and Households at Both State and District Levels](#) | Varghese and Stein, 2019



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