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Dear reader,

**We Collaborate for Nutrition** (WeCan) is happy to present the fourth 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**

This issue of WeConnect looks at community level engagement and leadership development at the grass root levels of governance with an emphasis on gender equity. It also contains insights into government and civil society initiatives to address anemia and strengthen micronutrient supply.

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**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**



**'Anemia Mukht Bharat' Second Partners' Meeting:** The reduction of anemia is one of the important objectives of the POSHAN Abhiyaan, launched in March 2018. Complying with the targets of POSHAN Abhiyaan and National Nutrition Strategy set by NITI Aayog, the 'Anemia Mukht Bharat' (AMB) strategy has been designed to reduce prevalence of anemia by 3 percentage points per year among children, adolescents and women in the reproductive age group (15 - 49 years), between the year 2018 and 2022.

National Centre of Excellence and Advanced Research on Anemia (NCEAR-A), All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS, New Delhi) hosted the second AMB partners meeting on May 31, 2019 at Hotel Ambassador, New Delhi... [Read more](#)

**IMPORTANT UPDATES**



**Jharkhand Matri Shishu Swasthya Evam Poshan Maah:** Vitamin A deficiency is a major public health problem in many development countries, and it is an important cause of preventable blindness in young children from disadvantaged communities. In India, Vitamin A supplementation is given to pre-school children every six months under the National Health Mission (NHM). The Vitamin A biannual round in Jharkhand systematically started way back in 2008 under the name of *Jharkhand Matri Shishu Swasthya Evam Poshan Maah*... [Read more](#)

## STORIES FROM THE FIELD



**Mentoring Elected Representatives from Gram Panchayats as Health and Nutrition Champions in their Constituencies:** Centre for

Catalyzing Change's (C3) experience of a decade long intervention in Bihar, *Pahel*, which aims to strengthen the voice, participation and leadership skills of women across all levels of PRIs, validates the fact that through mentoring support, leadership potential of these women can be leveraged to ensure development in other aspects of rural development including health, nutrition and education services...

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**Community Engagement and Leadership Development at the Panchayati Level:** Global Health Strategies' (GHS) intervention with Panchayati Raj Institutions is an extension of work that is being done with department of health and elected leaders for strengthening RMNCH+A and nutrition programs in UP. Since 2015 GHS, is engaging with MPs and MLAs for strengthening RMNCH+A, working with close to 100 MPs and MLAs in UP. GHS is building champions for strengthening and sustaining RMNCH+A interventions in the state...

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## KNOWLEDGE SECTION

In this edition's Knowledge Section, we bring you a report and a set of guidelines on nutrition related topics from the last quarter:

1. [Guidelines on Physical Activity, Sedentary Behaviour and Sleep for Children Under 5 | WHO, 2019](#)
2. [Social, Biological and Programmatic Factors Linking Adolescent Pregnancy and Early Childhood Undernutrition: A Path Analysis of India's 2016 National Family and Health Survey | Nguyen, Scott, Neupane, Tran and Menon, 2019](#)



**WeCan** is a national level platform created for cross learning and sharing lessons and experiences from programmes across geographies. Currently, our work is focused in three states, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Odisha. But we are open to collaboration in other states, so if you have an interesting insight to share with us about your work, please contact us on [wecollaboratefornutrition@ipeglobal.com](mailto:wecollaboratefornutrition@ipeglobal.com)

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