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Annual Report on NGO database monitoring and evaluation of NGOs working in HPNSP sector in Bangladesh (Reporting Period: May 2022 till April 2023)

Background

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) acknowledges the vital role of NGOs in the development of the country's Health, Population and Nutrition (HPN) sector. In order to implement its health policy and achieve universal health coverage, the government needs a clearer view on geographical coverage and the service area of the NGOs. It is also important to understand how NGOs coordinate with MOHFW at national and regional levels.

Gender, NGO, and Stakeholder Participation Unit (GNSPU) represents MoHFW to coordinate with the stakeholders in HPN sector and facilitate the participation of NGOs. On this purview GNSPU is mandated by MoHFW to decide on the initial approval of NGOs expressing interest to work in this field.

GNSPU with technical assistance from UNICEF, has developed a database on national and international NGOs working in the HPN sector with foreign funds. Such database can enable the MoHFW to identify the geographic distribution of NGOs and their activities in each area. With this information, MOHFW aims to improve its capability for identifying gaps in service coverage, recommend on avoiding duplication and define ways of collaboration.

Core objective

To gather and review data on the NGOs in health sector to prepare monthly report.

Specific objectives

1. To collect information on all proposed activities by NGOs in health sector
2. To determine relevance with health service delivery
3. To provide input on quality of service
4. To minimize duplication in the services

Supervision, monitoring and Oversight strategy using the database

A committee has been formed with Director General, Health Economics Unit (HEU) in the chair and comprised of GNSPU team, representatives from NGO Affairs bureau, DGHS and DGFP. The committee holds meeting in each month to review the applications sent by NGO affairs bureau approval from GNSPU, Health Economics Unit based on the relevance, outcome and output. The applications are sorted by the NGO affairs bureau to identify health sector projects and then they are sent to GNSPU for the opinion.

During the meeting, the technical committee reviews the application in line with the objectives set forth earlier. The approval is granted as both conditional and unconditional. There are also proposal put up in the meeting which are not relate to health service delivery and therefore the committee refrain from granting opinion. The conditional approval refers to advising on resubmission with further clarity on national priority, outcome, and output as well as close collaboration with health and administrative personnel at districts and further. Also, there were some applications which were not related to health services delivery and therefore not reviewed and returned as it came.

Table 1: Monthly meetings held between May 2022 and April 2023

Meeting Number	Month and Year	Date & Time	Venue	Total applications reviewed	Unconditional Approval	Conditional approval	Not related
01	May 2022	23.05.2022 at 2: 30 PM	HEU conference room	21	15	5	1
02	June 2022	20.06.2022 at 2: 30 PM	HEU conference room	23	16	6	1
03	July 2022	20.07.2022 at 2: 30 PM	HEU conference room	17	11	3	3
04	August 2022	03.08.2022 at 2: 30 PM	HEU conference room	16	11	3	2
05	September 2022	12.09.2022 at 11: 30 AM	HEU conference room	15	10	3	2
06	October 2022	06.10.2022 at 11: 30 AM	HEU conference room	14	12	2	0
07	November 2022	08.11.2022 at 2: 00 PM	HEU conference room	20	14	1	5
08	December 2022	06.12.2022 at 2: 00 PM	HEU conference room	20	14	1	5
09	January 2023	09.01.2023 at 2: 00 PM	HEU conference room	12	7	5	0
10	February 2023	06.02.2023 at 2: 30 PM	HEU conference room	21	18	3	0
11	March 2023	07.03.2023 at 3: 00 PM	HEU conference room	26	16	7	3
12	April 2023	06.04.2023 at 10: 00 AM	HEU conference room	26	21	4	1

Figure 1: NGO Meeting summary between May 2022 to April 2023

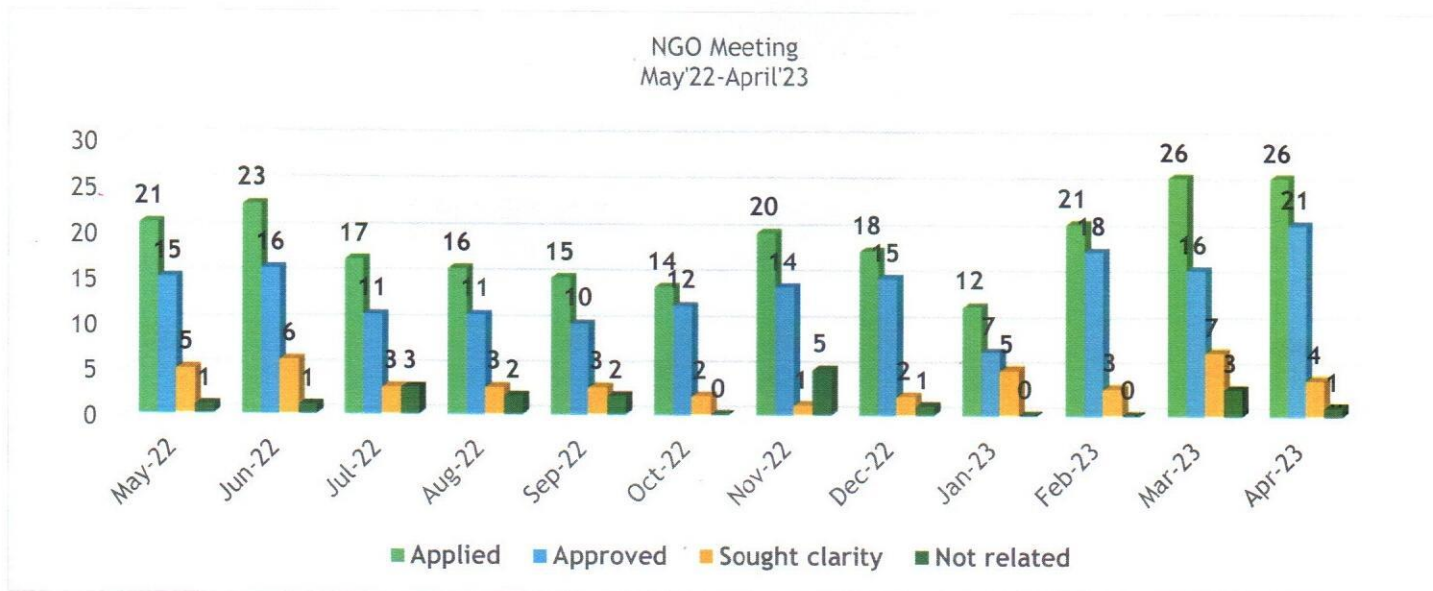


Chart 1: Meeting summary in numbers

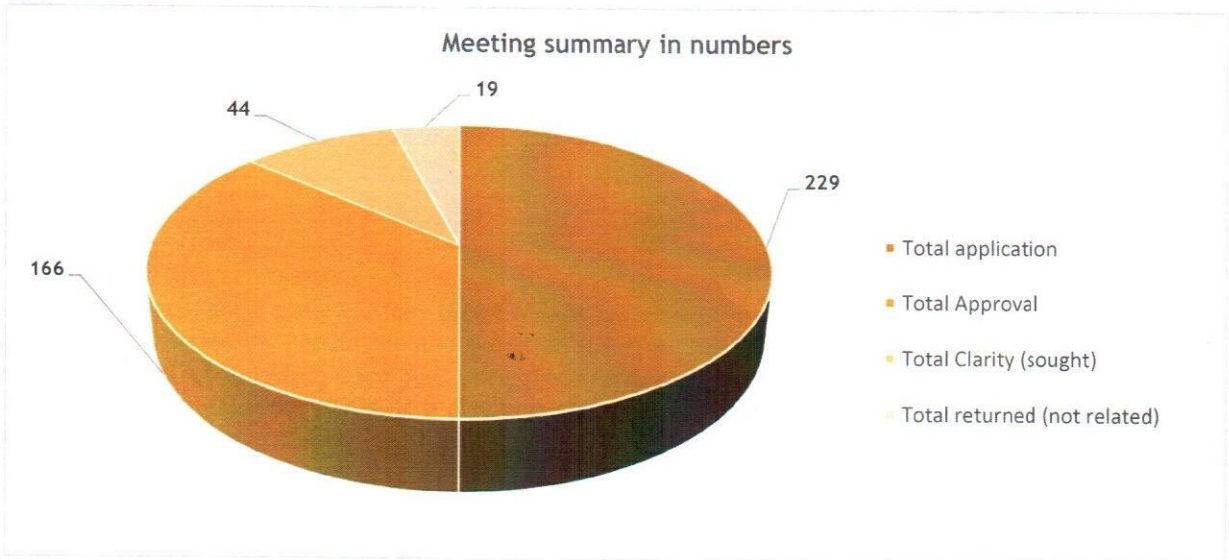
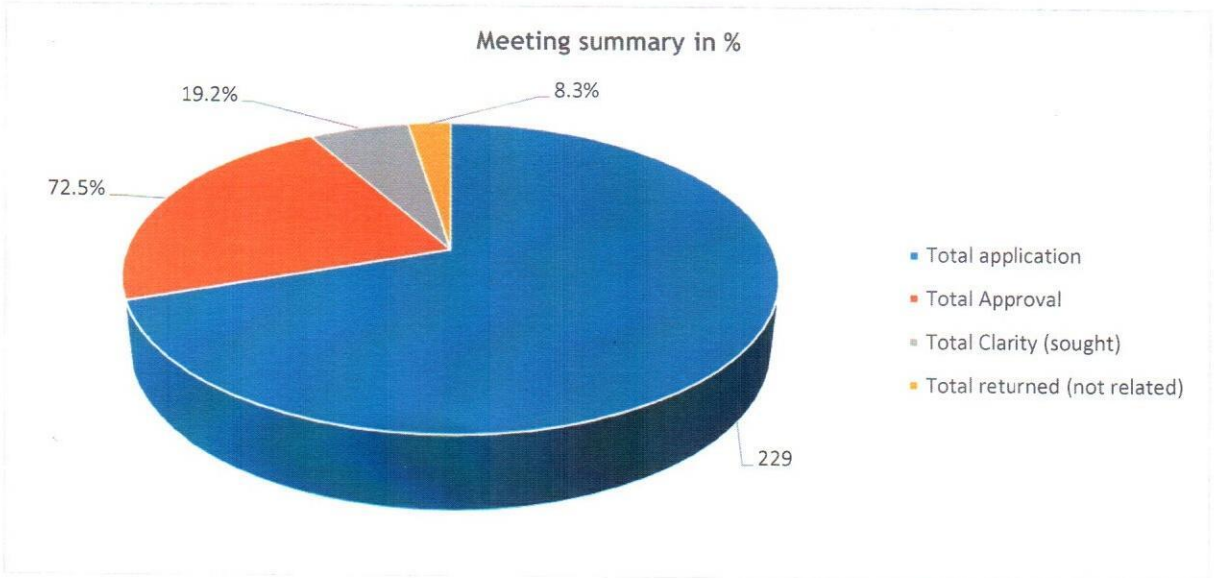


Chart 2: Meeting summary in %



Future Challenges and way out

Honorarium for the committee members: Unlike all other government meeting procedures, there has been no provision of honorarium for the members of the committee. Some of the members have to travel from other parts of the city to attend meeting at Health Economics Unit Conference room located in one of most congested part of the city. Therefore it is essential to create provision in order to avoid demotivation of the members in future.

Conclusion

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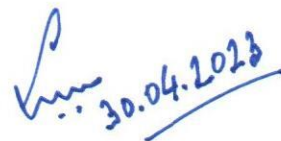
In order to develop consistent and workable policy, clear understanding of the nature, principles, strengths and weaknesses, and challenges of the existing Government-NGO collaboration is essential. The GNSPU, on behalf of MoHFW, pursues initiatives to develop a NGO coordination strategy in health sector. It involves explorative studies, surveys, researches to identify potential scopes, opportunities and challenges in collaboration in health sector. The need of such strategy in health care is central to carry forward government plans to improve access and utilization of services both at central and local level. It is also crucial to harmonize activities among the key public and private sector stakeholders.

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