

Annual Report on NGO database monitoring and evaluation of NGOs working in HPNSP sector in Bangladesh.

Reporting Period: August 2020 till April 2021

Background

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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.

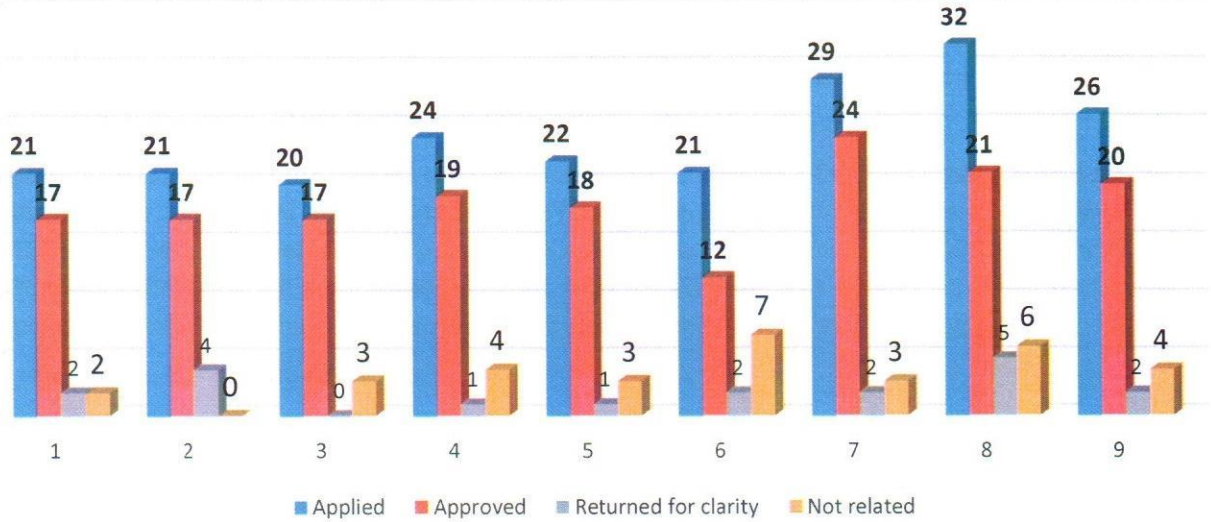
During the meeting, the technical committee at HEU reviews the application in light with the details objectives set forth earlier. The approval is granted as both conditional and unconditional. The conditional approval refers to advising on resubmission with further clarity on national priority, outcome, 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.

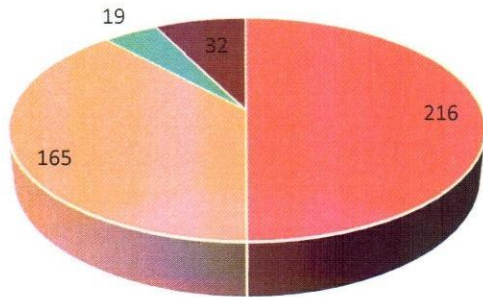
The table below shows the results of monthly meetings held between July 2020 and May 2021:

Meeting Number	Month and Year	Date & Time	Venue	Total applications reviewed	Unconditional Approval	Conditional approval	Not related
01	August 2020	09.08.2020 at 2: 30 PM	HEU Conference Room	21	17	2	2
02	September 2020	06.09.2020 at 2: 30 PM	HEU Conference Room	21	17	4	0
03	October 2020	05.10.2020 at 2: 30 PM	HEU Conference Room	20	17	0	3
04	November 2020	04.11.2020 at 2: 30 PM	HEU Conference Room	24	19	1	4
05	December 2020	07.12.2020 at 2: 30 PM	HEU Conference Room	22	18	1	3
06	January 2021	04.01.2021 at 2: 30 PM	HEU Conference Room	21	12	2	7
07	February 2021	08.02.2021 at 2: 30 PM	HEU Conference Room	29	24	2	3
08	March 2021	08.03.2021 at 2: 30 PM	HEU Conference Room	32	21	5	6
09	April 2021	04.04.2021 at 2: 30 PM	HEU Conference Room	26	20	2	4

NGO Meeting
August'21-April'21

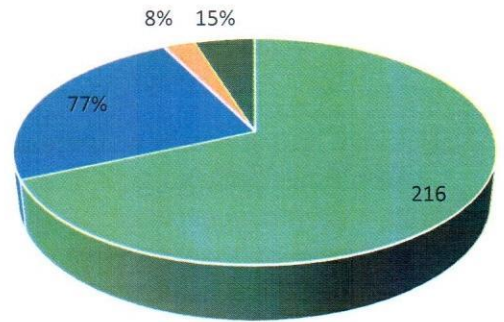


Meeting Summary
in Numbers



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Meeting Summary
in Percentage



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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.

Obligatory compliance for the GNSPU opinion: The current compliance for NGO affairs bureau for the GNSPU report is 15 days and if, for any procedural reason, the GNSPU opinion arrives after 15 days, it is granted the GNSPU has given positive opinion. This is considered as a least priority issue for the NGOs and therefore the NGOs are least bothered about having GNSPU opinion. Given this, there must be an enhanced obligatory compliance in place which will elevate the priority of this meeting.

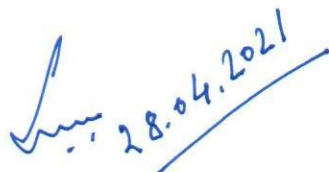
Conclusion

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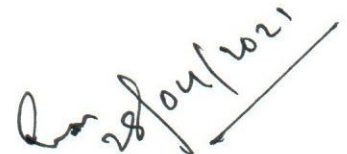
In order to develop consistent and workable policy, clear understanding of the nature, principles, strengths and weaknesses, and challenges of the existing Government-NGO collaboration is essential. The GNSPU, on behalf of MoHFW, pursues initiatives to develop a NGO coordination strategy in health sector. 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 harmonise activities among the key public and private sector stakeholders.

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