STRENGTHENING OF PRE SERVICE EDUCATION OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY IN INDIA

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Summary
An initiative has been taken by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, in collaboration with Indian Nursing Council, NIHFW and with support from other Development Partners to strengthen the quality of pre-service education at the ANM and GNM training schools in terms of faculty, training infrastructure, educational process and clinical practices in the 10 high focus states of Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Rajasthan, Assam, Odisha and J&K. The strategic approach for strengthening GNM Schools and ANMTC include establishment of 7 National Nodal Centers - NNC (Upgraded Nursing Colleges/Training Centers) and 10 state nodal centers –SNC to steer the process. These Nodal Centers, besides serving as model teaching institutions are expected to serve as pedagogic resource centers for strengthening PSE at the GNM Schools and ANMTCs (ANM Training Centers) in their region and also provide support in the concurrent strengthening of these ANMTCs.

Since this initiative involves inputs from multiple stakeholders, MOHFW has divided the responsibilities and given to the stakeholders involved in this initiative. The roles and responsibilities given to the NIHFW is as follows.

1. Technical and Managerial oversight for work plan implementation of National Nodal Centers / State Nodal Centers / GNM / ANM Schools.
2. Reporting to MOHFW on progress of the work plan.
Funding Agency

As per the assigned responsibilities, NIHFW is working on establishment of NNC and SNC and reporting the progress to the MOHFW.

Considering the complexity of task and work load, NIHFW submitted a proposal to MOHFW for hiring additional manpower ie one programme officer (Nsg) @50,000/month and one programme Assistant @ Rs 30,000/month for carrying out the assigned roles and responsibilities. In addition to this, the budget estimation was given for an amount of Rs. 47,000/- for monitoring and implementation visit to NNC/SNC for 1 person/visit. An amount of Rs 35,000/- was also proposed by NIHFW for conduction of meetings and other contingency/year. The budget for hiring the above said manpower was approved by the MOHFW and the same has been proposed under DFID (UKAID) support and is likely to be implemented in their new country plan. The MOHFW has informed that TA/DA for monitoring and implementation visit to SNC/NNC, as per RCH norm can be utilized out of the RCH funds kept at the disposal of Director, NIHFW.

Remarks if any