Convergence with Other Social Sector Programs Particularly ICDS

Second Meeting of Steering Committees on Health & AYUSH for the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-2017)

National Health Profile 2010

- Persistent burden of communicable and nutritional disorders particularly in women and children
- Exponential rise of non- communicable diseases
 during the last decades
- "Demographic –Dividend" of the country is likely to be eroded due to an ailing work force

Health & Environment

- Health behavior and health practices
 - Aggregation of personal decisions
 - Decision are strongly modulated and influenced by environmental factors
- Nutrition a strong correlate of health
 - To be considered along with health

Health & Environment

Intense and continuous impact of non-health sectors

- Political and policy implication
- Development and economic changes have greater impact
- Health determinants of non-health sectors
- For effective preventive and promotional strategies, a more convergent approach desirable

Need for Health-Nutrition-Economic Convergence

- Major policy and structural changes along with instruments of good governance
- NRHM already provides a convergence framework

Policy options

Underlying paradigm

- Health & Nutrition are integral to development
- Comprehensive health: considering social determinants (distal / proximal determinants) in the context of rapid economic growth & changing life style, & ensuring inclusion of most vulnerable and marginalized
- Holistic approach to disability and gender based violence
- Convergence between economics, development and health
- Achieving national health goals

Health Impact Analysis (HIA)

- Health impacts of sectors/ministries along with their development & economic influences
- Reflected in Program Implementation Plans, Results
 Framework Document, & 5-yr Strategic Plans
- Matrix of sectors and potential action points for developing well defined health & nutrition indicators (live document)
- Establish a monitoring & surveillance system

Development of Convergence Model

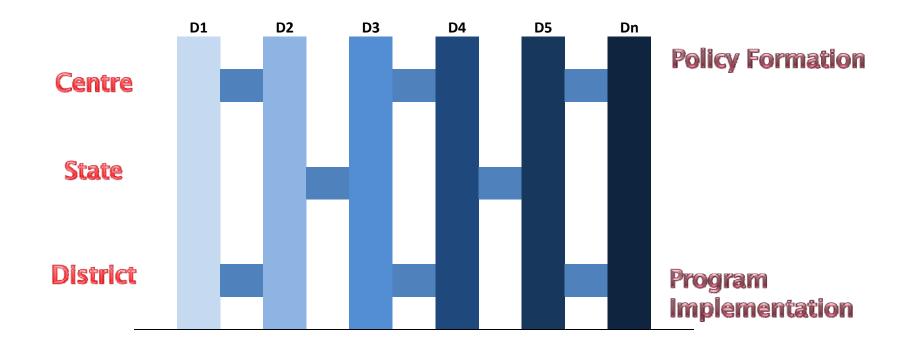
"Whole of Government" (WoG)

 Inter-sectoral coordination for policy & program development at national and state level

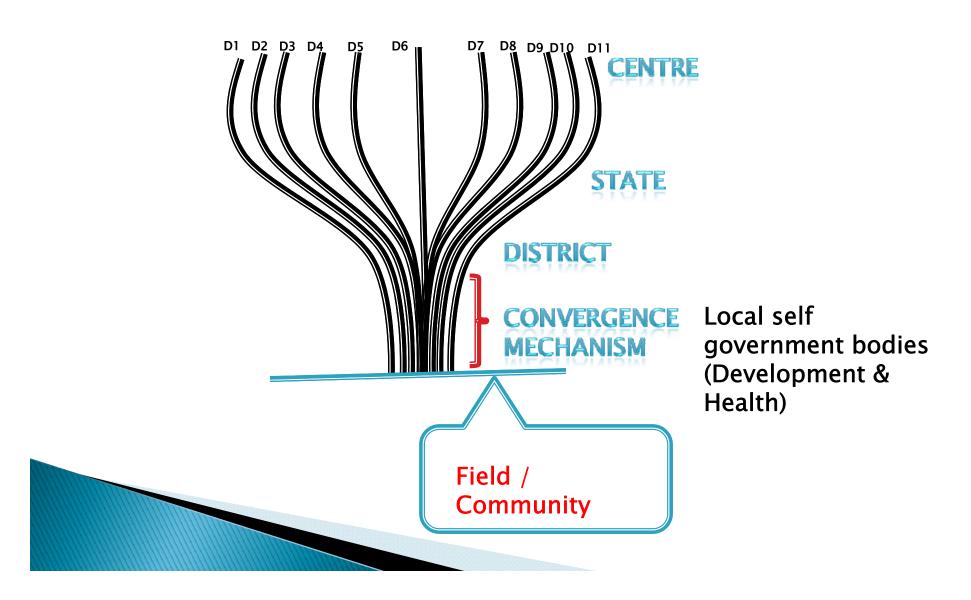
"Whole of Society" (WoS)

 Rendition of trans-sectoral harmonization at point of implementation for convergence in true spirit through involvement of all key stakeholders

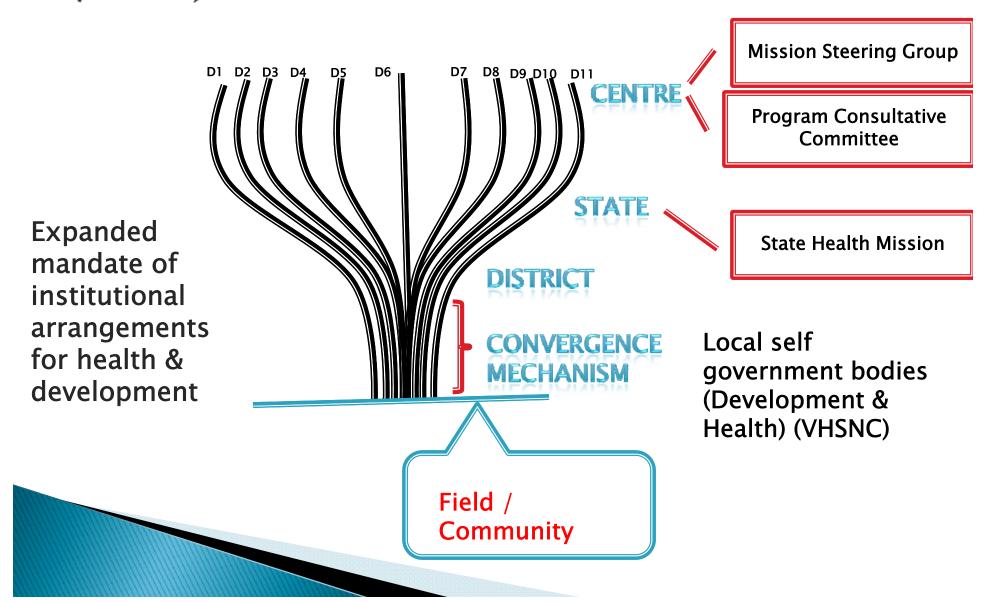
Inter-sectoral Coordination



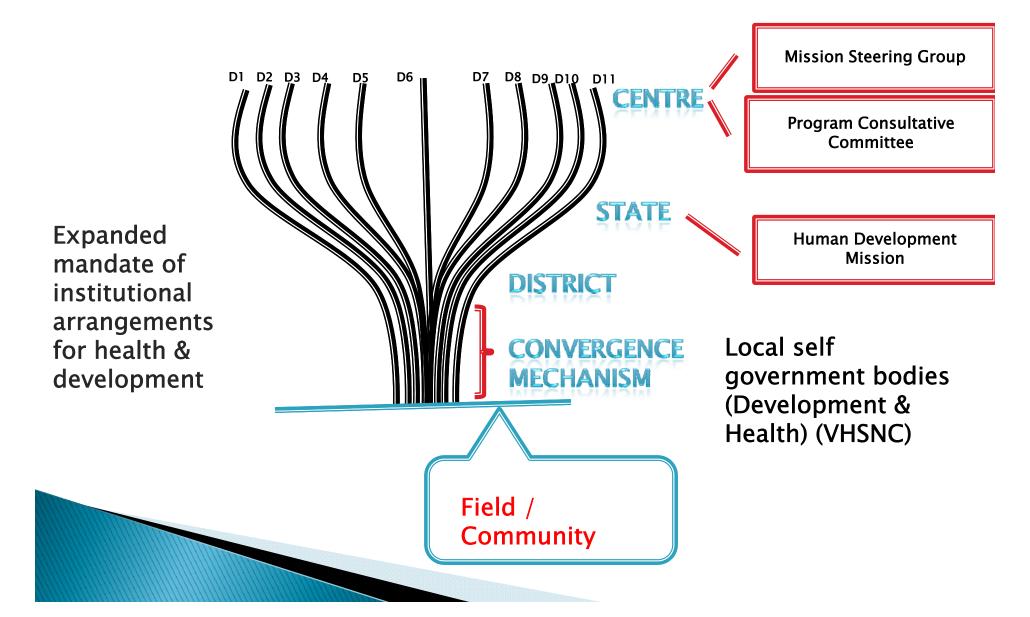
Inter-sectoral Coordination & convergence



Inter-sectoral Coordination & convergence (NRHM)



Inter-sectoral Coordination & convergence



Convergence Process

Building on existing frameworks

- NRHM
- Expansion of mandate to incorporate social determinants & development

Agreement with recommendation of

- HLE Report
- Draft 12th Plan Approach Paper

Accountability Framework

Political Accountability

- Central: Mission Steering Group
- State: State Health Mission

Performance & Resource Accountability

- Central: Program consultative Committee
- State: State Health Society

Community Processes

- PRI-village, block, district
- [Social accountability & Responsiveness]

Convergence of Activities Between Health & ICDS program

- Harmonization ICDS & Health blocks/reporting units
- AWC wider & deeper reach
 - Platform for delivering both health & ICDS packages
- Roles of grass root workers (AWW, ASHA, ANM) and other functionaries at block level:
 - Clear delineation: Team work with women group/ PRI
- Joint field operational plan for result oriented prevention, identification & management of nutritional problems
- Joint social mobilization & education for nutrition, health & parenting issues

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Functional & effective VHND

- Joint ICDS-NRHM Mother & Child Protection Cards
- Tool for cohort tracking, counseling, care seeking, preventive & health promotional activities
- Disability & gender based violence

Supervision

- Dotted line responsibilities
- Nutrition to ICDS supervisors
- Health to health supervisors

Functional convergence between two departments

 As a stewardship example between wider health and nonhealth sectors

Harmonization of High Focus Districts

- NRHM (264 districts) & Multi-sectoral high burden nutrition districts (200 districts)
- Convergence of programs and services
- Accelerated reduction in maternal, neonatal & child mortality, morbidity, under nutrition and anemia
- Additional resources and human resources for addressing social determinants:
 - Safe drinking water, hygiene, sanitation at village and panchayat level

Institutional Mechanisms to Enhance Capacity

- Expanded structures and roles for
 - NRHM mission & societies
 - PRI members
- Risk of proposed institutions abdicating their responsibilities to prevailing systems
- Development of integrated curriculum for addressing health determinants of non-health sectors
- National training task force
- NGOs can play catalytic role

Institutional Mechanisms to Enhance Capacity

- Panchayats and their sub-committees (VHSNC)
 - Flexi-funds for local actions to achieve progress on health outcomes while pursuing development agendas
 - Contribution to flexi-funds by non-health sectors
 - Recognition & awards for achievers
 - E.g. Nirmal Gram Purskar for TSC

Additional Issues

Updating National Health Policy

- Incorporating concept and relevance of social determinants
 and convergence between health and economics
- Defining health in a more comprehensive manner