

POSHAN Abhiyaan (National Nutrition Mission):

The Mission which is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, aims to reduce mal-nourishment from the Country in a phased manner. **Target of Mission is to bring down stunting of the children in the age group of 0-6 years from 38.4% to 25% by the year 2022.**

The Mission is to ensure convergence of all nutrition related schemes of MWCD for benefit of target population. NNM will ensure convergence of various programmes of different Ministries.

Objectives:

- i. Prevent and reduce stunting in children (0-6 years) by 6% @ 2% p.a.
- ii. Prevent and reduce under-nutrition (underweight prevalence) in children (0-6 years) by 6% @ 2% p.a.
- iii. Reduce the prevalence of anemia among young children (6-59 months) by 9% @ 3% p.a.
- iv. Reduce the prevalence of anemia among women and adolescent girls in the age group of 15-49 years by 9% @ 3% p.a.
- v. Reduce low birth weight (LBW) by 6% @ 2% p.a.

Present Status:

- As per NFHS-4 Data, the rate of stunting in A&N Islands is 23.30% and this mission has been sanctioned for all districts of this UT.
- All 720 Anganwadi Centres will be equipped with stadiometers, infantometers, weighing scales (infant), weighing scales (mother and child) for growth monitoring of children and Pregnant & lactating Mothers; bidding is complete and order is being placed through GeM portal.
- Smart phones and power banks will be provided to all Anganwadi Workers and Mukhya Sevikas for Real Time Monitoring of the scheme at Project, District, State and Central level; order has been placed through GeM portal.

Financial progress

	2017-18 (in lakh)	2018-19 (in lakh)
Fund allocation	Rs. 100.22	Rs. 270.99
Expenditure	Nil	1.79

Convergence with various Departments:

a) Directorate of Social Welfare:

Anganwadi Services (ICDS):

- Main services are i) Supplementary Nutrition ii) Growth Monitoring iii) Nutrition and Health Education iv) Immunization v) Referral services vi) Pre-school education
- There are a total of 720 Anganwadi Centres across this UT with staff strength of 720 AWWs, 689 AWHs.

b) Health Department:

Convergence with schemes such as Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY), National Health Mission (NHM) and Mission Indradhanush, school health programme, immunization, programmes on anemia, medical check-ups, antenatal and postnatal care and quality assurance of food supply.

c) Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs:

Rice is procured through Civil Supplies for Supplementary Nutrition Programme and the proposal for procurement of pulses from NAFED on concessional rate is under finalization.

d) Andaman Public Works Department (APWD):

105 new Anganwadi buildings need to be constructed; out of these, 52 Anganwadi Buildings with toilets will be constructed. Drinking water facility to 44 Anganwadi Centres is being arranged by this department.

e) Rural Development (RD), Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Port Blair Municipal Council (PBMC):

The remaining 53 anganwadi buildings with toilets would be constructed with assistance from these departments. Arrangement will be made for toilets in those buildings where toilet facility is not available.