Operational Guideline for District and Sub district Nutrition Coordination Committee has been launched

Following National Nutrition Policy 2015, Bangladesh Government has been developed 'Second National Plan of Action for Nutrition (2016-2025)'- NPAN2. A Terms of Reference (ToR) for subnational level nutrition committees (district and sub-district) has already been developed and circulated last year. To standardize the operation of these committees, Bangladesh National Nutrition Council-BNNC developed an Operational Guideline for sub-national level committees



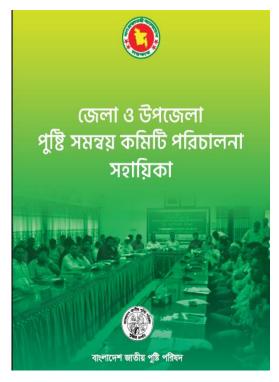
Launching of 'Operational Guideline for District and Sub-district Nutrition Coordination Committee'

with technical support from Collective Impact for Nutrition (CI4N) project of CARE Bangladesh through a long consultative process involving key different relevant stakeholders. The aim of this initiative was to operationalize the sub-national and sub-district nutrition coordination committees. In this regard, the launching ceremony of 'Operational Guideline for District and Sub-district Nutrition Coordination Committee' took place in Hotel Lake Breeze, Dhaka, on July 10, 2019.

The launching ceremony was chaired by honorable Director Institute of Public Health Nutrition – IPHN Dr. Khalilur Rahman and Chief Guest was Md. Habibur Rahman Khan, Additional Secretary (Admin) of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Bangladesh. Among others Dr. Md. Shah Nawaz, honorable Director General of Bangladesh National Nutrition Council, Md. Golam Faruq, Deputy Secretary, MoHFW, Jennifer Orgle – Program Director Nutrition Plus-Health Equity, CARE USA and Dr. SM Mustafizur Rahman- Line Director-NNS were present as special Guest.

In the event, a minute of silence was observed to remember and commemorate for late Dr. Jahangir Hossain, Program Director, Health, CARE Bangladesh; who played a vital role in developing the Operational Guideline.

Dr. Md Shah Nawaz, Director General of BNNC delivered his speech on background and objective of development of this operational guideline and Nazneen Rahman, Team Leader of CI4N, CARE Bangladesh, shared a brief presentation about the guideline.



Md. Habibur Rahman Khan, Additional Secretary – Admin stated that, "the way BNNC is working and moving forward is really inspiring as within short period of time with technical support of CARE Bangladesh the Operational Guideline for sub national level committees is in place. I am sure this initiative enhance the multisectoral approach to improve nutrition status at sub national level and this guideline help committee members to operationalize the activities efficiently. I recommend the authority to ensure available copy of this operational guideline at sub district level shortly".

Civil Surgeon, Sunamganj & UHFPO of Bishambarpur, Sunamganj, and representatives of BNNC, IPHN and development partners were presented in the event. Bangladesh National Nutrition Council organized this launching ceremony with the support of CARE Bangladesh and Nutrition International.