

# 1<sup>st</sup> Half Yearly Monitoring Report

A. N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna on  
**MDM Scheme for the State of Bihar**

For the Period of  
**1<sup>st</sup> October 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

*Districts Covered*

- 1. Jamui**
- 2. Lakhisarai**
- 3. Munger**
- 4. Sheikhpura**



मध्याह्न भोजन योजना  
Mid Day Meal Scheme

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## PREFACE

Mid Day Meal scheme is one of the flagship programmes of government of India in the field of social sector. It has to its credit many laurels. No wonder why it is the largest ever a school-lunch programme in the world. It currently caters to more than 12 crore children across the country. Needless to say that it has benefited poverty ridden populace of this country to the most. Not only in terms of providing food, it has in effect, contributed in expanding the base of school going children in rural areas. There may arguably be various other factors in expanding the number of school going children but its contribution is large enough without any further debate; this is for sure. The socially disadvantaged groups are supposed to be the real target groups of this programme. But the success of this programme is still highly debated, given the ground realities of field situations. Obviously, it needed some kind of monitoring and evaluation.

The MHRD chose to couple up such monitoring programme of MDM with SSA which is being presently conducted by various premier academic institutions of this country. A. N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies (ANSISS), Patna is one of them which has been entrusted with this job along with the monitoring of SSA in Bihar. Jamia Milia Islamia (JMI), New Delhi is also conducting it for half of the districts of Bihar along with us. In the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of 2010-11, four districts namely ***Jamui, Lalhisarai, Munger and Sheikhpura*** were taken up for the monitoring and supervision.

The report for this phase was prepared after collecting the data obtained through monitoring visits of our team in sampled schools of selected districts and on the basis of the data as provided at the SPO and DPO levels.

The report has also been prepared with combined efforts and cooperation of the research team members working on this project. I acknowledge the efforts of our Senior Research Officer, Dr. Surendra Prasad Jaiswal and other four Research Officers namely Sri Dinesh Kumar Singh, Ms. Mukta Sinha, Sri Mithilesh Kumar and Sri Upendra Pd. Rajak.

Special thanks are acknowledged to the Bihar Education Project Council, Patna. We also thank Sri Ravi Shankar Singh, the Programme Officer, for extending his full logistics support and cooperation to us. Our thanks are also due to Sri Rajesh Bhushan, IAS, the SPD, Bihar Education Project Council, Patna and also to the SPD of MDM, Patna.

The District Superintendents of Education, the BRCCs & CRCCs and the Head Masters, teachers, VSS members of the schools and other community members of coverage area of the schools, they all provided very active support to us. We express our thanks to all of them.

However, in the entire effort of our monitoring and evaluation, the Director of our Institute, Prof D. M. Diwakar provided an active administrative and erudite support to us without which the given study would never have been possible. I express my deepest thanks to him on successful completion of this part of our study.

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## List of Abbreviations

1. BEEOs = Block Extension Education Officers
2. BRC = Block Resource Centre
3. BRCC = Block Resource Centre Coordinator
4. CRC = Cluster Resource Centre
5. CRCC = Cluster Resource Centre Coordinator
6. DPC = District Programme Coordinator
7. DPO = District Project Office
8. DSE = District Superintendent of Education
9. EGS = Education Guarantee Scheme
10. EVs = Educational Volunteers
11. FCI = Food Corporation of India
12. IFA = Iron, Folic-acid and Vitamin-A
13. GOI = Government of India
14. HM = Head Master
15. MDM = Mid-Day Meal
16. MDMS = Mid-Day Meal System
17. MI = Monitoring Institution
18. MIS = Monitoring and Information System
19. MS = Middle Schools
20. MTA = Mother Teachers' Association
21. NA = Not Applicable
22. NGO = Non Government Organization
23. OBC = Other Backward Castes
24. PHC = Primary Health Centre
25. PS = Primary Schools
26. SC = Scheduled Castes
27. SDO = Sub Divisional Officer
28. SHG = Self Help Group
29. SMC = School Management Committee
30. SRG = State Resource Group
31. SPD = State Project Director
32. SPO = State Project Office
33. SSA = Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
34. ST = Scheduled Tribes

- 35. TOR = Terms of Reference
- 36. TSC = Total sanitation Campaign
- 37. TSG = Technical Support Group
- 38. UC = Utilization Certificate
- 39. UEE = Universal Elementary Education
- 40. ULB = Urban Local Body
- 41. UPS = Upper Primary School
- 42. VEC = Village Education Committee
- 43. VER = Village Education Register
- 44. VSS = Vidyalaya Shiksha Samiti
- 45. WC = Work Completed
- 46. WER = Ward Education Register
- 47. WNC = Work Not Started
- 48. WP = Work in Progress

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**1. General Information:**

S. No.	Information	Details																						
1.	Name of the monitoring institute	A. N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna																						
2.	Period of the report	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2010 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2011																						
3.	Fund Released for the period	Rs.6,15,000/-																						
4.	No. of Districts completed in the first round	4																						
5.	Districts' name	Jamui, Lakhisarai, Munger and Sheikhpura																						
6.	Date of visit to the Districts / Schools (Information is to be given district wise i.e District 1, District 2, District 3 etc)	1. Jamui (28 <sup>th</sup> June to 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2011) 2. Lakhisarai (19 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2011) 3. Munger (19 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2011) 4. Sheikhpura (19 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2011)																						
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9.	The percentage of schools covered in all the Districts allotted:	<b>100% allotted schools of all categories covered in all the districts</b>																						
10.	<b>Type of schools visited</b>																							
A	Schools in Rural Areas	118																						
a)	Primary Schools	29																						
b)	Upper Primary Schools	-																						
c)	Upper Primary Schools with Primary Classes	89																						
B	Schools in Urban Areas	42																						
d)	Primary Schools	13																						
e)	Upper Primary Schools	-																						
f)	Upper Primary Schools with Primary Classes	29																						
C	NCLP Schools	-																						
D	School sanctioned with Kitchen cum Stores	125																						
E	Schools having Cook cum helpers engaged as per norm	None																						
11.	Number of schools visited by Nodal Officer of the Monitoring Institute	57																						
12.	Whether the draft report has been shared with the Director of the nodal department implementing MDMS : YES / NO	Yes																						
13.	After submission of the draft report to the Director of the nodal department implementing MDMS whether the MI has received any Observations from the Directorate : YES / NO	No																						

## 2. Executive Summary of Jamui, Lakhisarai, Munger and Sheikhpura district report of MDM Scheme

### 1. Regularity in supply of hot cooked meal:

	Jamui District (1)	Lakhisarai District (2)	Munger District (3)	Sheikhpura District (4)
<b>(a) Regularity in Serving MDM</b>				
(i) Percentage of Schools serving hot cooked meal regularly.	In 62.5 % sampled schools of Jamui district serving hot cooked meal regularly.	In 72.5 % sampled schools of Lakhisarai district serving hot cooked meal regularly.	In 72.5% sampled schools of Munger district serving hot cooked meal regularly.	In 87.5 % sampled schools of Sheikhpura district serving hot cooked meal regularly.
(ii) If hot cooked meal is not served regularly, reasons thereof.	Unavailability of rice and cooking cost.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unavailability of rice, fuel and cooking cost.</li> <li>• Lack of guideline and building</li> <li>• Interference of Ex. VSS President and Secretary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unavailability of rice, cooking cost and irregular payment of cooks &amp; helpers</li> <li>• Lack of drinking water facilities</li> <li>• Irregular supply of MDM by NGO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unavailability of rice and cooking cost</li> <li>• Lack of drinking water facilities</li> <li>• Due to retirement of HM</li> </ul>
(iii) Is there any prescribed norm for consideration for irregularity in serving MDM	Guidelines were not available with the schools.	Guidelines were not available with the schools.	Guidelines were not available with the schools.	Guidelines were not available with the schools.
(iv) Quality and quantity of meal in the opinion of teachers, students or SMC members and any problems to children in serving MDM.	Children, parents and community members were not happy with quality of foods. Bad quality of food materials were served often in unhygienic condition. Food was cooked and kept in open and dirty ground.	Children, parents and community members were not happy with quality of foods. Bad quality of food materials were served often in unhygienic condition. Food was cooked and kept in open and dirty ground.	Children, parents and community members were not happy with quality of foods. Bad quality of food materials were served often in unhygienic condition. Food was cooked and kept in open and dirty ground.	Children, parents and community members were not happy with quality of foods. Bad quality of food materials were served often in unhygienic condition. Food was cooked and kept in open and dirty ground.

	<b>Jamui District (1)</b>	<b>Lakhisarai District (2)</b>	<b>Munger District (3)</b>	<b>Sheikhpura District (4)</b>
<b>(b) Trends</b>				
(i) Number of children enrolled in schools	18515	16656	17053	15667
(ii) Number of children availed MDM as per MDM register	5064	5269	8472	7927
(iii) Number of children availed MDM on the day of visit	5064	5269	8472	7927
(iv) Number of children availed MDM on the previous day of visit	5052	6688	7573	7454

## 2. Regularity in supply of Food grain:

	<b>Jamui District (1)</b>	<b>Lakhisarai District (2)</b>	<b>Munger District (3)</b>	<b>Sheikhpura District (4)</b>
(i) Is school/implementing agency receiving food grain regularly? If there is delay in delivering food grains, what is the extent of delay and reasons for the same?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 37.5% sampled schools were not receiving food grains regularly in Jamui district.</li> <li>None availability of rice with dealer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 62.5% sampled schools were not receiving food grains regularly in Lakhisarai district.</li> <li>None availability of rice with dealer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 57.5% sampled schools were not receiving food grains regularly in Munger district.</li> <li>None availability of rice with dealer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 42.5% sampled schools were not receiving food grains regularly in Sheikhpura district.</li> <li>None availability of rice with dealer.</li> </ul>
(ii) Is the quality of food grain FAQ?	Average	Average	Average	Average
(iii) Is buffer stock of one-month's requirement maintained?	Buffer stock of one month's requirement was not maintained by 47.5% sampled schools of	Buffer stock of one month's requirement was not maintained by any sampled schools of	Buffer stock of one month's requirement was not maintained by any sampled schools of	Buffer stock of one month's requirement was not maintained by 52.5% sampled schools of



	Jamui district.	Lakhisarai district.	Munger district.	Sheikhpura district.
(iv) Is the food grains delivered at the school?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

### 3. Payment of Cost of food grain to FCI: -

	Jamui District (1)	Lakhisarai District (2)	Munger District (3)	Sheikhpura District (4)
<b>(a) Enabling conditions: -</b>				
(i) Is payment of cost of food grain to FCI made monthly? Which the stipulated time?	Data not given	Data not given	Data not given	Data not given
(ii) Has payment of cost of food grain to FCI made for the previous month	Data not given	Data not given	Data not given	Data not given
(iii) Reasons for irregular payment, if any	Data not given	Data not given	Data not given	Data not given

### 4. Regularity in Delivering Cooking Cost at the school level:

	Jamui District (1)	Lakhisarai District (2)	Munger District (3)	Sheikhpura District (4)
(i) Number of schools /implementing agency receiving cooking cost in	In 25 (62.5%) sampled schools of Jamui district were cooking cost in advance regularly.	In 23 (57.5%) sampled schools of Lakhisarai district were cooking cost in advance	In 27 (67.5%) sampled schools of Munger district were cooking cost in advance	In 31 (72.5%) sampled schools of Sheikhpura district were cooking cost in

advance regularly?		regularly.	regularly.	advance regularly.
(ii) If there is delay in delivering cooking cost what is the extent of delay and reasons for it?	Block Resource Person of MDM do not provided cheque in time.	Block Resource Person of MDM do not provided cheque in time.	Block Resource Person of MDM do not provided cheque in time.	Block Resource Person of MDM do not provided cheque in time.
(iii) In case of delay, how school/implementing agency manages to ensure that there is no disruption in the feeding programme?	The HM brings the related items on credit from local shopkeepers.	The HM brings the related items on credit from local shopkeepers.	The HM brings the related items on credit from local shopkeepers.	The HM brings the related items on credit from local shopkeepers.
(iv) Is cooking cost paid by Cash or through banking channel?	Through banking channel	Through banking channel	Through banking channel	Through banking channel

## 5. Social Equity:

	Jamui District (1)	Lakhisarai District (2)	Munger District (3)	Sheikhpura District (4)
<b>(a) In the classroom: -</b>				
(i) Sitting arrangement for the children during serving of MDM.	Students were encouraged to sit in queue with their plates and after that food items were served by the cooks. Tat-Patti or carpet was not available in schools for this purpose.	Students were encouraged to sit in queue with their plates and after that food items were served by the cooks. Tat-Patti or carpet was not available in schools for this purpose.	Students were encouraged to sit in queue with their plates and after that food items were served by the cooks. Tat-Patti or carpet was not available in schools for this purpose.	Students were encouraged to sit in queue with their plates and after that food items were served by the cooks. Tat-Patti or carpet was not available in schools for this purpose.
(ii) Did you observe any gender or caste or community discrimination in cooking or serving or seating arrangements?	No	No	No	No

## 6. Menu:

	<b>Jamui District (1 )</b>	<b>Lakhisarai District (2)</b>	<b>Munger District (3)</b>	<b>Sheikhpura District (4)</b>
(i) Number of schools where menu is displayed on the wall and noticeable	In 33 (82.5%) sampled schools of Jamui district had displayed its weekly menu on the wall and noticeable.	In 35 (87.5%) sampled schools of Lakhisarai district had displayed its weekly menu on the wall and noticeable.	In 37 (92.5%) sampled schools of Munger district had displayed its weekly menu on the wall and noticeable.	In 36 (90%) sampled schools of Sheikhpura had displayed its weekly menu on the wall and noticeable.
(ii) Who decides the menu	District level officer of MDM decides the menu.	District level officer of MDM decides the menu.	District level officer of MDM decides the menu.	District level officer of MDM decides the menu.
(iii) Does daily menu include rice/wheat, pulses (dal) and vegetable?	All sampled schools of Jamui district include rice preparation, dal and vegetables in their daily menu where it is being served while none of sampled schools of this district include wheat preparation in their daily menu. Green vegetables are rarely cooked in the sampled schools.	All sampled schools of Lakhisarai district include rice preparation, dal and vegetables in their daily menu where it is being served while none of sampled schools of this district include wheat preparation in their daily menu. Green vegetables are rarely cooked in the sampled schools.	All sampled schools of Munger district include rice preparation, dal and vegetables in their daily menu where it is being served while none of sampled schools of this district include wheat preparation in their daily menu. Green vegetables are rarely cooked in the sampled schools.	All sampled schools of Sheikhpura district include rice preparation, dal and vegetables in their daily menu where it is being served while none of sampled schools of this district include wheat preparation in their daily menu. Green vegetables are rarely cooked in the sampled schools.
(iv) Number of schools where variety of foods is served daily	All (40) sampled schools of Jamui district were serving variety of foods.	All (40) sampled schools of Lakhisarai district were serving variety of foods.	All (40) sampled schools of Munger district were serving variety of foods.	All (40) sampled schools of Sheikhpura district were serving variety of foods.
(v) Number of schools where same food is served daily	None	None	None	None

## 7. Community Mobilization: -

	<b>Jamui District (1 )</b>	<b>Lakhisarai District (2)</b>	<b>Munger District (3)</b>	<b>Sheikhpura District (4)</b>
(i) Familiarity level of the	VSS was not formed in any	VSS was not formed in any	VSS was not formed in any	VSS was not formed in any

	<b>Jamui District (1)</b>	<b>Lakhisarai District (2)</b>	<b>Munger District (3)</b>	<b>Sheikhpura District (4)</b>
SMC members with their roles and responsibilities and eligibility and entitlement of children as notified by the State Government.	school Jamui district.	school Lakhisarai district.	school Munger district.	school Sheikhpura district.
(ii) Number of schools where there is a roaster of parents for daily monitoring and supervision of MDMS	None	None	None	None
(iii) Number of members received training regarding MDMS and its monitoring	None	None	None	None
(iv) Frequency of SMCs meetings held and issues related to MDMS discussed.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
(v) Frequency monitoring and cooking and serving MDMS by SMC members	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
(vi) Contribution made by the community for MDMS	No contribution	No contribution	No contribution	No contribution
(vii) Extent of participation by SMC/PTA/MTA/PRI/Urban local bodies	No Participation	No Participation	No Participation	No Participation

## 8. MIS:

	<b>Jamui District (1)</b>	<b>Lakhisarai District (2)</b>	<b>Munger District (3)</b>	<b>Sheikhpura District (4)</b>
(i) Number of schools where MDM register is in place and maintained	All (40) sampled schools	All (40) sampled schools	All (40) sampled schools	All (40) sampled schools
(ii) Whether any training on maintaining MDM information is imparted to the teacher/head teacher?	Training was not given to the HM/teachers.	Training was not given to the HM/teachers.	Training was not given to the HM/teachers.	Training was not given to the HM/teachers.
(iii) What is Mechanism of flow of Information from school to district and onwards?	Block Resource Person of MDM collects the data from schools every month and passes the information at district level.	Block Resource Person of MDM collects the data from schools every month and passes the information at district level.	Block Resource Person of MDM collects the data from schools every month and passes the information at district level.	Block Resource Person of MDM collects the data from schools every month and passes the information at district level.
(v) What is the prevalent MIS System?				
(vi) What is the interval of furnishing information from School to Block and onwards?	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly

## 9. Financial Management:

	<b>Jamui District (1)</b>	<b>Lakhisarai District (2)</b>	<b>Munger District (3)</b>	<b>Sheikhpura District (4)</b>
(i) Nature of financial records and registers maintained at the implementing agency level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily MDM register maintained by the implementing agency level.</li> <li>• Separate cash book and pass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily MDM register maintained by the implementing agency level.</li> <li>• Separate cash book and pass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily MDM register maintained by the implementing agency level.</li> <li>• Separate cash book and pass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily MDM register maintained by the implementing agency level.</li> <li>• Separate cash book and pass</li> </ul>

	<b>Jamui District (1)</b>	<b>Lakhisarai District (2)</b>	<b>Munger District (3)</b>	<b>Sheikhpura District (4)</b>
	book was not maintained by the implementing agency level.	book was not maintained by the implementing agency level.	book was not maintained by the implementing agency level.	book was not maintained by the implementing agency level.
(ii) Mode of transfer of fund to the implementing agency level from the state or district levels.	Through Cheque	Through Cheque	Through Cheque	Through Cheque
(iii) Type of account maintained and System for the withdrawal of fund from the SMC/VEC account.	Through Cheque	Through Cheque	Through Cheque	Through Cheque
(iv) If the proposals for expenditure and expenditure statements are shared with the community. If yes, is there any instance of community expressing objection/reservation about any transaction?	No	No	No	No

#### 10. School Health Programme:

	<b>Jamui District (1)</b>	<b>Lakhisarai District (2)</b>	<b>Munger District (3)</b>	<b>Sheikhpura District (4)</b>
(i) Who Number of schools where school Health Card maintained for each child? administers these	In 9 (22.5%) schools were maintained Health Card for each child in Jamui district.	In 3 (7.5.5%) schools were maintained Health Card for each child in Lakhisarai district.	In 2 (5%) schools were maintained Health Card for each child in Munger district.	In 5 (12.5%) schools were maintained Health Card for each child in Sheikhpura district.

	<b>Jamui District (1)</b>	<b>Lakhisarai District (2)</b>	<b>Munger District (3)</b>	<b>Sheikhpura District (4)</b>
medicines and at what frequency where MDM register is in place and maintained				
(ii) What is the frequency of health check-up?	Health check-up of school students was not done in any sampled schools Jamui district during the last six months.	Health check-up of school students was not done in any sampled schools Lakhisarai district during the last six months.	Health check-up of school students was not done in any sampled schools Munger district during the last six months.	Health check-up of school students was not done in any sampled schools Sheikhpura district during the last six months.
(iii) Number of children given Vitamin A	None	None	None	None
(iv) Number of children given IFA Tablets	IFA was given in 11 (27.5%) sampled schools only one time during the last six month.	It was given in 2 (5%) sampled schools only one time during the last six month.	It was given in 7 (17.5%) sampled schools only one time during the last six month.	It was given in 9 (22.5%) sampled schools only one time during the last six month.
(v) Number of children given de-worming tablets.	None	None	None	None
(vi) Who administers these medicines?	Medical Officer of PHC.	Medical Officer of PHC.	Medical Officer of PHC.	Medical Officer of PHC.
(vi) Number of school where iodized salt is used	All (40) Sampled schools is used iodized salt.	All (40) Sampled schools is used iodized salt.	All (40) Sampled schools is used iodized salt.	All (40) Sampled schools is used iodized salt.
(vii) Number of schools where children wash their hand before and after eating	In 5 (12.5%) sampled schools children were observed washing their hands before and after eating MDM.	In 3 (7.5%) sampled schools children were observed washing their hands before and after eating MDM.	In 7 (17.5%) sampled schools children were observed washing their hands before and after eating MDM.	In 4 (10%) sampled schools children were observed washing their hands before and after eating MDM.

## 11. Status of Cook cum Helpers:

	<b>Jamui District (1)</b>	<b>Lakhisarai District (2)</b>	<b>Munger District (3)</b>	<b>Sheikhpura District (4)</b>
(i) Number of school where cook cum helpers are engaged as per the norm of GOI or State Govt.	Cooks and helpers were not engaged as per GOI norms in any sampled schools of Jamui district.	Cooks and helpers were not engaged as per GOI norms in any sampled schools of Lakhisarai district.	Cooks and helpers were not engaged as per GOI norms in any sampled schools of Munger district.	Cooks and helpers were not engaged as per GOI norms in any sampled schools of Sheikhpura district.
(ii) Who engages cook cum helpers in these schools	Adhoc committee of schools/ NGO	Adhoc committee of schools	Adhoc committee of schools/ NGO	Adhoc committee of schools
(iii) Number of schools served by centralized kitchen	In 5 (12.5%) sampled schools of Jamui block.	None	In 7 (17.5%) sampled schools of Munger block.	None
(iv) Number of schools where SHG is involved	None	None	None	None
(v) What is remuneration paid to Cook cum helpers, mode of payment and intervals of payment?	The cooks/helpers are paid remuneration Rs.1000/- in sampled schools where MDM was preparing and serving by the schools, whereas the cooks/helpers are paid remuneration Rs.500/- in sampled schools where MDM was preparing and serving by NGO. The remuneration of cooks/helpers has been paid by them through banking channel.	The cooks/helpers are paid remuneration Rs.1000/- in sampled schools. The remuneration of cooks/helpers has been paid by them through banking channel.	The cooks/helpers are paid remuneration Rs.1000/- in sampled schools where MDM was preparing and serving by the schools, whereas the cooks/helpers are paid remuneration Rs.500/- in sampled schools where MDM was preparing and serving by NGO. The remuneration of cooks/helpers has been paid by them through banking channel.	The cooks/helpers are paid remuneration Rs.1000/- in sampled schools. The remuneration of cooks/helpers has been paid by them through banking channel.
(vi) Social Composition of cooks cum helpers? (SC/ST/OBC/Minority/ot hers)	Women cooks/helpers of SC/ST/OBC/Minority category were found in sampled schools of Jamui district.	Women cooks/helpers of SC/ST/OBC/Minority category were found in sampled schools of Lakhisarai district.	Women cooks/helpers of SC/ST/OBC/Minority category were found in sampled schools of Munger district.	Women cooks/helpers of SC/ST/OBC/Minority category were found in sampled schools of Sheikhpura district.



## 12. Infrastructure:

	<b>Jamui District (1)</b>	<b>Lakhisarai District (2)</b>	<b>Munger District (3)</b>	<b>Sheikhpura District (4)</b>
(i) Number of school where pucca Kitchen cum Stores is available and in use	The pucca kitchen shed-cum-store was available and also in use in 30 (75%) sampled schools of Jamui district.	The pucca kitchen shed-cum-store was available and also in use in 21 (52.5%) sampled schools of Lakhisarai district.	The pucca kitchen shed-cum-store was available and also in use in 19 (47.5%) sampled schools of Munger district.	The pucca kitchen shed-cum-store was available and also in use in all (40) sampled schools of Sheikhpura district.
(ii) Number of schools where pucca kitchen cum store is not available	The pucca kitchen shed-cum-store was not sanctioned in 10 (25%) sampled schools.	The pucca kitchen shed-cum-store was not sanctioned in 12 (30%) sampled schools.	The pucca kitchen shed-cum-store was not sanctioned in 13 (32.5%) sampled schools.	Not Applicable

## 13. Staffing:

	<b>Jamui District (1)</b>	<b>Lakhisarai District (2)</b>	<b>Munger District (3)</b>	<b>Sheikhpura District (4)</b>
(i) Number of staff engaged at district level for management and monitoring of MDMS	8 staff was engaged at district level for management and monitoring of MDMS.	8 staff was engaged at district level for management and monitoring of MDMS	8 staff was engaged at district level for management and monitoring of MDMS	8 staff was engaged at district level for management and monitoring of MDMS
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(iii) Is there any district level task force constituted?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**14. Monitoring:**

	<b>Jamui District (1 )</b>	<b>Lakhisarai District (2)</b>	<b>Munger District (3)</b>	<b>Sheikhpura District (4)</b>
(i) How many district level steering cum monitoring committee meeting held in current financial year	Data not given	Data not given	Data not given	Data not given
(ii) How many state level steering cum monitoring committee meeting held in the current financial year	14 times			

### 3. District Level Half Yearly Monitoring Report of Jamui, Lakhisarai, Munger and Sheikhpura

#### (A) Mid-Day Meal Scheme: Jamui district

3.1	Name of the District	Jamui
3.2	Date of visit to the District/EGS/Schools	28 <sup>th</sup> June to 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2011

1	<p><b><u>REGULARITY IN SERVING MEAL:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Whether the school is serving hot cooked meal daily?</p> <p>In Jamui district, the sampled schools were crosschecked by the MI and it was found that 25 (62.5%) sampled schools out of 40 sampled schools are serving hot cooked meals on the day of visit to their students.</p> <p>(ii) If there was interruption, what was the extent and reasons for the same?</p> <p>15 (37.5%) sampled schools of this district was not serving the hot cooked meal regularly to their children due to unavailability of rice and coking cost. The breakup of reasons are as follows in respect of interruption of MDM in Jamui district where sampled schools are serving hot cooked meals on the day of visit and on the day previous date of visit to their students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unavailability of rice in the schools : 12.5%</li> <li>• Lack of coking cost : 15.0%</li> <li>• Unavailability of rice and cooking cost : 2.5%</li> </ul> <p>According to HM, M. S. Dhadhaur of Sikandra block, the MDM is remaining closed for many days in this block due to lack funds with the schools.</p>																						
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	<p>The above table reveals that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About 58.1% students were present in the sampled schools on the day of visit and out of them only 27.4% were taking MDM on the day of visit.</li> <li>• On the other hand about 27.3% were taking MDM on the day previous date of visit.</li> </ul> <p>Major findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bad quality of food material is being served by NGO as reported by Children, HM, school teachers and community members.</li> <li>• MI members also seen that the poor quality of food items is being served by the NGO in different schools to the children.</li> </ul> <p>Important steps should be taken by the concerned authority as early as possible to regularize the MDM in the schools in respect of Right to Education.</p>
3	<p><b><u>REGULARITY IN DELIVERING FOOD GRAINS TO SCHOOL LEVEL:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Is school receiving food grain regularly? If there is delay in delivering food grains, what is the extent of delay and reasons for the same?</p> <p>15 (37.5%) sampled schools were not receiving food grains regularly. The HM of concerned schools informed the MI that the MDM remains closed for months because of non availability of rice with the dealer.</p> <p>(ii) Is buffer stock of one-month's requirement is maintained?</p> <p>The buffer stock of one month's requirement was not maintained by 19 (47.5%) sampled schools of Jamui district.</p> <p>(iii) Is the quantity of food grain supplied was as per the marked/indicated weight?</p> <p>The HM, teachers and community people reported to MI members that quantity of food grain supplied by dealers in sampled schools was not matched with the marked/ indicated weight. They were facing so many problems. But none of them has lodged complain in front of the higher authority. The MI members also observed that the bag of food grains (rice) was not properly packed by FCI.</p> <p>(iv) Is the food grains delivered at the school?</p> <p>The HM of sampled schools reported to MI members that the food grains are delivered at school by the concerned dealer.</p> <p>(v) Is the quality of food grain good?</p> <p>The quality of food grains was found average in all sampled schools.</p>
4	<p><b><u>REGULARITY IN DELIVERING COOKING COST TO SCHOOL LEVEL:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Is school/implementing agency receiving cooking cost in advance regularly? If there is delay in delivering cooking cost, what is the extent of delay and reasons for it?</p> <p>Majority of sampled schools (62.5%) of Jamui district were receiving cooking cost in advance regularly. But the HM of 15 (37.5%) sampled schools reported to MI members that they are not receiving cooking cost in advance regularly. Cooking cost (Rs.2.77 per head per day in primary schools and Rs.4.03 per head in upper primary schools) was released to</p>

	majority of schools in advance by the concerned office of district.
	(ii) In case of delay, how schools/implementing agency manages to ensure that there is no disruption in the feeding programme?
	In this regard some HMs of concerned schools reported to MI that they bring the related items on credit from local shopkeepers. Sometimes the shopkeepers also refused to provide related items of MDM to school and in this case we are facing problem to regularize MDM in school.
	(iii) Is cooking cost paid by Cash or through banking channel?
	The HM of sampled schools reported to MI members that the cooking cost paid by them through banking channel i.e. account payee cheque.
5	<b><u>SOCIAL EQUITY:</u></b>
	(i) Did you observe any gender or caste or community discrimination in cooking or serving or seating arrangements?
	There was no caste / gender/ disability based discrimination seen among children while serving the Mid-Day Meal to the students in sampled schools of Jamui district. All children were treated equally irrespective of caste, gender and disability.
	(ii) What is the system of serving and seating arrangements for eating?
	Students were encouraged to sit in queue with their plates and after that food items were served by the cooks. Tat-Patti or carpet was not available in schools for this purpose.
6	<b><u>VARIETY OF MENU:</u></b>
	(i) Has the school displayed its weekly menu at a place noticeable to community, and is it able to adhere to the menu displayed?
	Majority of sampled schools (82.5%) had displayed its weekly menu but they hardly adhere to the menu displayed.
	(ii) Who decides the menu?
	The State/District level officers of MDM decide the menu and a copy of such menu have been provided to schools with a request to serve the MDM to their students according to this menu.
	(iii) Is there variety in the food served or is the same food served daily?
	All sampled schools of Jumui district are serving variety of food. The food items i.e. khichari-chokha, rice-pulse & vegetables, rice-rajma, rice-nutrela etc. was served in sampled schools of this district where it is being served.
	(iv) Dose the daily menu includes rice / wheat preparation, dal and vegetables?
	All sampled schools of Jamui district include rice preparation, dal and vegetables in their daily menu where it is being served while none of sampled schools of this district include wheat preparation in their daily menu. Green vegetables are rarely cooked in the sampled schools.

7	<p><b><u>QUALITY &amp; QUANTITY OF MEAL:</u></b></p> <p>Feedback from children on –</p> <p>(i) Quality of meal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When the MI observers asked the children, parents and community members about the quality of mid-day meal which was served in the schools, it was discovered that they were not happy with quality of food. Bad quality of food materials were served often in unhygienic condition. Food was cooked and kept in open and dirty ground.</li> <li>• Adequate numbers of plates are not available in schools; therefore, many children bring their own plates for taking food.</li> <li>• MI Observers found that none of the sampled school’s children of Jamui district were happy with quality of meal which was served in their school.</li> </ul>
	<p>(ii) Quantity of meal:</p> <p>When the MI observers asked the children, parents and community members about the quantity of mid-day meal which was served in the schools, it was discovered that they were not happy with quantity of food.</p>
	<p>(iii) If children were not happy, Please give reasons and suggestions to improve.</p> <p><b>Children were not happy with MDM because:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bad quality of food materials is often served in unhygienic condition.</li> <li>• Food is cooked and kept in open and dirty ground.</li> <li>• They are forced to sit on the ground without any proper sitting arrangement like <i>tat-patti, carpet</i> etc.</li> <li>• Some children complained that they have to bring their own plates to eat the MDM.</li> <li>• Poor quality of food items is often served by the NGO.</li> <li>• The NGO is not providing hot cooked meal regularly in the school.</li> <li>• The NGO is not providing hot cooked meal timely in the school.</li> </ul> <p><b>Suggestions given by students for improvement in MDM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better quality of rice should be provided to the school authority.</li> <li>• Better quality of pulse and green vegetables with proper quantity should be served by the school management.</li> <li>• Fruits/Salad also may be included in the MDM</li> <li>• Proper monitoring is necessary for maintaining the quality and quantity of meal.</li> <li>• Food items must be served by the concerned authority as per the menu.</li> <li>• Proper sitting arrangement also should be provided in the school.</li> <li>• Adequate utensils and plates should be available in the school for MDM facilities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Suggestions given by teachers for improvement in MDM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply of rice should be regular</li> <li>• Separate staff should be appointed to look after MDM in the school.</li> </ul>

- @ Rs10/- per students should be given by the Govt. for better quality of meal.
- Adequate utensils should be available in the school for preparing and serving the MDM.

**Suggestions given by parents and community people for improvement in MDM:**

- The services of NGO should be taken off immediately in respect of MDM because-
  - (a) Poor quality of food items is often served by the NGO irregular manner in the schools.
  - (b) The NGO is not providing hot cooked meal timely in the schools.
  - (c) The quality of food being served by NGO is so poor that the children refused to eat them in many schools.
- Separate person should be appointed at CRC level to look after the MDM quantity and quality in the school.
- Block level authority must visit once in a week to see the MDM facilities in the schools.
- Concerned people must be punished for serving bad quality of meal
- Better quality food should be provided to the children.

**Suggestions given MI for improvement in MDM:**

- The NGO is not doing good job in relation to preparation and distribution of hot cooked meal as reported by the different level of authority as well as children and parents/community people of the coverage area.
- Block level authority must visit twice in a month to see the MDM facilities in the schools.
- Separate person should be appointed at CRC level to look after the quality of MDM in schools.
- Green vegetables should also be given to the students in MDM.
- Light food items may also be distributed among students at dismissal hours, so that the students may have incentive to wait till the school hours are over.
- Food items amount should be increased to Rs10/- per students for better quality of meal.
- Separate trained staff should be appointed to look after MDM in the school.
- The gas facilities should be provided to the schools for cooking the food.
- Adequate utensils and plates should be made available in the school for preparing and serving the MDM.
- Fruits and Salad also should be given to the students for better nutrition at least twice in a week.
- Provision should be made by the government for construction of **a dining hall** in each school where children take their meal in properly manner in hygienic condition.
- MDM account should be separated from other schools account and it's operated by the school Adhoc committee (i.e. School HM & a senior teacher of the school).
- The remuneration of cooks may be given @Rs.2000/- per month regular manner.

8	<p><b><u>SUPPLEMENTARY:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Is there school Health Card maintained for each child?</p> <p>Majority of sampled schools (77.5%) do not maintained the health card for each child.</p> <p>(ii) What is the frequency of health check-up?</p> <p>Health check-up of school students was not done in any sampled schools Jamui district during the last six months.</p> <p>(iii) Whether children are given micronutrients (iron, folic acid, vitamin – A dosage) and de-worming medicine periodically?</p> <p>Micronutrients (Iron, folic acid &amp; vitamin – A dosage) and de-worming medicine which are necessary for improving the health and proper growth of the children are not provided in majority of sampled schools 29 (72.5%) of Jamui district. Iron and folic acid was given in 11 (27.5%) sampled schools only one time during the last six month, whereas vitamin – A dosage and de-worming medicine was not given the children of sampled schools during the last six month.</p> <p>1. Who administers these medicines and at what frequency?</p> <p>The Medical Officer of Primary Health Center of concerned block administers these medicines. It was rarely distributed in different schools of concerned block as reported by HM, teachers, parents and community people of coverage area of schools.</p>
9	<p><b><u>STATUS OF COOKS:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Who cooks and serves the meal? (Cook cum helper appointed by the Department/VEC/ Self Help Group/NGO/Contractor)</p> <p>Majority of sampled schools of Jamui district, MDM preparation and distribution are managed by the Adhoc Committee but in 9 (22.5%) sampled schools of Jamui district MDM preparation and distribution are managed by the NGO. Hence the cook cum helper has been appointed by this agency for preparing Mid Day Meal.</p> <p>(ii) Is the number of cooks and helpers engaged in the school as per GOI norms?</p> <p>The number of cooks and helpers was not engaged in the school as per GOI norms. None of the HM of sampled schools has provided the GOI guideline in this regard.</p> <p>(iii) What is remuneration paid to cooks cum helpers and mode of payment?</p> <p>The cooks/helpers are paid remuneration Rs.1000/- in sampled schools of this district where MDM was preparing and serving by the schools. On the other hand the cooks/helpers are paid remuneration Rs.500/- in sampled schools of the district where MDM was preparing and serving by NGO. The HM reported to MI members that the remuneration of cooks/helpers has been paid by them through banking channel. But their remuneration has not been released by the concerned authority to the sampled schools from April 2011.</p> <p>(iv) Is the remuneration paid to cooks cum helpers regularly?</p> <p>No, the remuneration of cooks/helpers was not paid regularly i.e. once in a month. The cooks/helpers of sampled schools reported MI members that they do not receive their remuneration from April 2011. The HM, teachers and community people has also</p>



	authenticated this issue.
	(v) Specify the social composition of cooks cum helpers? (SC/ST/OBC/Minority)
	Women cooks/helpers of SC/ST/OBC/Minority category were found in sampled schools of Jamui district.
10	<p><b><u>INFRASTRUCTURE:</u></b></p> <p>Is a pucca kitchen shed-cum-store:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Constructed and in use</li> <li>2. Scheme under which kitchen sheds constructed – MDM/SSA/Others</li> <li>3. Constructed but not in use (Reason for not using)</li> <li>4. Under construction</li> <li>5. Sanctioned, but construction not started</li> <li>6. Not sanctioned</li> <li>7. Any other (specify)</li> </ol>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The pucca kitchen shed-cum-store was available and also in use in 30 (75%) sampled schools of Jamui district and it was constructed under SSA scheme.</li> <li>• The pucca kitchen shed-cum-store was not sanctioned in 10 (25%) sampled schools.</li> </ul>
11	<p>In case the pucca kitchen shed is not available, where is the food being cooked and where the food grains /other ingredients are being stored?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The food is being cooked under thatched Kitchen shed or in the open places or in a separate classroom by sampled schools of Jamui district where pucca kitchen shed was not available for this purposes.</li> <li>• The MDM food grains and other ingredients are kept in safe places inside the school (in the HM room/classroom).</li> </ul>
12	<p>Whether potable water is available for cooking and drinking purpose?</p> <p>Portable water was available in all sampled schools of Jamui district. In some schools the hand pumps are not in proper condition and it needs to repair. It was observed by MI members that the available hand pump is not meeting the problems of portable water in the schools. Therefore, another hand pump is required to all sampled schools immediately so that children could drink water and wash their hands before and after taking their meal without facing any problem.</p>
13	<p>Whether utensils are available for cooking food? If available, is it adequate?</p> <p>In all sampled schools of Jamui district have adequate number of utensils for cooking MDM. The HM of sampled schools have reported that Rs.5000/- has been released by the DPO to purchase the cooking utensils.</p>
14	<p>What is the kind of fuel used? (Gas based/firewood etc.)</p> <p>All sampled schools of Jamui district use firewood as fuel for cooking MDM where MDM prepared in the school.</p>

15	<p><b><u>SAFETY &amp; HYGIENE:</u></b></p> <p>General Impression of the environment, Safety and hygiene:</p> <p>(i) Are children encouraged to wash hands before and after eating?</p> <p>It was observed in sampled schools that teachers do not teach personal hygiene to children like washing hands before and after taking meals therefore only in a few schools (12.5%) in Jamui district, the children were observed washing their hands before and after taking MDM.</p> <p>(ii) Do the children take meals in an orderly manner?</p> <p>There are only a few schools (12.5%) where children take meals in an orderly manner in Jamui district. Due to proper sitting arrangement and lack of vacant places in the schools, children eat their meal here and there. Their problems could not be explained in words.</p> <p>(iii) Conservation of water?</p> <p>Children are not taught in school to conserve water while washing dishes in Jamui district. Therefore, none of the sample school's children of this district used the practice of conserving water while washing dishes.</p> <p>(iv) Is the cooking process and storage of fuel safe, not posing any fire hazard?</p> <p>The cooking process and storage of fuel is safe in all sampled schools where MDM prepared in the school.</p>
16	<p><b>COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND AWARENESS:</b></p> <p>Extent of participation by Parents/VSSs/VECs/Panchayats/Urban bodies in daily supervision, monitoring and participation.</p> <p>(i) Is any roster being maintained by the community members for supervision of the MDM</p> <p>Roster was not maintained by the community members for supervision of the MDM in any sampled schools of Jamui district.</p> <p>(ii) Are the parents/community members aware about the following?</p> <p>(a) Quantity of MDM per child:</p> <p>The parents/community members reported to MI that @100 gram rice per child per day for primary school (i.e. class I to V) and @150 gram rice per child per day for Upper Primary School (i.e. class VI to VIII) has been released by the FCI to school.</p> <p>(b) Entitlement of quantity and types of nutrients in MDM per child as supplied in the menu:</p> <p>According to menu, the cooks/helpers have to cook rice @100 gram rice per child per day for primary school and @150 gram rice per child per day for Upper Primary School. Apart from these they have also to prepare other things likes vegetables, dal, rajama, karhi, nutrella, chokha etc. as per the menu.</p> <p>(c) General awareness about the overall implementation of MDM programme:</p> <p>The parents/community members were found aware regarding the MDM programme. But they do not visit frequently in schools to look after the MDM programme.</p>

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17	<p><b>INSPECTION &amp; SUPERVISION</b></p> <p>(i) Has the mid day meal programme been inspected by any state/district/block level officers/officials?</p> <p>According to HM of sampled schools the MDM programme was inspected by the state/ district/ block level officers/officials in sampled schools of this district. In fact it was rarely inspected by the state/district/block level officers/officials in sampled schools of this district.</p> <p>(ii) The frequency of such inspection?</p> <p>In Jamui district, MDM programme was not frequently inspected by the state/ district/ block level officers/ officials in sampled schools of this district. Block resource person of MDM visited respective schools of block once in a month only for data collection. The SDO/BEEOs/BRCCs of concerned block visited very few schools in a block of six months.</p> <p>(iii) Remarks made by the visiting officers? If any?</p> <p>No remarks has been put up by visiting officers either in visiting register or neither in MDM register.</p>																								
18	<p><b>IMPACT</b></p> <p>(i) Has the mid day meal improved the enrollment, attendance of children in school, any improvement in general well being, nutritional status of children?</p> <p>In fact the MDM has improved the enrollment and attendance of children in schools especially in rural areas. The poor and below poverty line children were getting adequate and nutrients food through MDM in schools. Thus, the MDM has attracted the weaker section parents to send their children to school for education.</p> <p>(ii) Is there any other incidental benefit to the children and school due to serving of mid-day-meal by VSS, VEC, PRI members?</p> <p>The MDM has attracted the weaker section parents to send their children to school for education. Poor women got the part time employment for preparing and serving MDM in the nearest school.</p>																								

**List of schools visited in Jamui district:**

Sl. No.	DISE Code	Name of School
1	10371704303	P. S. Prakhand Colony, Sono
2	10371800201	Upgraded M. S. Banjhoolia
3	10371800103	Kanya M. S. Gidhour
4	10371800101	Upgraded M. S. Patsanda
5	10371906901	M. S. Kesopur
6	10371003102	Upgraded M. S. Madwa Maktab
7	10371006601	Jilani Urdu M. S. Jamui
8	10371006402	Upgraded Urdu M. S. Nimarang
9	10371005201	Upgraded M. S. Dundo
10	10371103703	M. S. Sikandra
11	10371106001	Upgraded M. S. Mahadeo Simaria
12	10371006403	D.P.E.P. Maktab Mahisourhi
13	10371910001	Upgraded M. S. Kashi Kund
14	10370901604	Kanya M. S. Mlaipur
15	10370900502	P. S. Vangama
16	10370900201	Upgraded M. S. Bahira
17	10371006501	Primary Maktab Machhiyar
18	10372601005	Kanya M. S. Goddi
19	10371912501	Upgraded M. S. Benibank
20	10372600702	Adarsh M. S. Matia
21	10371106003	M. S. Mahadeo Simaria
22	10371100601	Upgraded M. S. Pachmahua
23	10371300201	M. S. Gopalpur
24	10371800806	M. S. Ratanpur
25	10371106301	M. S. Dhadhaur
26	10371005401	Upgraded M. S. Khadgaor
27	10371000702	M. S. Varuatta
28	10371001801	Upgraded M. S. Puteria
29	10371105801	P. S. Basaiya
30	10371100501	P. S. Lasila
31	10371704304	Adarsh M. S. Sono
32	10371906101	Adarsh Kanya M. S. Jhajha
33	10371900501	M. S. Jhajha Bazar
34	10371900901	M. S. Chanya, Jhajha
35	10371906102	Adarsh M. S. Jhajha
36	10371103704	Govt. M. S. Sikandra
37	10371704001	M. S. Kewali
38	10371300103	Kanya M. S. Khaira
39	10371302901	Upgraded M. S. Raipura
40	10371906401	M. S. Sahajana

## (B) Mid-Day Meal Scheme: Lakhisarai district

3.1	Name of the District	Lakhisarai
3.2	Date of visit to the District/EGS/Schools	19 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2011

1	<b><u>REGULARITY IN SERVING MEAL:</u></b>		
	(i) Whether the school is serving hot cooked meal daily?		
	In Lakhisarai district, the sampled schools were crosschecked by the MI and it was found that 29 (72.5%) sampled schools out of 40 sampled schools are serving hot cooked meals on the day of visit to their students.		
	(ii) If there was interruption, what was the extent and reasons for the same?		
<p>11 (27.5%) sampled schools of this district was not serving the hot cooked meal regularly to their children due to many reasons. The breakup of reasons are as follows in respect of interruption of MDM in Lakhisarai district where sampled schools are serving hot cooked meals on the day of visit and on the day previous date of visit to their students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unavailability of rice in the schools : 7.5%</li> <li>• Lack of coking cost : 7.5%</li> <li>• Building less school : 2.5%</li> <li>• Due to interference of Ex. VSS President &amp; Secretary : 5.0%</li> <li>• Unavailability of fuel i.e. firewood : 2.5%</li> <li>• Lack of guidelines &amp; office order : 2.5%</li> </ul>			
2	<b><u>TRENDS:</u></b>		
	Extent of variation (As per school records vis-à-vis actual position/status on the day of visit)		
	<b>No.</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Data</b>
	(i)	Enrollment	16656
	(ii)	No. of children opted for Mid Day Meal	16436
	(iii)	No. of children attending the school on the day of visit	8935
	(iv)	No. of children availing MDM as per MDM Register	5269
	(v)	No. of children actually availing MDM on the day of visit	5269
(v)	No. of children availed MDM on the previous day	6688	

	<p>The above table reveals that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About 53.6% students were present in the sampled schools on the day of visit and out of them only 31.6% were taking MDM on the day of visit.</li> <li>• On the other hand about 40.2% were taking MDM on the day previous date of visit.</li> </ul> <p>Major findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About 1.3% children of different schools of Lakhisaria district has not opted MDM facilities provided by the government because poor quality of food material is being served by the schools as reported by children, parents and other community members coverage area of sampled school.</li> <li>• MI members seen that the poor quality of food items is being served in different schools to the children.</li> </ul> <p>Important steps should be taken by the concerned authority as early as possible to improve the quality and also regularize the MDM in the schools in respect of Right to Education.</p>
3	<p><b><u>REGULARITY IN DELIVERING FOOD GRAINS TO SCHOOL LEVEL:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Is school receiving food grain regularly? If there is delay in delivering food grains, what is the extent of delay and reasons for the same?</p> <p>Majority of sampled schools (62.5%) were not receiving food grains regularly. The HM of concerned schools informed the MI that the MDM remains closed for months because of non availability of rice with the dealer.</p> <p>(ii) Is buffer stock of one-month's requirement is maintained?</p> <p>The buffer stock of one month's requirement was not maintained by the sampled schools of Lakhisarai district.</p> <p>(iii) Is the quantity of food grain supplied was as per the marked/indicated weight?</p> <p>The HM, teachers and community people reported to MI members that quantity of food grain supplied by dealers in sampled schools was not matched with the marked/ indicated weight. They were facing so many problems. But none of them has lodged complain in front of the higher authority. The MI members observed that the bag of food grains (rice) was not properly packed by FCI.</p> <p>(iv) Is the food grains delivered at the school?</p> <p>The HM of sampled schools reported to MI members that the food grains are delivered at school by the concerned dealer.</p> <p>(v) Is the quality of food grain good?</p>
	<p>The quality of food grains was found average in all sampled schools.</p>
4	<p><b><u>REGULARITY IN DELIVERING COOKING COST TO SCHOOL LEVEL:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Is school/implementing agency receiving cooking cost in advance regularly? If there is delay in delivering cooking cost, what is the extent of delay and reasons for it?</p> <p>Majority of sampled schools (57.5%) of Lakhisarai district were receiving cooking cost in advance regularly. But the HM of 17 (42.5%) sampled schools reported to MI members</p>

	<p>that they are not receiving cooking cost in advance regularly. Cooking cost (Rs.2.77 per head per day in primary schools and Rs.4.03 per head in upper primary schools) was released to majority of schools in advance by the concerned office of district.</p>
	<p>(ii) In case of delay, how schools/implementing agency manages to ensure that there is no disruption in the feeding programme?</p>
	<p>In this regard some HMs of concerned schools reported to MI that they bring the related items on credit from local shopkeepers. Sometimes the shopkeepers also refused to provide related items of MDM to school and in this case we are facing problem to regularize MDM in school.</p>
	<p>(iii) Is cooking cost paid by Cash or through banking channel?</p>
	<p>The HM of sampled schools reported to MI members that the cooking cost paid by them through banking channel i.e. account payee cheque.</p>
5	<p><b><u>SOCIAL EQUITY:</u></b></p>
	<p>(i) Did you observe any gender or caste or community discrimination in cooking or serving or seating arrangements?</p>
	<p>There was no caste / gender/ disability based discrimination seen among children while serving the Mid-Day Meal to the students in sampled schools of Lakhisarai district. All children were treated equally irrespective of caste, gender and disability.</p>
	<p>(ii) What is the system of serving and seating arrangements for eating?</p>
	<p>Students were encouraged to sit in queue with their plates and after that food items were served by the cooks. Tat-Patti or carpet was not available in schools for this purpose.</p>
6	<p><b><u>VARIETY OF MENU:</u></b></p>
	<p>(i) Has the school displayed its weekly menu at a place noticeable to community, and is it able to adhere to the menu displayed?</p>
	<p>Majority of sampled schools (87.5%) had displayed its weekly menu but they hardly adhere to the menu displayed.</p>
	<p>(ii) Who decides the menu?</p>
	<p>The State/District level officers of MDM decide the menu and a copy of such menu have been provided to schools with a request to serve the MDM to their students according to this menu.</p>
	<p>(iii) Is there variety in the food served or is the same food served daily?</p>
	<p>All sampled schools of Lakhisarai district are serving variety of food. The food items i.e. khichari-chokha, rice-pulse &amp; vegetables, rice-rajma, Rice-nutrela etc. was served in sampled schools of this district where it is being served.</p>
	<p>(iv) Dose the daily menu includes rice / wheat preparation, dal and vegetables?</p>
	<p>All sampled schools of Lakhisarai district include rice preparation, dal and vegetables in their daily menu where it is being served while none of sampled schools of this district include wheat preparation in their daily menu. Green vegetables are rarely cooked in the sampled schools.</p>

7	<p><b><u>QUALITY &amp; QUANTITY OF MEAL:</u></b></p> <p>Feedback from children on –</p> <p>(i) Quality of meal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When the MI observers asked the children, parents and community members about the quality of mid-day meal which was served in the schools, it was discovered that they were not happy with quality of food. Bad quality of food materials were served often in unhygienic condition. Food was cooked and kept in open and dirty ground.</li> <li>• Adequate numbers of plates are not available in schools; therefore, many children bring their own plates for taking food.</li> <li>• MI Observers found that none of the sampled school's children of Lakhisarai district were happy with quality of meal which was served in their school.</li> </ul>
	<p>(ii) Quantity of meal:</p> <p>When the MI observers asked the children, parents and community members about the quantity of mid-day meal which was served in the schools, it was discovered that they were not happy with quantity of food.</p>
	<p>(iii) If children were not happy, Please give reasons and suggestions to improve.</p> <p><b>Children were not happy with MDM because:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bad quality of food materials is often served in unhygienic condition.</li> <li>• Food is cooked and kept in open and dirty ground.</li> <li>• They are forced to sit on the ground without any proper sitting arrangement like <i>tat-patti, carpet</i> etc.</li> <li>• Some children complained that they have to bring their own plates to eat the MDM.</li> </ul> <p><b>Suggestions given by students for improvement in MDM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better quality of rice should be provided to the school authority.</li> <li>• Better quality of pulse and green vegetables with proper quantity should be served by the school management.</li> <li>• Fruits/Salad also may be included in the MDM</li> <li>• Proper monitoring is necessary for maintaining the quality and quantity of meal.</li> <li>• Food items must be served by the concerned authority as per the menu.</li> <li>• Proper sitting arrangement also should be provided in the school.</li> <li>• Adequate utensils and plates should be available in the school for MDM facilities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Suggestions given by teachers for improvement in MDM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply of rice should be regular</li> <li>• Separate staff should be appointed to look after MDM in the school.</li> <li>• @ Rs10/- per students should be given by the Govt. for better quality of meal.</li> <li>• Adequate utensils should be available in the school for preparing and serving the MDM.</li> </ul>



**Suggestions given by parents and community people for improvement in MDM:**

- Separate person should be appointed at CRC level to look after the MDM quantity and quality in the school.
- Block level authority must visit once in a week to see the MDM facilities in the schools.
- Concerned people must be punished for serving bad quality of meal
- Better quality food should be provided to the children.

**Suggestions given MI for improvement in MDM:**

- Block level authority must visit twice in a month to see the MDM facilities in the schools.
- Separate person should be appointed at CRC level to look after the quality of MDM in schools.
- Green vegetables should also be given to the students in MDM.
- Light food items may also be distributed among students at dismissal hours, so that the students may have incentive to wait till the school hours are over.
- Food items amount should be increased to Rs10/- per students for better quality of meal.
- Separate trained staff should be appointed to look after MDM in the school.
- The gas facilities should be provided to the schools for cooking the food.
- Adequate utensils and plates should be made available in the school for preparing and serving the MDM.
- Fruits and Salad also should be given to the students for better nutrition at least twice in a week.
- Provision should be made by the government for construction of a **dining hall** in each school where children take their meal in properly manner in hygienic condition.
- MDM account should be separated from other schools account and it's operated by the school Adhoc committee (i.e. School HM & a senior teacher of the school).
- The remuneration of cooks may be given @Rs.2000/- per month regular manner.

8

**SUPPLEMENTARY:**

(i) Is there school Health Card maintained for each child?

Majority of sampled schools (92.5%) do not maintained the health card for each child.

(ii) What is the frequency of health check-up?

Health check-up of school students was not done in any sampled schools Lakhisarai district during the last six months.

(iii) Whether children are given micronutrients (iron, folic acid, vitamin – A dosage) and de-worming medicine periodically?

Micronutrients (Iron, folic acid & vitamin – A dosage) and de-worming medicine which are necessary for improving the health and proper growth of the children are not provided in majority of sampled schools 38 (95%) of Lakhisarai district. Iron and folic acid was given in

	<p>2 (5%) sampled schools only one time during the last six month, whereas vitamin – A dosage and de-worming medicine was not given the children of sampled schools of Lakhisarai district during the last six month.</p>
	<p>2. Who administers these medicines and at what frequency?</p>
	<p>The Medical Officer of Primary Health Center of concerned block administers these medicines. It was rarely distributed in different schools of concerned block as reported by HM, teachers, parents and community people of coverage area of schools.</p>
9	<p><b><u>STATUS OF COOKS:</u></b></p>
	<p>(ii) Who cooks and serves the meal? (Cook cum helper appointed by the Department/VEC/ Self Help Group/NGO/Contractor)</p>
	<p>All sampled schools of Lakhisarai district, MDM preparation and distribution are managed by the Adhoc Committee of school. Hence the cook cum helper has been appointed by this agency for preparing Mid Day Meal.</p>
	<p>(ii) Is the number of cooks and helpers engaged in the school as per GOI norms?</p>
	<p>The number of cooks and helpers was not engaged in the school as per GOI norms. None of the HM of sampled schools has provided the GOI guideline in this regard.</p>
	<p>(iii) What is remuneration paid to cooks cum helpers and mode of payment?</p>
	<p>The cooks/helpers are paid remuneration Rs.1000/- in sampled schools of this district where MDM was preparing and serving by the schools. The HM reported to MI members that the remuneration of cooks/helpers has been paid by them through banking channel. But their remuneration has not been released by the concerned authority to the sampled schools from April 2011.</p>
	<p>(iv) Is the remuneration paid to cooks cum helpers regularly?</p>
	<p>No, the remuneration of cooks/helpers was not paid regularly i.e. once in a month. The cooks/helpers of sampled schools reported MI members that they do not receive their remuneration from April 2011. The HM, teachers and community people has also authenticated this issue.</p>
	<p>(v) Specify the social composition of cooks cum helpers? (SC/ST/OBC/Minority)</p>
	<p>Women cooks/helpers of SC/ST/OBC/Minority category were found in sampled schools of Lakhisarai district.</p>
10	<p><b><u>INFRASTRUCTURE:</u></b></p>
	<p>Is a pucca kitchen shed-cum-store:</p>
	<p>1. Constructed and in use</p>
	<p>2. Scheme under which kitchen sheds constructed – MDM/SSA/Others</p>
	<p>3. Constructed but not in use (Reason for not using)</p>
	<p>4. Under construction</p>
	<p>5. Sanctioned, but construction not started</p>
	<p>6. Not sanctioned</p>
	<p>7. Any other (specify)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The pucca kitchen shed-cum-store was available and also in use in 21 (52.5%) sampled schools of Lakhisarai district and it was constructed under SSA scheme.</li> <li>• The pucca kitchen shed-cum-store was constructed but not in use in 2 (5%) sampled school of Lakhisarai district. The HM of concerned school reported to MI members that- It is a small kitchen shed and cooks/helpers prepare food items in another room of school.</li> <li>• The pucca kitchen shed-cum-store was in under construction in 3 (7.5%) schools of this district.</li> <li>• 2 (5%) sampled schools has received amount for construction a Kitchen shed. But the construction of pucca kitchen shed-cum store was not started by the concerned schools.</li> <li>• The pucca kitchen shed-cum-store was not sanctioned in 12 (30%) sampled schools.</li> </ul>
11	<p>In case the pucca kitchen shed is not available, where is the food being cooked and where the food grains /other ingredients are being stored?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The food is being cooked under thatched Kitchen shed or in the open places or in a separate classroom by sampled schools of Lakhisarai district where pucca kitchen shed was not available for this purposes.</li> <li>• The MDM food grains and other ingredients are kept in safe places inside the school (in the HM room/classroom).</li> </ul>
12	<p>Whether potable water is available for cooking and drinking purpose?</p> <p>Portable water was available in majority of sampled schools (92.5%) of Lakhisarai district In some schools the hand pumps are not in proper condition and it needs to repair. It was observed by MI members that the available hand pump is not meeting the problems of portable water in the schools. Therefore, another hand pump is required to all sampled schools immediately so that children could drink water and wash their hands before and after taking their meal without facing any problem.</p>
13	<p>Whether utensils are available for cooking food? If available, is it adequate?</p> <p>Majority of sampled schools (55%) of Munger district have adequate number of utensils for cooking MDM. The HM of sampled schools have reported that Rs.5000/- has been released by the DPO to purchase the cooking utensils.</p>
14	<p>What is the kind of fuel used? (Gas based/firewood etc.)</p> <p>Majority of sampled schools (92.5%) of Lakhisarai district use firewood as fuel for cooking MDM where MDM prepared in the school, whereas in 3 (7.5%) sampled schools of this district use gas as fuel for cooking MDM</p>
15	<p><b><u>SAFETY &amp; HYGIENE:</u></b> General Impression of the environment, Safety and hygiene:</p> <p>(i) Are children encouraged to wash hands before and after eating?</p> <p>It was observed in sampled schools that teachers do not teach personal hygiene to children like washing hands before and after taking meals therefore only in a few schools (7.5%) in Lakhisarai district, the children were observed washing their hands before and after</p>

	taking MDM.								
	(ii) Do the children take meals in an orderly manner?								
	There are only a few schools (7.5%) where children take meals in an orderly manner in Lakhisarai district. Due to proper sitting arrangement and lack of vacant places in the schools, children eat their meal here and there. Their problems could not be explained in words.								
	(iii) Conservation of water?								
	Children are not taught in school to conserve water while washing dishes in Lakhisarai district. Therefore, none of the sample school's children of this district used the practice of conserving water while washing dishes.								
	(iv) Is the cooking process and storage of fuel safe, not posing any fire hazard?								
	The cooking process and storage of fuel is safe in all sampled schools where MDM prepared in the school.								
16	<p><b>COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND AWARENESS:</b></p> <p>Extent of participation by Parents/VSSs/VECs/Panchayats/Urban bodies in daily supervision, monitoring and participation.</p> <p>(i) Is any roster being maintained by the community members for supervision of the MDM</p> <p>Roster was not maintained by the community members for supervision of the MDM in any sampled schools of Lakhisarai district.</p> <p>(ii) Are the parents/community members aware about the following?</p> <p>(a) Quantity of MDM per child:</p> <p>The parents/community members reported to MI that @100 gram rice per child per day for primary school (i.e. class I to V) and @150 gram rice per child per day for Upper Primary School (i.e. class VI to VIII) has been released by the FCI to school.</p> <p>(b) Entitlement of quantity and types of nutrients in MDM per child as supplied in the menu:</p> <p>According to menu, the cooks/helpers have to cook rice @100 gram rice per child per day for primary school and @150 gram rice per child per day for Upper Primary School. Apart from these they have also to prepare other things likes vegetables, dal, rajama, karhi, nutrella, chokha etc. as per the menu.</p> <p>(c) General awareness about the overall implementation of MDM programme:</p> <p>The parents/community members were found aware regarding the MDM programme. But they do not visit frequently in schools to look after the MDM programme.</p> <p>(d) Sources of awareness about the MDM scheme:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1. Newspaper/Magazine</td> <td>37.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Villagers/Friends/Relatives</td> <td>81.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Teachers</td> <td>100.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. School (where the child is studying)</td> <td>100.0%</td> </tr> </table>	1. Newspaper/Magazine	37.5%	2. Villagers/Friends/Relatives	81.5%	3. Teachers	100.0%	4. School (where the child is studying)	100.0%
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4. School (where the child is studying)	100.0%								

	5. Radio	27.0%
	6. Television	17.5%
	7. Website	0.0%
	8. Any other:	
	(a) Anganwari Sevika	24.5%
	(b) Gram Pradhan/Mukhiya/Ward members	12.5%
	(c) Cooks/helpers	33.5%
	(d) Children	100.0%
17	<b>INSPECTION &amp; SUPERVISION</b>	
	(i) Has the mid day meal programme been inspected by any state/district/block level officers/officials?	
	According to HM of sampled schools the MDM programme was inspected by the state/district/ block level officers/officials in sampled schools of this district. In fact it was rarely inspected by the state/district/block level officers/officials in sampled schools of this district.	
	(ii) The frequency of such inspection?	
	In Lakhisarai district, MDM programme was not frequently inspected by the state/district/ block level officers/ officials in sampled schools of this district. Block resource person of MDM visited respective schools of block once in a month only for data collection. The SDO/BEEOs/BRCCs of concerned block visited very few schools in a block of six months.	
	(iii) Remarks made by the visiting officers? If any?	
	No remarks has been put up by visiting officers either in visiting register or neither in MDM register.	
18	<b>IMPACT</b>	
	(i) Has the mid day meal improved the enrollment, attendance of children in school, any improvement in general well being, nutritional status of children?	
	In fact the MDM has improved the enrollment and attendance of children in schools especially in rural areas. The poor and below poverty line children were getting adequate and nutrients food through MDM in schools. Thus, the MDM has attracted the weaker section parents to send their children to school for education.	
	(ii) Is there any other incidental benefit to the children and school due to serving of mid-day-meal by VSS, VEC, PRI members?	
	The MDM has attracted the weaker section parents to send their children to school for education. Poor women got the part time employment for preparing and serving MDM in the nearest school.	

**List of schools visited in Lakhisarai district:**

Sl. No.	DISE Code	Name of Schools
1	10252304201	P. S. East Giddha
2	10252301801	Kanya M. S. Halsi
3	10252307201	P. S. Bandol
4	10252301701	M. S. Nouma
5	10252602701	M. S. Parsavan
6	10252304101	Upgraded M. S. Shekhpurba
7	10252601301	Upgraded M. S. Shah Nagar
8	10252400702	P. S. Kosai
9	10252601404	Basic School Nandnama
10	10252700301	Upgraded M. S. Etahari
11	10252703702	P. S. Shobh Nagar
12	10252602401	Upgraded M. S. Ram Nagar
13	10252702403	P. S. Mohanpur
14	10252703201	P. S. Kamainpur
15	10252401201	Upgraded M. S. Jajwara
16	10252401601	P. S. Musahari Tola Jaiwara
17	10252400704	P. S. Paswan Tola Saidpur
18	10252106002	M. S. Rajouna Chauki
19	10251403302	P. S. Sambalgarh
20	10251403204	Upgraded M. S. Lakshmipur (Sahjadpur)
21	10252302301	M. S. Pratapur
22	10251403802	Navin Kanya M. S. Barahia
23	10251404901	M. S. Indupur
24	10251403804	P. S. Golbhatha
25	10252500702	M. S. Jakarpur Jagdishpur
26	10252500201	M. S. Nista
27	10252503701	Upgraded M. S. Ratanupur
28	10252507902	M. S. Kajara
29	10252503601	P. S. Barahi Tola Mohamadpur
30	10252105903	M. S. Purani Bazar
31	10252702005	M. S. Dhanwah
32	10252117401	P. S. English Ward No. 2 Lakhisarai
33	1025211101	M. S. Hasanpur
34	10252113802	P. S. Jainagar, Lakhisarai
35	10252106101	M. S. Kiul Basti
36	10252106201	Kothari Kanya M. S. Lakhisarai
37	10252117101	P. S. Ojhawa Pokhar Lakhisarai
38	10252302101	M. S. Kaindi
39	10252509701	M. S. Lai
40	10252106002	Rajouna Chauk, Lakhisarai
<b>Total</b>		

## (C) Mid-Day Meal Scheme: Munger district

3.1	Name of the District	Munger
3.2	Date of visit to the District/EGS/Schools	19 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2011

1	<p><b><u>REGULARITY IN SERVING MEAL:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Whether the school is serving hot cooked meal daily?</p> <p>In Munger district, the sampled schools were crosschecked by the MI and it was found that 32 (80%) sampled schools out of 40 sampled schools are serving hot cooked meals on the day of visit to their students. On the other hand 31 (77.5%) sampled schools were served hot cooked meal to their students on the day previous date of visit.</p> <p>(ii) If there was interruption, what was the extent and reasons for the same?</p> <p>11 (27.5%) sampled schools of this district was not serving the hot cooked meal regularly to their children due to many reasons. The breakup of reasons are as follows in respect of interruption of MDM in Munger district where sampled schools are not serving hot cooked meals on the day of visit and on the day previous date of visit. to their students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unavailability of rice in the schools : 12.5%</li> <li>• Lack of coking cost : 2.5%</li> <li>• Unavailability of rice, coking cost and irregular payment of cooks : 2.5%</li> <li>• Lack of potable water for cooking and drinking : 2.5%</li> <li>• Irregular supply of foods by the NGO : 2.5%</li> <li>• Lack of rice, coking cost and the Bank account : 5.0%</li> </ul> <p>M. S. Mohanpur of Dharahara block was not providing MDM to class VI to VII students due to Unavailability of rice. NGO (Dalit Manav Uthan Sansthan) was serving poor quality of MDM in different schools of Jamalpur block of Munger district. After the representation of community people and parents against the bad quality of food items provided by NGO in schools, the district administration took off their services regarding MDM vide letter no. MDM/01/2010/226 dated 8.7.2011.</p>																
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3	<p><b><u>REGULARITY IN DELIVERING FOOD GRAINS TO SCHOOL LEVEL:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Is school receiving food grain regularly? If there is delay in delivering food grains, what is the extent of delay and reasons for the same?</p> <p>Majority of sampled schools (57.5%) were not receiving food grains regularly. The HM of concerned schools informed the MI that the MDM remains closed for months because of non availability of rice with the dealer.</p>		
	<p>(ii) Is buffer stock of one-month's requirement is maintained?</p> <p>The buffer stock of one month's requirement was not maintained by the sampled schools of Munger district.</p>		
	<p>(iii) Is the quantity of food grain supplied was as per the marked/indicated weight?</p> <p>The HM, teachers and community people reported to MI members that quantity of food grain supplied by dealers in sampled schools was not matched with the marked/ indicated weight. They were facing so many problems in this regard. But none of them has lodged complain in front of the higher authority. The MI members also observed that the bag of food grains (rice) was not properly packed by FCI.</p>		
	<p>(iv) Is the food grains delivered at the school?</p> <p>The HM of sampled schools reported to MI members that the food grains are delivered at school by the concerned dealer.</p>		
	<p>(v) Is the quality of food grain good?</p>		
<p>The quality of food grains was found average in all sampled schools.</p>			



4	<p><b><u>REGULARITY IN DELIVERING COOKING COST TO SCHOOL LEVEL:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Is school/implementing agency receiving cooking cost in advance regularly? If there is delay in delivering cooking cost, what is the extent of delay and reasons for it?</p> <p>Majority of sampled schools (67.5%) of Munger district were receiving cooking cost in advance regularly. But the HM of 13 (32.5%) sampled schools reported to MI members that they are not receiving cooking cost in advance regularly. Cooking cost (Rs.2.77 per head per day in primary schools and Rs.4.03 per head in upper primary schools) was released to majority of schools in advance by the concerned office of district.</p> <p>(ii) In case of delay, how schools/implementing agency manages to ensure that there is no disruption in the feeding programme?</p> <p>In this regard some HMs of concerned schools reported to MI that they bring the related items on credit from local shopkeepers. Sometimes the shopkeepers also refused to provide related items of MDM to school and in this case we are facing problem to regularize MDM in school.</p> <p>(iii) Is cooking cost paid by Cash or through banking channel?</p> <p>The HM of sampled schools reported to MI members that the cooking cost paid by them through banking channel i.e. account payee cheque.</p>
5	<p><b><u>SOCIAL EQUITY:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Did you observe any gender or caste or community discrimination in cooking or serving or seating arrangements?</p> <p>There was no caste / gender/ disability based discrimination seen among children while serving the Mid-Day Meal to the students in sampled schools of Munger district. All children were treated equally irrespective of caste, gender and disability.</p> <p>(ii) What is the system of serving and seating arrangements for eating?</p> <p>Students were encouraged to sit in queue with their plates and after that food items were served by the cooks. Tat-Patti or carpet was not available in schools for this purpose.</p>
6	<p><b><u>VARIETY OF MENU:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Has the school displayed its weekly menu at a place noticeable to community, and is it able to adhere to the menu displayed?</p> <p>Majority of sampled schools (92.5%) had displayed its weekly menu but they hardly adhere to the menu displayed.</p> <p>(ii) Who decides the menu?</p> <p>The State/District level officers of MDM decide the menu and a copy of such menu have been provided to schools with a request to serve the MDM to their students according to this menu.</p> <p>(iii) Is there variety in the food served or is the same food served daily?</p> <p>All sampled schools of Munger district are serving variety of food. The food items i.e. khichari-chokha, rice-pulse &amp; vegetables, rice-rajma, rice-nutrela etc. was served in sampled schools of this district where it is being served.</p>

	<p>(iv) Dose the daily menu includes rice / wheat preparation, dal and vegetables?</p> <p>All sampled schools of Munger district include rice preparation, dal and vegetables in their daily menu where it is being served while none of sampled schools of this district include wheat preparation in their daily menu. Green vegetables are rarely cooked in the sampled schools.</p>
7	<p><b><u>QUALITY &amp; QUANTITY OF MEAL:</u></b></p> <p>Feedback from children on –</p> <p>(i) Quality of meal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When the MI observers asked the children, parents and community members about the quality of mid-day meal which was served in the schools, it was discovered that they were not happy with quality of food. Bad quality of food materials were served often in unhygienic condition. Food was cooked and kept in open and dirty ground.</li> <li>• Adequate numbers of plates are not available in schools; therefore, many children bring their own plates for taking food.</li> <li>• MI Observers found that none of the sampled school’s children of Munger district were happy with quality of meal which was served in their school.</li> </ul> <p>(ii) Quantity of meal:</p> <p>When the MI observers asked the children, parents and community members about the quantity of mid-day meal which was served in the schools, it was discovered that they were not happy with quantity of food.</p> <p>(iii) If children were not happy, Please give reasons and suggestions to improve.</p> <p><b>Children were not happy with MDM because:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bad quality of food materials is often served in unhygienic condition.</li> <li>• Food is cooked and kept in open and dirty ground.</li> <li>• They are forced to sit on the ground without any proper sitting arrangement like <i>tat-patti, carpet</i> etc.</li> <li>• Some children complained that they have to bring their own plates to eat the MDM.</li> <li>• Poor quality of food items is often served by the NGO.</li> <li>• The NGO is not providing hot cooked meal regularly in the school.</li> <li>• The NGO is not providing hot cooked meal timely in the school.</li> </ul> <p><b>Suggestions given by students for improvement in MDM:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better quality of rice should be provided to the school authority.</li> <li>• Better quality of pulse and green vegetables with proper quantity should be served by the school management.</li> <li>• Fruits/Salad also may be included in the MDM</li> <li>• Proper monitoring is necessary for maintaining the quality and quantity of meal.</li> <li>• Food items must be served by the concerned authority as per the menu.</li> <li>• Proper sitting arrangement also should be provided in the school.</li> </ul>

- Adequate utensils and plates should be available in the school for MDM facilities.

**Suggestions given by teachers for improvement in MDM:**

- Supply of rice should be regular
- Separate staff should be appointed to look after MDM in the school.
- @ Rs10/- per students should be given by the Govt. for better quality of meal.
- Adequate utensils should be available in the school for preparing and serving the MDM.

**Suggestions given by parents and community people for improvement in MDM:**

- The services of NGO should be taken off immediately in respect of MDM because-
  - (a) Poor quality of food items is often served by the NGO irregular manner in the schools.
  - (b) The NGO is not providing hot cooked meal timely in the schools.
  - (c) The quality of food being served by NGO is so poor that the children refused to eat them in many schools.
- Separate person should be appointed at CRC level to look after the MDM quantity and quality in the school.
- Block level authority must visit once in a week to see the MDM facilities in the schools.
- Concerned people must be punished for serving bad quality of meal
- Better quality food should be provided to the children.

**Suggestions given MI for improvement in MDM:**

- The NGO is not doing good job in relation to preparation and distribution of hot cooked meal as reported by the different level of authority as well as children and parents/community people of the coverage area.
- Block level authority must visit twice in a month to see the MDM facilities in the schools.
- Separate person should be appointed at CRC level to look after the quality of MDM in schools.
- Green vegetables should also be given to the students in MDM.
- Light food items may also be distributed among students at dismissal hours, so that the students may have incentive to wait till the school hours are over.
- Food items amount should be increased to Rs10/- per students for better quality of meal.
- Separate trained staff should be appointed to look after MDM in the school.
- The gas facilities should be provided to the schools for cooking the food.
- Adequate utensils and plates should be made available in the school for preparing and serving the MDM.
- Fruits and Salad also should be given to the students for better nutrition at least twice in a week.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision should be made by the government for construction of a <b>dining hall</b> in each school where children take their meal in properly manner in hygienic condition.</li> <li>• MDM account should be separated from other schools account and it's operated by the school Adhoc committee (i.e. School HM &amp; a senior teacher of the school).</li> <li>• The remuneration of cooks may be given @Rs.2000/- per month regular manner.</li> </ul>
8	<p><b><u>SUPPLEMENTARY:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Is there school Health Card maintained for each child?</p> <p>Majority of sampled schools (95%) do not maintained the health card for each child.</p> <p>(ii) What is the frequency of health check-up?</p> <p>Health check-up of school students was not done in any sampled schools Munger district during the last six months.</p> <p>(iii) Whether children are given micronutrients (iron, folic acid, vitamin – A dosage) and de-worming medicine periodically?</p> <p>Micronutrients (Iron, folic acid &amp; vitamin – A dosage) and de-worming medicine which are necessary for improving the health and proper growth of the children are not provided in majority of sampled schools 33 (85%) of Munger district. Iron and folic acid was given in 7 (17.5%) sampled schools only one time during the last six month, whereas vitamin – A dosage and de-worming medicine was given in any sampled schools during the last six month.</p> <p>4. Who administers these medicines and at what frequency?</p> <p>The Medical Officer of Primary Health Center of concerned block administers these medicines. It was rarely distributed in different schools of concerned block as reported by HM, teachers, parents and community people of coverage area of schools.</p>
9	<p><b><u>STATUS OF COOKS:</u></b></p> <p>(iii) Who cooks and serves the meal? (Cook cum helper appointed by the Department/VEC/ Self Help Group/NGO/Contractor)</p> <p>Majority of sampled schools of Munger district, MDM preparation and distribution are managed by the Adhoc Committee but all sampled schools of Munger Sadar block of Munger district some schools MDM preparation and distribution are managed by the NGO. Hence the cook cum helper has been appointed by this agency for preparing Mid Day Meal.</p> <p>(ii) Is the number of cooks and helpers engaged in the school as per GOI norms?</p> <p>The number of cooks and helpers was not engaged in the school as per GOI norms. None of the HM of sampled schools has provided the GOI guideline in this regard.</p> <p>(iii) What is remuneration paid to cooks cum helpers and mode of payment?</p> <p>The cooks/helpers are paid remuneration Rs.1000/- in sampled schools of this district where MDM was preparing and serving by the schools. On the other hand the cooks/helpers are paid remuneration Rs.500/- in sampled schools of the district where MDM was preparing and serving by NGO. The HM reported to MI members that the remuneration of cooks/helpers has been paid by them through banking channel. But their remuneration has not been released by the concerned authority to the sampled schools from April 2011.</p>

	(iv) Is the remuneration paid to cooks cum helpers regularly?
	No, the remuneration of cooks/helpers was not paid regularly i.e. once in a month. The cooks/helpers of sampled schools reported MI members that they do not receive their remuneration from April 2011. The HM, teachers and community people has also authenticated this issue.
	(v) Specify the social composition of cooks cum helpers? (SC/ST/OBC/Minority)
	Women cooks/helpers of SC/ST/OBC/Minority category were found in sampled schools of Munger district.
10	<p><b><u>INFRASTRUCTURE:</u></b></p> <p>Is a pucca kitchen shed-cum-store:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Constructed and in use</li> <li>2. Scheme under which kitchen sheds constructed – MDM/SSA/Others</li> <li>3. Constructed but not in use (Reason for not using)</li> <li>4. Under construction</li> <li>5. Sanctioned, but construction not started</li> <li>6. Not sanctioned</li> <li>7. Any other (specify)</li> </ol>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The pucca kitchen shed-cum-store was available and also in use in 19 (47.5%) sampled schools of Munger district and it was constructed under SSA scheme.</li> <li>• The pucca kitchen shed-cum-store was constructed but not in use in 3 (7.5%) sampled school of Munger district. The HM of concerned school reported to MI members that- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is a small kitchen shed and cooks/helpers prepare food items in another room of school.</li> <li>2. There is no use of kitchen shed because NGO supply the MDM in this school.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• The pucca kitchen shed-cum-store was in under construction in 2 (5%) schools of this district.</li> <li>• 3 (7.5%) sampled schools has received amount for construction a Kitchen shed. But the construction of pucca kitchen shed-cum store was not started by the concerned schools.</li> <li>• The pucca kitchen shed-cum-store was not sanctioned in 13 (32.5%) sampled schools.</li> </ul>
11	<p>In case the pucca kitchen shed is not available, where is the food being cooked and where the food grains /other ingredients are being stored?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The food is being cooked under thatched Kitchen shed or in the open places or in a separate classroom by sampled schools of Munger district where pucca kitchen shed was not available for this purposes.</li> <li>• The MDM food grains and other ingredients are kept in safe places inside the school (in the HM room/classroom).</li> </ul>
12	<p>Whether potable water is available for cooking and drinking purpose?</p> <p>Portable water was available in majority of sampled schools (92.5%) of Munger district</p>

	In some schools the hand pumps are not in proper condition and it needs to repair. It was observed by MI members that the available hand pump is not meeting the problems of portable water in the schools. Therefore, another hand pump is required to all sampled schools immediately so that children could drink water and wash their hands before and after taking their meal without facing any problem.
13	Whether utensils are available for cooking food? If available, is it adequate?  Majority of sampled schools (90%) of Munger district have adequate number of utensils for cooking MDM. The HM of sampled schools have reported that Rs.5000/- has been released by the DPO to purchase the cooking utensils.
14	What is the kind of fuel used? (Gas based/firewood etc.)  All sampled schools of Munger district use firewood as fuel for cooking MDM where MDM prepared in the school.
15	<b><u>SAFETY &amp; HYGIENE:</u></b> General Impression of the environment, Safety and hygiene: (i) Are children encouraged to wash hands before and after eating?  It was observed in sampled schools that teachers do not teach personal hygiene to children like washing hands before and after taking meals therefore only in a few schools (17.5%) in Munger district, the children were observed washing their hands before and after taking MDM.  (ii) Do the children take meals in an orderly manner?  There are only a few schools where children take meals in an orderly manner in Munger district. Due to proper sitting arrangement and lack of vacant places in the schools, children eat their meal here and there. Their problems could not be explained in words.  (iii) Conservation of water?  Children are not taught in school (17.5%) to conserve water while washing dishes in Munger district. Therefore, none of the sample school's children of this district used the practice of conserving water while washing dishes.  (iv) Is the cooking process and storage of fuel safe, not posing any fire hazard?  The cooking process and storage of fuel is safe in all sampled schools where MDM prepared in the school.
16	<b>COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND AWARENESS:</b> Extent of participation by Parents/VSSs/VECs/Panchayats/Urban bodies in daily supervision, monitoring and participation. (i) Is any roster being maintained by the community members for supervision of the MDM  Roster was not maintained by the community members for supervision of the MDM in any sampled schools of Munger district.  (ii) Are the parents/community members aware about the following? (a) Quantity of MDM per child:

	<p>The parents/community members reported to MI that @100 gram rice per child per day for primary school (i.e. class I to V) and @150 gram rice per child per day for Upper Primary School (i.e. class VI to VIII) has been released by the FCI to school.</p>																								
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17	<p><b>INSPECTION &amp; SUPERVISION</b></p> <p>(i) Has the mid day meal programme been inspected by any state/district/block level officers/officials?</p> <p>According to HM of sampled schools the MDM programme was inspected by the state/district/ block level officers/officials in sampled schools of this district. In fact it was rarely inspected by the state/district/block level officers/officials in sampled schools of this district.</p> <p>(ii) The frequency of such inspection?</p> <p>In Munger district, MDM programme was not frequently inspected by the state/ district/ block level officers/ officials in sampled schools of this district. Block resource person of MDM visited respective schools of block once in a month only for data collection. The SDO/BEEOs/BRCCs of concerned block visited very few schools in a block of six months.</p> <p>(iii) Remarks made by the visiting officers? If any?</p> <p>No remarks has been put up by visiting officers either in visiting register or neither in MDM register.</p>																								

18	<p><b>IMPACT</b></p> <p>(i) Has the mid day meal improved the enrollment, attendance of children in school, any improvement in general well being, nutritional status of children?</p>
	<p>In fact the MDM has improved the enrollment and attendance of children in schools especially in rural areas. The poor and below poverty line children were getting adequate and nutrients food through MDM in schools. Thus, the MDM has attracted the weaker section parents to send their children to school for education.</p>
	<p>(ii) Is there any other incidental benefit to the children and school due to serving of mid-day-meal by VSS, VEC, and PRI members?</p>
	<p>The MDM has attracted the weaker section parents to send their children to school for education. Poor women got the part time employment for preparing and serving MDM in the nearest school.</p>



**List of schools visited in Munger district:**

Sl. No.	DISE Code	Name of School
1	0902001	P. S. Asarganj
2	0903504	M. S. Hathinath
3	0902003	M. S. Dhangola Rahmatpur
4	0903504	Kanya M. S. Hathinath
5	0901201	M. S. Pansai
6	0902101	M. S. Jalalabad
7	0901901	M. S. Chapha
8	0805602	M. S. Raghunathpur
9	0805303	Kanya M. S. Dharahara
10	0805301	M. S. Mangarh
11	0805306	P. S. Harha Musahari
12	0802901	M. S. Mohanpur
13	0805501	P. S. Khushalpur
14	0805304	M. S. Maharna
15	0805701	P. S. Lakra Patal
16	0805302	M. S. Dharahara
17	0102408	Adarsh M. S. Bekapur
18	0102401	Kanya M. S. Madhopur
19	0102802	P. S. Navtolia
20	0102403	Upgraded M. S. Kashim Bazar
21	0100901	Urdu P. S. Gulzar Pokhar
22	0100701	Kanya P. S. Chauk Bazar
23	0100201	M. S. Gulzar Pokhar
24	0107201	P. S. Prakhand Mukhiyalaya Benigir
25	0105803	M. S. Sheetalpur
26	0106001	M. S. Shikandarpur
27	0105301	M. S. Kataria
28	0105002	M. S. Nandlalpur
29	0506905	Kanya M. S. Kharagpur
30	0504901	M. S. Gobadda
31	0502301	P. S. Baijalpur
32	0506701	P. S. Sanskrit Haveli Kharagpur
33	0505101	M. S. Shivpur Loungai
34	0505201	M. S. Larui
35	0700601	P. S. Asha Tola Bariyarpur
36	0700202	M. S. Kalyanpur
37	0604102	Kanya M. S. Tetia Bambur
38	0202702	P. S. Bari Ashikpur
39	0202201	M. S. Gauripur
40	0306702	M. S. Tarapur

## (D) Mid-Day Meal Scheme: Sheikhpura district

<b>3.1</b>	<b>Name of the District</b>	<b>Sheikhpura</b>
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Date of visit to the District/EGS/Schools</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2011</b>

<b>1</b>	<p><b><u>REGULARITY IN SERVING MEAL:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Whether the school is serving hot cooked meal daily?</p> <p>In Sheikhpura district, the sampled schools were crosschecked by the MI and it was found that 35 (87.5%) sampled schools out of 40 sampled schools are serving hot cooked meals on the day of visit on the day previous date of visit to their students.</p> <p>(ii) If there was interruption, what was the extent and reasons for the same?</p> <p>5 (12.5%) sampled schools of this district was not serving the hot cooked meal regularly to their children due to many reasons. The breakup of reasons are as follows in respect of interruption of MDM in Sheikhpura district where sampled schools are serving hot cooked meals on the day of visit to their students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unavailability of rice in the schools : 5.0%</li> <li>• Lack of potable water for cooking and drinking : 2.5%</li> <li>• Unavailability of rice and cooking cost : 2.5%</li> <li>• Due to retirement of HM : 2.5%</li> </ul> <p>After the retirement of HM of M. S. Korma, the present teachers of this school do not want to take the charge of this school as HM because the retired HM has not completed the construction work of additional classroom and withdraw the total amount of building construction from the school account.</p>																						
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	<p>The above table reveals that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About 51.3% students were present in the sampled schools on the day of visit and out of them only 50.6% were taking MDM on the day of visit.</li> <li>• On the other hand about 47.6% were taking MDM on the day previous date of visit.</li> </ul> <p>Major findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About 8.6% children of different schools of Sheikhpura district has not opted MDM facilities provided by the government because poor quality of food material is being served by the schools as reported by children, parents and other community members coverage area of sampled school.</li> <li>• MI members seen that the poor quality of food items is being served in different schools to the children.</li> </ul> <p>Important steps should be taken by the concerned authority as early as possible to improve the quality and also regularize the MDM in the schools in respect of Right to Education.</p>
3	<p><b><u>REGULARITY IN DELIVERING FOOD GRAINS TO SCHOOL LEVEL:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Is school receiving food grain regularly? If there is delay in delivering food grains, what is the extent of delay and reasons for the same?</p> <p>About 17 (42.5%) sampled schools of Sheikhpura district were not receiving food grains regularly. The HM of concerned schools informed the MI that the MDM remains closed for months because of non availability of rice with the dealer.</p> <p>(ii) Is buffer stock of one-month's requirement is maintained?</p> <p>The buffer stock of one month's requirement was not maintained by 21 (52.5%) sampled schools of Sheikhpura district.</p> <p>(iii) Is the quantity of food grain supplied was as per the marked/indicated weight?</p> <p>The HM, teachers and community people reported to MI members that quantity of food grain supplied by dealers in sampled schools was not matched with the marked/ indicated weight. They were facing so many problems. But none of them has lodged complain in front of the higher authority. The MI members also observed that the bag of food grains (rice) was not properly packed by FCI.</p> <p>(iv) Is the food grains delivered at the school?</p> <p>The HM of sampled schools reported to MI members that the food grains are delivered at school by the concerned dealer.</p> <p>(v) Is the quality of food grain good?</p>
	<p>The quality of food grains was found average in all sampled schools.</p>
4	<p><b><u>REGULARITY IN DELIVERING COOKING COST TO SCHOOL LEVEL:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Is school/implementing agency receiving cooking cost in advance regularly? If there is delay in delivering cooking cost, what is the extent of delay and reasons for it?</p> <p>Majority of sampled schools (72.5%) of Sheikhpura district were receiving cooking cost in advance regularly. But the HM of 11 (27.5%) sampled schools reported to MI members</p>

	<p>that they are not receiving cooking cost in advance regularly. Cooking cost (Rs.2.77 per head per day in primary schools and Rs.4.03 per head in upper primary schools) was released to majority of schools in advance by the concerned office of district.</p>
	<p>(ii) In case of delay, how schools/implementing agency manages to ensure that there is no disruption in the feeding programme?</p>
	<p>In this regard some HMs of concerned schools reported to MI that they bring the related items on credit from local shopkeepers. Sometimes the shopkeepers also refused to provide related items of MDM to school and in this case we are facing problem to regularize MDM in school.</p>
	<p>(iii) Is cooking cost paid by Cash or through banking channel?</p>
	<p>The HM of sampled schools reported to MI members that the cooking cost paid by them through banking channel i.e. account payee cheque.</p>
5	<p><b><u>SOCIAL EQUITY:</u></b></p>
	<p>(i) Did you observe any gender or caste or community discrimination in cooking or serving or seating arrangements?</p>
	<p>There was no caste / gender/ disability based discrimination seen among children while serving the Mid-Day Meal to the students in sampled schools of Sheikhpura district. All children were treated equally irrespective of caste, gender and disability.</p>
	<p>(ii) What is the system of serving and seating arrangements for eating?</p>
	<p>Students were encouraged to sit in queue with their plates and after that food items were served by the cooks. Tat-Patti or carpet was not available in schools for this purpose.</p>
6	<p><b><u>VARIETY OF MENU:</u></b></p>
	<p>(i) Has the school displayed its weekly menu at a place noticeable to community, and is it able to adhere to the menu displayed?</p>
	<p>Majority of sampled schools (90%) had displayed its weekly menu but they hardly adhere to the menu displayed.</p>
	<p>(ii) Who decides the menu?</p>
	<p>The State/District level officers of MDM decide the menu and a copy of such menu have been provided to schools with a request to serve the MDM to their students according to this menu.</p>
	<p>(iii) Is there variety in the food served or is the same food served daily?</p>
	<p>All sampled schools of Sheikhpura district are serving variety of food. The food items i.e. khichari-chokha, rice-pulse &amp; vegetables, rice-rajma, rice-nutrela etc. was served in sampled schools of this district where it is being served.</p>
	<p>(iv) Dose the daily menu includes rice / wheat preparation, dal and vegetables?</p>
	<p>All sampled schools of Sheikhpura district include rice preparation, dal and vegetables in their daily menu where it is being served while none of sampled schools of this district include wheat preparation in their daily menu. Green vegetables are rarely cooked in the sampled schools.</p>

7

**QUALITY & QUANTITY OF MEAL:**

Feedback from children on –

(i) Quality of meal:

- When the MI observers asked the children, parents and community members about the quality of mid-day meal which was served in the schools, it was discovered that they were not happy with quality of food. Bad quality of food materials were served often in unhygienic condition. Food was cooked and kept in open and dirty ground.
- Adequate numbers of plates are not available in schools; therefore, many children bring their own plates for taking food.
- MI Observers found that none of the sampled school's children of Sheikhpura district were happy with quality of meal which was served in their school.

(ii) Quantity of meal:

When the MI observers asked the children, parents and community members about the quantity of mid-day meal which was served in the schools, it was discovered that they were not happy with quantity of food.

(iii) If children were not happy, Please give reasons and suggestions to improve.

**Children were not happy with MDM because:**

- Bad quality of food materials is often served in unhygienic condition.
- Food is cooked and kept in open and dirty ground.
- They are forced to sit on the ground without any proper sitting arrangement like *tat-patti, carpet* etc.
- Some children complained that they have to bring their own plates to eat the MDM.

**Suggestions given by students for improvement in MDM:**

- Better quality of rice should be provided to the school authority.
- Better quality of pulse and green vegetables with proper quantity should be served by the school management.
- Fruits/Salad also may be included in the MDM
- Proper monitoring is necessary for maintaining the quality and quantity of meal.
- Food items must be served by the concerned authority as per the menu.
- Proper sitting arrangement also should be provided in the school.
- Adequate utensils and plates should be available in the school for MDM facilities.

**Suggestions given by teachers for improvement in MDM:**

- Supply of rice should be regular
- Separate staff should be appointed to look after MDM in the school.
- @ Rs10/- per students should be given by the Govt. for better quality of meal.
- Adequate utensils should be available in the school for preparing and serving the MDM.

**Suggestions given by parents and community people for improvement in MDM:**

- Separate person should be appointed at CRC level to look after the MDM quantity and quality in the school.
- Block level authority must visit once in a week to see the MDM facilities in the schools.
- Concerned people must be punished for serving bad quality of meal
- Better quality food should be provided to the children.

**Suggestions given MI for improvement in MDM:**

- Block level authority must visit twice in a month to see the MDM facilities in the schools.
- Separate person should be appointed at CRC level to look after the quality of MDM in schools.
- Green vegetables should also be given to the students in MDM.
- Light food items may also be distributed among students at dismissal hours, so that the students may have incentive to wait till the school hours are over.
- Food items amount should be increased to Rs10/- per students for better quality of meal.
- Separate trained staff should be appointed to look after MDM in the school.
- The gas facilities should be provided to the schools for cooking the food.
- Adequate utensils and plates should be made available in the school for preparing and serving the MDM.
- Fruits and Salad also should be given to the students for better nutrition at least twice in a week.
- Provision should be made by the government for construction of a **dining hall** in each school where children take their meal in properly manner in hygienic condition.
- MDM account should be separated from other schools account and it's operated by the school Adhoc committee (i.e. School HM & a senior teacher of the school).
- The remuneration of cooks may be given @Rs.2000/- per month regular manner.

8

**SUPPLEMENTARY:**

(i) Is there school Health Card maintained for each child?

Majority of sampled school (87.5%) do not maintained the health card for each child.

(ii) What is the frequency of health check-up?

Health check-up of school students was not done in any sampled schools Sheikhpura district during the last six months.

(iii) Whether children are given micronutrients (iron, folic acid, vitamin – A dosage) and de-worming medicine periodically?

Micronutrients (Iron, folic acid & vitamin – A dosage) and de-worming medicine which are necessary for improving the health and proper growth of the children are not provided in majority of sampled schools (77.5%) of Sheikhpura district. Iron and folic acid was given in

	<p>9 (22.5%) sampled schools only one time during the last six month, whereas vitamin – A dosage) and de-worming medicine was not given the children of sampled schools of Sheikhpura district during the last six month.</p>
	<p>5. Who administers these medicines and at what frequency?</p>
	<p>The Medical Officer of Primary Health Center of concerned block administers these medicines. It was rarely distributed in different schools of concerned block as reported by HM, teachers, parents and community people of coverage area of schools.</p>
9	<p><b><u>STATUS OF COOKS:</u></b></p>
	<p>(iv) Who cooks and serves the meal? (Cook cum helper appointed by the Department/VEC/ Self Help Group/NGO/Contractor)</p>
	<p>Majority of sampled schools of Sheikhpura district, MDM preparation and distribution are managed by the Adhoc Committee. Hence the cook cum helper has been appointed by this agency for preparing Mid Day Meal.</p>
	<p>(ii) Is the number of cooks and helpers engaged in the school as per GOI norms?</p>
	<p>The number of cooks and helpers was not engaged in the school as per GOI norms. None of the HM of sampled schools has provided the GOI guideline in this regard.</p>
	<p>(iii) What is remuneration paid to cooks cum helpers and mode of payment?</p>
	<p>The cooks/helpers are paid remuneration Rs.1000/- in sampled schools of this district where MDM was preparing and serving by the schools. The HM reported to MI members that the remuneration of cooks/helpers has been paid by them through banking channel. But their remuneration has not been released by the concerned authority to the sampled schools from April 2011.</p>
	<p>(iv) Is the remuneration paid to cooks cum helpers regularly?</p>
	<p>No, the remuneration of cooks/helpers was not paid regularly i.e. once in a month. The cooks/helpers of sampled schools reported MI members that they do not receive their remuneration from April 2011. The HM, teachers and community people has also authenticated this issue.</p>
	<p>(v) Specify the social composition of cooks cum helpers? (SC/ST/OBC/Minority)</p>
	<p>Women cooks/helpers of SC/ST/OBC/Minority category were found in sampled schools of Sheikhpura district.</p>
10	<p><b><u>INFRASTRUCTURE:</u></b></p>
	<p>Is a pucca kitchen shed-cum-store:</p>
	<p>1. Constructed and in use</p>
	<p>2. Scheme under which kitchen sheds constructed – MDM/SSA/Others</p>
	<p>3. Constructed but not in use (Reason for not using)</p>
	<p>4. Under construction</p>
	<p>5. Sanctioned, but construction not started</p>
	<p>6. Not sanctioned</p>
	<p>7. Any other (specify)</p>

	The pucca kitchen shed-cum-store was available and also in use in all sampled schools of Sheikhpura district and it was constructed under SSA scheme.
11	In case the pucca kitchen shed is not available, where is the food being cooked and where the food grains /other ingredients are being stored?
	Not applicable
12	Whether potable water is available for cooking and drinking purpose?
	Portable water was available in majority of sampled schools (87.5%) of Sheikhpura district In some schools the hand pumps are not in proper condition and it needs to repair. It was observed by MI members that the available hand pump is not meeting the problems of portable water in the schools. Therefore, another hand pump is required to all sampled schools immediately so that children could drink water and wash their hands before and after taking their meal without facing any problem.
13	Whether utensils are available for cooking food? If available, is it adequate?
	Majority of sampled schools (87.5%) of Sheikhpura district have adequate number of utensils for cooking MDM. The HM of sampled schools have reported that Rs.5000/- has been released by the DPO to purchase the cooking utensils.
14	What is the kind of fuel used? (Gas based/firewood etc.)
	All sampled schools of Sheikhpura district use firewood as fuel for cooking MDM where MDM prepared in the school.
15	<b><u>SAFETY &amp; HYGIENE:</u></b> General Impression of the environment, Safety and hygiene: (i) Are children encouraged to wash hands before and after eating?
	It was observed in sampled schools that teachers do not teach personal hygiene to children like washing hands before and after taking meals therefore only in a few schools (10%) in Sheikhpura district, the children were observed washing their hands before and after taking MDM.
	(ii) Do the children take meals in an orderly manner?
	There are only a few schools (10%) where children take meals in an orderly manner in Sheikhpura district. Due to proper sitting arrangement and lack of vacant places in the schools, children eat their meal here and there. Their problems could not be explained in words.
	(iii) Conservation of water?
	Children are not taught in school to conserve water while washing dishes in Sheikhpura district. Therefore, none of the sample school's children of this district used the practice of conserving water while washing dishes.
	(iv) Is the cooking process and storage of fuel safe, not posing any fire hazard?
	The cooking process and storage of fuel is safe in all sampled schools.



16	<b>COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND AWARENESS:</b>																							
	Extent of participation by Parents/VSSs/VECs/Panchayats/Urban bodies in daily supervision, monitoring and participation.																							
	(i) Is any roster being maintained by the community members for supervision of the MDM																							
	Roster was not maintained by the community members for supervision of the MDM in any sampled schools of Sheikhpura district.																							
	(ii) Are the parents/community members aware about the following?																							
	(a) Quantity of MDM per child:																							
	The parents/community members reported to MI that @100 gram rice per child per day for primary school (i.e. class I to V) and @150 gram rice per child per day for Upper Primary School (i.e. class VI to VIII) has been released by the FCI to school.																							
	(b) Entitlement of quantity and types of nutrients in MDM per child as supplied in the menu:																							
	According to menu, the cooks/helpers have to cook rice @100 gram rice per child per day for primary school and @150 gram rice per child per day for Upper Primary School. Apart from these they have also to prepare other things likes vegetables, dal, rajama, karhi, nutrella, chokha etc. as per the menu.																							
	(c) General awareness about the overall implementation of MDM programme:																							
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17	<b>INSPECTION &amp; SUPERVISION</b>																							
	(i) Has the mid day meal programme been inspected by any state/district/block level officers/officials?																							
	According to HM of sampled schools the MDM programme was inspected by the state/district/ block level officers/officials in sampled schools of this district. In fact it was rarely inspected by the state/district/block level officers/officials in sampled schools of this district.																							

	<p>(ii) The frequency of such inspection?</p> <p>In Sheikhpura district, MDM programme was not frequently inspected by the state/ district/ block level officers/ officials in sampled schools of this district. Block resource person of MDM visited respective schools of block once in a month only for data collection. The SDO/BEEOs/BRCCs of concerned block visited very few schools in a block of six months.</p> <p>(iii) Remarks made by the visiting officers? If any?</p> <p>No remarks has been put up by visiting officers either in visiting register or neither in MDM register.</p>
18	<p><b>IMPACT</b></p> <p>(i) Has the mid day meal improved the enrollment, attendance of children in school, any improvement in general well being, nutritional status of children?</p> <p>In fact the MDM has improved the enrollment and attendance of children in schools especially in rural areas. The poor and below poverty line children were getting adequate and nutrients food through MDM in schools. Thus, the MDM has attracted the weaker section parents to send their children to school for education.</p> <p>(ii) Is there any other incidental benefit to the children and school due to serving of mid-day-meal by VSS, VEC, and PRI members?</p> <p>The MDM has attracted the weaker section parents to send their children to school for education. Poor women got the part time employment for preparing and serving MDM in the nearest school.</p>

**List of schools visited in Sheikhpura district:**

Sl. No.	DISE Code	Name of School
1	10262900602	Adarsh Town M. S. Barbigha
2	10262001401	M. S. Gagaur
3	10262207202	M. S. Belchhi
4	10262200506	M. S. Sanaiya
5	10262903301	M. S. Kutaut
6	10262710701	M. S. Sirari
7	10262701601	M. S. Hathiyawan
8	10262701401	M. S. Mehush
9	10262700801	M. S. Tarchha
10	10261600101	M. S. Chewara
11	10262701701	Upgraded M. S. Kamta
12	10261601001	M. S. Karande
13	10262704101	M. S. Girihinda
14	10262902701	M. S. Kusherhi
15	10262001501	M. S. Korma
16	10262800701	M. S. Shekhopurdih
17	-	M. S. Marya Ashram Sheikhpura
18	10261603301	M. S. Lutaut
19	10262903002	M. S. Kewatidih
20	10262700201	P. S. Katra Chauk
21	10262707201	P. S. Prakhand M. Sheikhpura
22	10262700701	Abhiyash M. S. Sheikhpura
23	10262701001	Basanti Kanya M. S. Sheikhpura
24	10262900301	P. S. Telkar
25	10262900102	P. S. Paesobigha
26	10262900901	M. S. Maour
27	10262900101	Adarsh Kanya M. S. Barbigha
28	10262801802	P. S. Dowadih
29	10262903201	P. S. Mirjapur
30	10262901601	P. S. Teous
31	10262207201	P. S. Belchhi
32	10262901602	P. S. Kanya Teous
33	10262705701	P. S. Kanya Mehus
34	10262201303	M. S. Husainabad
35	10262203804	M. S. Diha
36	10262203805	M. S. Pharpar
37	10262904103	Govt. Basic School Sarwa
38	10262702401	Upgraded M. S. Bihta
39	10262800702	M. S. Shekhopur Bazar
40	10262801601	M. S. Ambari