

Fourth Half Yearly Monitoring Report of Sardar Patel Institute of Economic & Social Research on Mid-Day-Meal (MDM) for the State of Gujarat

 $(1^{\text{st}} \text{April}, 2012 \text{ to } 30^{\text{th}} \text{September}, 2012)$

DISTRICTS COVERED

Amreli
 Jamnagar

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Sub: Submission of 4th Half Yearly Monitoring Report of MDM (1st April, 2012 to 30th September, 2012)

Dear Madam,

Kindly find enclosed copy of the 4th Half Yearly Monitoring Report of Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research (SPIESR), Ahmedabad on MDM for the period 1st April, 2012 to 30th September, 2012)

This report is based on the information collected from 2 districts of Gujarat i.e. Amreli and Jamanagar. The Monitoring Institute has followed the prescribed format and ToR issued by Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) for the said period.

The receipt of the report may kindly be acknowledged.

With regards,

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Preface and Acknowledgement

Every child is provided Mid Day Meal in the school to provide additional nutrition component to the school children. Provision of MDM helps in better enrolment & retention. The key components of the programme include: protecting children from classroom hunger, increasing school enrolment and attendance, improved socialisation & interaction among children irrespective of their caste, class religion & gender background etc. This monitoring report of Mid Day Meal (MDM) is based on the information collected from two districts of Gujarat – Amreli and Jamanagar. This is the 4th half yearly monitoring report for the period 1st April, 2012 to 31st October, 2012. A number of people have contributed in successful completion of the report. The Block Resource Center Coordinators (BRCCs) of different blocks like Amreli, Liliya, Lathi, Jafarabad and Rajula blocks of Amreli district, Block Resource Center Coordinators (BRCCs) of Jamnagar, Jamkhambhaliya, Jamkalyanpur, Lalpur and Dhrol block of Jamnagar District, Cluster Resource Center Coordinators (CRCCs) of the selected clusters, School Teachers and Principals, all the staff of MDM at different schools visited by the Monitoring Institute have extended their support in data collection. Each of them has spent adequate time to provide relevant information to the monitoring team. It would not have been possible to obtain the field-based information without their co-operation.

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General/ First Page Information

4th HALF YEARLY MONITORING REPORT OF SARDAR PATEL INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC & SOCIAL RESEARCH ON MDM FOR THE STATE OF GUJARAT FOR THE PERIOD OF 1ST April, 2012 TO 30th September, 2012

General Information

Sl. No.	Subject	Details
1.	Name of the Monitoring Institution	Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, Ahmedabad
2.	Period of the Report	1 st April, 2012 to 30 th September,2012
3.	Fund Released for the period	-
4.	No. of Districts allocated	02 Districts
5.	District names	Amreli and Jamnagar
6.	Date of visit to the Districts / Schools (Information is to be given district wise i.e. District 1, District 2, etc)	Dist.1 Amreli–17/10/12-19/10/12 Dist.II Jamnagar -17/10/12-19/10/12
7.	Total number of elementary schools (primary and upper primary to be counted separately) in the Districts Covered by MI (Information is to be given district wise i.e. District 1, District 2, etc.)	District 1 Amreli – 40 (01PS+39UPS) District II Jamnagar - 41 (00PS+41UPS) Total : 81
8.	What percentage of schools covered in all the Districts allotted:	At least 40 schools covered from each district
9.	Type of schools visited	Prescribed categories as mentioned in ToR
10.	Number of schools visited by Nodal Officer of the Monitoring Institute	30 (15 schools in each district)
11.	Whether the draft report has been shared with the Director of the nodal department implementing MDMS : YES / NO	District 1 Amreli– Yes District II Jamnagar -Yes
12.	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	District 1 Amreli– District II Jamnagar -

Introduction & Background Information

The Mid-day Meal Scheme i.e. the school meal programme, initially started during 1960s in India. There is provision of free lunch to school-children on all working days. The key objectives of the programme include: protecting children from classroom hunger, increasing school enrolment and attendance, improved socialisation & interaction among children irrespective of their caste, class, religion & gender background. The added advantage of the scheme is that it can address malnutrition, and social empowerment through provision of employment primarily to women from under privileged background. Due to provision of hot cooked food, children are encouraged to attend school more regularly that can further help them concentrate on classroom activities. The coverage of mid-day meal programmes has been consistently expanding across different states.



Map of Gujarat

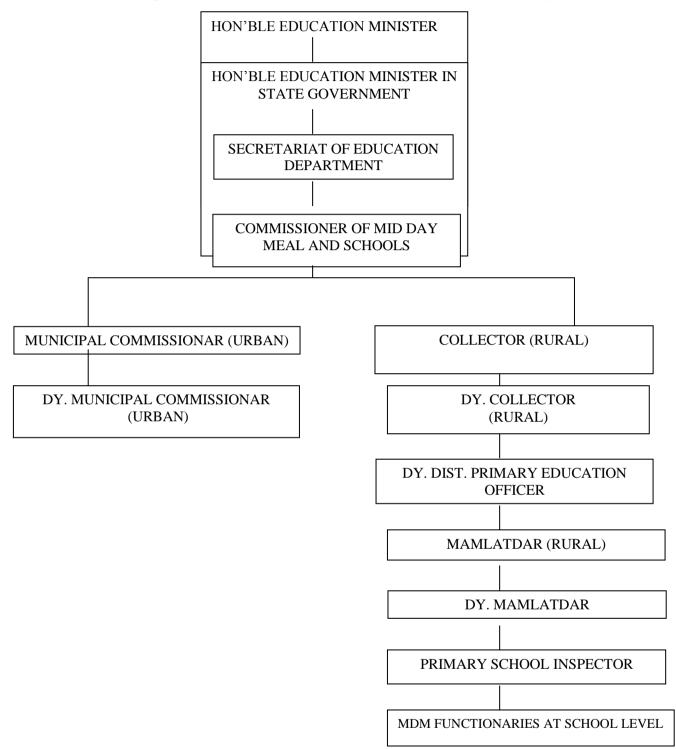
MDM in Gujarat

One of the important components of MDM is to encourage the enrolment & retention of the children irrespective of caste, class & gender. The scheme is introduced in such a manner that it can provide adequate support for community ownership to the school system by giving nutritional support. This step is no doubt a positive intervention for better school management. There is an attempt to involve the Panchayati Raj institutions, School Management Committee (SMC), grass root level organization in MDM related activities in the school. The demand and requirement in food habit varies from region to region. Each state is encouraged to understand and implement its own ideas that can be preferred by the children & appreciated by the parents as well as the community. Implementation of any development programme is only possible with productive partnership between the central, the state and the local government.

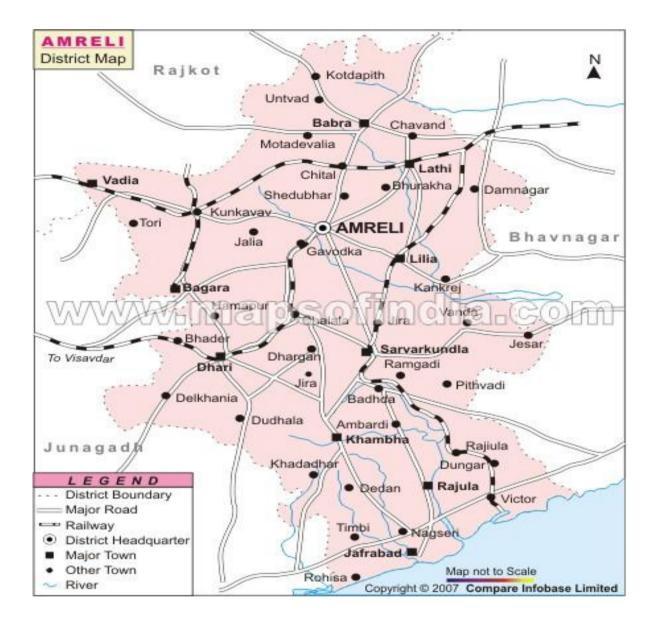
Gujarat is one of the states that had initiated the Mid Day Meal Scheme in 1984. Prior to that only Tamil Nadu had taken this step. To provide nutrition support to the children at primary level, government of Gujarat has introduced mid day meal as a state sponsored programme. The menu for each day has been fixed consulting some nutrition specialists and as per the local food habit of Gujarati people. The menu is followed across all the districts uniformly. In addition, the menu has been decided considering the budget allotted to MDM programme. Introduction of MDM programme has helped many poor students to get hot cooked meal in the school. Introduction of school lunch programme through MDM is also an initiative for better enrolment and retention. Though there is provision of kitchen shed & storage soace in every school, some of the schools are yet to get this facility.

This is the 4th half yearly monitoring report conducted for two districts in Gujarat during the period 1st April, 2012 to 30th September, 2012. Report has been prepared covering different components like regularity in serving meal, trend, regularity in delivering food grains to school level, regularity in delivering cooking cost, social equity, variety of menu, quality & quantity of meal, provision of supplementary nutrition, status of cooks/helpers, infrastructure, potable water, cooking utensils availability, kind of fuel, safety & hygiene, community participation, inspection & supervision & impact. Monitoring and evaluation contributes in identifying the strength and limitation of any implemented programme. Improvement in elementary education and areas of intervention can be appropriately identified through proper monitoring. Therefore, there is initiative from the Govt. of India to do the periodical evaluation in different regions. The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has allocated the responsibility to different recognized institutions of the country to assess the progress of primary education with the intervention of Mid-Day Meal (MDM) scheme.





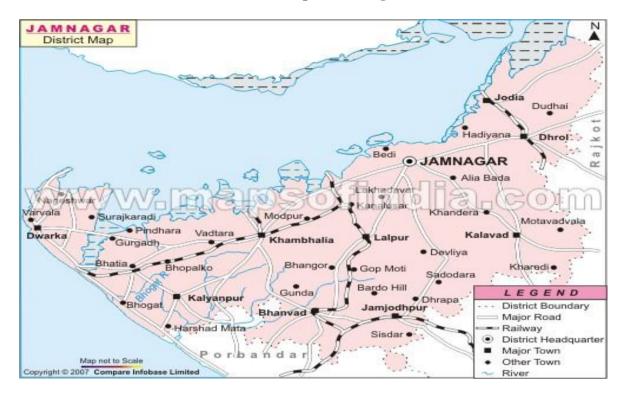
District Map of Amreli



Amreli District: Profile

Amreli district is situated in Saurashtra region in the geographical location consisting of 20.45 to 22.45 northern latitude, and 71.31 to 71.45 of eastern longitude. The total area of the district is 6760 sq. k.m. having 11 blocks namely, Amreli, Babra, Bagsara, Dhari, Jafrabad, Khambha, Kunkavav, Lathi, Liliya, Rajula, S. Kundala. In addition to these blocks there are total 7 municipalities in this district. It covers 3.45 % of land area of the state. The district is bound in north by Rajkot, in the east by Bhavanagar, in south by Arabian ocean and in west by Junagadh district. The percentage of literacy in this district is not satisfactory. The total percentage of literacy is 67.72 % (Census,2001). There is wide gap between male and female literacy rate. The male literacy rate is 77.68% and for female the rate is

57.77 %. In Amreli district, Amreli Block has the highest rank with literacy rate of 79.97% and Jafrabad block indicates the lowest literacy rate i.e. 46.43 % .



District Map of Jamnagar

Jamnagar District: Profile

Jamnagar District includes ten blocks, namely Jamnagar, Lalpur, Jodiya, Dhrol, Bhanvad, Jamjodhpur, Jamkhambhaliya, Dwarka, Jamkalyanpur, Kalavad including 17 towns and 703 villages. Jamnagar district is surrounded by sea on three sides. Majority of population in coastal area belong to Vaghera community mainly engaged in fishing. The total population of the district as per Census 2001 is 19, 04278. It includes 981320 male and 922958 female. The sex ratio is 941. The literacy rate of the district is 66.50% (Census, 2001). The literacy rate of women, backward classes, scheduled caste and OBC are still below the district average. Jamnagar district was formed in 1948. The District occupies 7.21% of the land area of the state. The Total land area of Jamnagar district is 1015215 Hector. The land under agriculture is 59.63% and the forest area is 4.18%. It is situated to the west of Rajkot district, to the east of Arabian Sea, to the south of the Gulf of Kutch and to the North of Junagadh district, having a long coastline of 355 km. The entire district is situated in the Northern Hemisphere. Jamnagar district has broad gauge Railway Line connecting Okha and Porbander with the rest of the country. The units of the ship breaking industry have been well established at the port Sachana since 1983. Other different

industries of the district are Dye Ammonia Phosphate, Wind Mill, Cargo birth, Reliance and ESSAR's refineries.

Sample Selection Procedure:

As per the guideline and ToR prepared by MHRD, the Monitoring Institute (MI) is expected to cover at least 40 schools from each allotted district during the specific period. Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research (SPIESR) is one of the monitoring Institutes assigned to evaluate & monitor the implementation of MDM in 11 districts of Gujarat in four phases. In each phase, the monitoring institute is required to cover at least 25% of the districts allotted to them. The list of 11 districts is given below.

- 1. Sabarkantha; 2. Kheda; 3. Anand; 4. Patan; 5. Bhavnagar; 6. Gandhinagar; 7. Amreli;
- 8. Mehsana; 9. Jamnagar; 10. Ahmedabad; 11. Banaskantha

The districts covered in this report include Amreli and Jamnagar. As per the ToR the breakup of districts to be covered in four phases is (3+3+3+2), out of total 11 districts. During the specified period i.e. April, 2012 to September, 2012, the MI has selected two districts, i.e. Amreli and Jamnagar for monitoring and evaluation. The schools covered during this phase are mentioned below (Table 1). The block wise and CRCs wise distribution of the schools covered are mentioned in Annexure A.

Districts	Name of Blocks covered with CRCs		
covered	Block's Name	Name of the CRCs	schools covered
1. Amreli	Amreli	Chakargadh, MSB-1, MSB-2, Keriyachad,	
		Pratappara, Nanabhandariya	
	Liliya	Krankach, Liliya, Liliya Kanya, Liliya Kumar,	
		Saladi, Hathigadh, Vagholiya	40
Lathi Chavand, Lathi, Piplva, Matirala, Damnagar-1, Damnagar-2, Rameshwar		Chavand, Lathi, Piplva, Matirala, Damnagar-1,	
	Jafarabad	Sagar	
	Rajula	Rajula 1, Rajula-2,	
2. Jamnagar	Iomnogor	Randalnagar, School No.15, School No 27, School	
_	Jamnagar	No.32	
	Jamkhambhaliya	Vadatra,	
	Jamkalyanpur	Kalyanpur, Bhatia, Kenedi	
Lalpur Nani Rafudad, Kanya Shala Lalpur, Go		Nani Rafudad, Kanya Shala Lalpur, Govana, Lalpur	
	Dhrol	Mota Itala, Dhrol-1, Dhrol-2, Soyal,	41

Table 1: Schools covered in two district	ts
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY-DISTRICT : AMRELI

1. Regularity in serving meal:

In all the schools visited by MI, hot cooked food was served without any interruption. In many school MDM is not served food on first Saturday of every month due to teachers training.

2. Trends:

More than 73% children attended the school on the visit day. More than 76% children availed the MDM on the visit day.

3. Regularity in delivering food grains to school level:

All the visited schools are receiving regular food grain supply.

4. Regularity in delivering cooking cost to school level:

Thirty five schools are getting the cooking cost regularly and 3 schools observed a delay of 2-4 months in receiving the cooking cost.

5. Social equity:

In all the visited schools in this district, the MI did not find any gender, caste, community discrimination in cooking, serving and sitting arrangement.

6. Variety of menu:

In all the schools, there is variety in the food served to the children. Rice /wheat are given to children daily. However, Dal & vegetable is not served to children on daily basis. Tomato soup is found to be served once in a week as a replacement of dal.

8. Quality & quantity of meal:

Most of the schools (29) are found to receive good quality food grain and in 6 schools quality of food grain was found to be average. The quantity of food served under MDM is found to be adequate as observed by the MI in all the visited schools. However the quantity of dal & vegetable was found to be insufficient.

9. Supplementary:

The MI found that the majority of (33) schools are not maintaining health-card for the children. Medical examinations of the children are conducted by medical officer from nearby PHC once in a year in 35 visited schools. In 10 schools, 'Bal Bhog' in the form of a toffee (candy) is given to the children on monthly basis. Asha workers are providing supplementary nutrition & other medicines in some schools, but not on regular basis.

10. Status of cooks/helpers:

All the MDM staff (organizer, cook & helper) are getting Rs 1000 per month as remuneration in most of the visited schools. However, in ten schools (Jatroda Primary School, Pipalva Pay Center School, Antaliya Primary School, Karkoliya Primary School, Pipalva Primary School, Vagholiya Primary School, Nana Liliya Primary School, Krishnagadh Primary School, Amarapar Primary School and Karankach Kanya Shala) helpers are receiving Rs. 400 as remuneration.

11 & 12. Infrastructure:

The MI found that 29 schools have pucca kitchen-cum-store constructed and in use. Four schools (Nagar Palika Primary Kanya Shala, Jaysingpara Primary School, Vitthalpar Primary School and Pujapadar Primary School) do not have constructed kitchen and food is cooked in class room. In Karankanch Kumar Shala kitchen is found in the school but food is cooked at organizer's home. In Krishnagadh Primary school also the food is cooked at organizers home due to damaged condition of the kitchen.

13. Potable water:

The MI found that all the schools have the potable water facility for cooking and drinking except Karankach Kumar Shala.

14. Cooking utensils availability:

It is found by the MI that all the schools are having adequate utensils for cooking.

15. Kind of fuel:

Twenty one schools are using gas as fuel for preparing MDM. Rest of the school are using firewood as cooking fuel.

16. Safety & Hygiene:

General Impression of the environment for MDM programme is found to be satisfactory by the MI. In most of the schools (35 schools), children are encouraged to wash hands before and after eating. In all the schools the children take food in an orderly manner. The cooking process and storage of fuel is found to be safe from fire hazard in 37 visited schools.

17. Community participation:

In none of the visited schools Parents/ SMCs / Panchayats / Urban bodies are found to be participating in monitoring of MDM on daily basis. However SMC members are found to participate in monitoring of MDM.

18. Inspection & supervision:

The frequency of inspection is found to be irregular in many schools. However, MDM inspection is found to be carried out in 9 schools on quarterly basis, in 2 schools on biannual basis and in 2 schools on annual basis.

19. Impact:

The MDM has been reported to improve the enrollment, attendance and general well-being of children in most of the instances. The MI found that in 33 schools the parents, teachers and students opined that the MDM has improved the general well-being of children.

ANY OTHER ISSUE RELATED TO MDM

Problems:

- There are few schools where noticeable difference was found in number of children actually taking the MDM and number recorded in the MDM registers. For instance in Karankach Kanya Shala, Karankach Kumar Shala and Hirana Primary School such difference were noticed. In Karankach Kumar Shala, MDM food is cooked at organizer's home and out of 159 children present in the school on visit day only 28 children were availing MDM while MDM register had shown 80 children availed MDM. Mostly children were eating food brought from home in this school (Photograph attached at the end).
- Differences in salary of MDM staff in 10 schools (Jatroda Primary School, Pipalva Pay Center School, Antaliya Primary School, Karkoliya Primary School, Pipalva Primary School, Vagholiya Primary School, Nana Liliya Primary School, Krishnagadh Primary School, Amarapar Primary School and Karankach Kanya Shala) is found.
- In most of the visited schools, vegetables and Dals are not provided in the MDM on daily basis. In some cases potatoes are added in vegetable pulay. Dal is used in very small quantity and not as per norms by the MDM department.
- Health checkups are not organized by any of the visited school, but the local PHC does the check up on yearly basis. Children are provided vitamin and iron tablets by the PHC & by the Asha workers, but not on regular basis as told by the HM and other teachers.
- In many schools MDM register is not found to be updated in terms of daily students intake of MDM.
- For MDM activities at school level, majority of the teachers and principals with few exceptions are not aware of the details like how much quantity is used, stock verification etc. It is taken as a de-linked programme from other school activities, hence presumed to be the sole responsibility of MDM department. In addition weighing machine is recommended at school level & the food should be weighed in the presence of a responsible teacher. Otherwise the MI could not find any other mechanism at school level that can help providing adequate quantity of food to the children.
- In Karankach Kanya Shala, it was found that, children were serving food and managing MDM on their own. All the MDM staffs were found to be absent while the food was served on visit day.

- Every first Saturday of the month MDM is not served in many schools as teachers are unavailable due to their training.
- In Liliya Girls School complete MDM menu was not displayed.

Strengths:

- In all the schools, every Friday children are served tomato soup with Muthiya (Muthiya is a Gujarati dish prepared with gram flour, wheat flour and bajara flour. It is mixed with cumin seed powder, turmeric powder, with salt and sugar. This mixture is kneaded lightly, rolled and then steamed, fried and served).
- In many visited schools, weekly MDM menu is displayed on the school board and the MDM used to be prepared as per the MDM schedule.
- In Jatroda Primary School, children of standard I-III are provided snacks at 4 pm from local initiative in addition to the MDM provision.
- All school reported that due to nutritional food served under MDM attendance of children improved with better health. It is observed that during MDM all children of different caste and religion sit together without any discrimination that helps the unity among the children.
- Asha worker provides supplementary nutrition and it was noticed in many schools. In addition Bal bhog is also provided to the children in many schools.
- Padarsing Primary School has kept fire extinguisher for safety measure in the Kitchen.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY- DISTRICT: JAMNAGAR

1. Regularity in serving meal:

In all the visited schools, hot cooked food is served without any interruption except 3 schools i.e. Kharva Primary School, Rajparwadi Primary School and Railway Station Primary School due to MDM staff unavailability.

2. Trends:

More than 76% children attended the school and more than 86% of the children present on the visit day availed the MDM.

3. Regularity in delivering food grains to school level:

Most of the visited schools (38 schools) are receiving regular food grain supply.

4. Regularity in delivering cooking cost to school level:

Most of the schools are receiving the cooking cost regularly. A delay of 2-5 months in receiving the cooking cost is found in 12 schools.

5. Social equity:

The MI did not find any gender, caste, community discrimination in cooking, serving and sitting arrangement in most of the schools visited in this district.

6. Variety of menu:

In all the schools there is variety in the food served to the children. Rice /wheat are given to children daily. However, dal & vegetable is not served to children on daily basis.

8. Quality & quantity of meal:

Twenty six schools reported to serve good quality cooked food. In rest of the schools average quality of cooked meal is found. Quantity of food served under MDM is found to be adequate in all the schools.

9. Supplementary:

The MI observed that most of the visited schools (36) are not maintaining health cards for the children. Health checkup of the children are found to be done by doctor from nearby PHC in 36 schools. In some schools children are given medicine as per the requirement during the health camp.

10. Status of cooks/helpers:

All the MDM staff in the schools are paid remuneration of Rs.1000 each i.e.MDM organizer, Cook and Helper. Few exceptions were noticed by MI regarding remuneration of Helper and the cooks. The cooks/helpers are getting remuneration regularly in many schools (29 schools). However, their salary is delayed in 7 schools (Junagagara Primary School, Khyadi Primary School, Barbarzar Primary School, Krishna Nagar Primary School, Shree Harsiddhi Nagar Primary School, Bhatia Kanya Shala and Bhatia Boys School).

11 & 12. Infrastructure:

The MI found that the 19 schools have pucca kitchen cum store constructed and in use whereas 11 schools do not have store room facility with the kitchen. In 9 schools (Bhatia Kanya Shala, Vadatra Vadi Shala No. 6, Taluka Kumar Shala, Shree Vadatra Charuvadi School No. 3, Lalpur Primary School, Variya Primary School, Shree Vadtra Vadi Shala No.5, Haripar Primary School and Jungagara Primary School) pucca kitchen- cum-store constructed but it is not used for either cooking or storing the food grains. In these schools the food is cooked at either organizers home or in an open place.

13 Potable water:

The MI found that 30 visited schools have the potable water facility for cooking and drinking purpose.

14. Cooking utensils availability:

It is found by the MI that 29 schools had adequate utensils for cooking.

15. Kind of fuel:

The MI has found that in 14 visited schools gas is used as cooking fuel and in rest of the schools fire wood is used as cooking fuel.

16. Safety & Hygiene:

General Impression of the environment for MDM programme is found to be satisfactory by the MI in most of the visited schools. Washing hands before and after eating are found to be practiced among children in most of the visited schools. The cooking process and storage of fuel is found to be safe from fire hazard in all the schools except 2 schools.

17. Community participation:

It was found that in most of the schools SMC member participate in MDM activities but not on regular basis. In none of the schools, community members have maintained a roster in school for the MDM supervision.

18. Inspection & supervision:

In 22 schools the inspection is done by Mamlatdar/Deputy Collector/MDM Clerk or MDM inspector on irregular basis, MDM inspection is not conducted in some schools since last one year.

19. Impact:

It is found that the MDM has been found to improve the general well-being, enrollment and attendance of children in most of the visited schools.

ANY OTHER ISSUE RELATED TO MDM

Problems:

- In 4 schools (Taluka Kumar Shala, Haripar Primary School, Shree Vedatra Vadi Shala No.5 and Junagapara Primary School.) the MDM is found to be cooked at organizer's home and then supplied to the school. The kitchen shed is not available in these schools.
- In Taluka Kumar Shala the MDM menu is not followed and every day khichdi is provided to the children and food stock is kept at organizer's home.
- The MI could find out that MDM staff had not received their remuneration since last three to four months in 7 schools (Junagagara Primary School, Khyadi Primary School, Barbarzar Primary School, Krishna Nagar Primary School, Shree Harsiddhi Nagar Primary School, Bhatia Kanya Shala and Bhatia Boys School).

- In Rajparwadi Primary School and Kharva Primary School, the MDM is not prepared since last 10 days due to absence of MDM organizer. In Railway Station Primary School, the MDM is not served since one year due to some dispute between MDM staff.
- In many schools the gas connection is found to be available. However, due to delayed supply of gas cylinder the food is found to be cooked using firewood in such schools. Some of the MDM staffs have reported that there is shortage & irregularity of gas supply in the schools.
- It is noticed by MI that the helpers are getting less remuneration in 7 schools (Mafatlal Primary School, Shree Vadtra Vadi Shala No.5, Shree Vadatra Charuvadi School No. 3, Taluka Kumar Shala, Vadtra Vadi Shala No.6, Rajparwadi Primary School and Rupavati Primary School).
- In Nani Rafudad Primary School, the MI found poor hygiene during cooking and serving food.

Strengths:

- In most of the visited schools, the dishes are found to be available to serve the MDM to the children.
- In most of the visited schools, weekly MDM is displayed on the school board and the MDM used to be prepared as per the MDM schedule.
- The trend of Tithi Bhojan is found in this district. In Rajparvadi Primary School, on the visit day, SMC had served Teethi Bhojan to the children.
- In ten schools (Vadtra Taluka Shala, Bhatia Kanya Shala, Bhatia Boys Shala, Taluka Kumar Shala, Haripar Vadi Shala, Dhrol Vadi Shala No.2, Krishnanagar Primary School, Khavadi Primary School, Barbarzara Primary School and Rajparvadi Primary School) the MDM dishes are donated by community. While in six schools (Nagar Primary School No.29, Nagar Primary School.No. 51, Lalpur Kanya Shala, Navapura Primary School, Shri Dhrol Vadi No.4, Nagar Primary School No.27) SMC members donated dishes to school for MDM.
- In Rondalnagar Kumar Shala teachers have donated dishes for MDM.
- In Kennadi Boys' School and Kanya Shala Dhrol quarterly visit by the officers from the Mamlatdar office is reported.

Chapter 1

FOURTH HALF YEARLY MONITORING REPORT OF MID-DAY-MEAL SCHEME

(District I: AMRELI)

(District wise information as per the ToR 2010-12 issued by the Ministry / TSG)

1.1	Name of the District	AMRELI
1.2	Date of visit to the District/EGS/schools	17/10/12 TO 19/10/12
1.3	Tasks	The Monitoring Institute has obtained information on the following areas and included them in the report.

A. AT SCHOOL LEVEL

	REG	ULARITY IN SERVING MEAL:		Stu	dents,	Teachers & Parents and
	Whether the school is serving hot cooked meal daily? MDM reg			ister		
	If there was interruption, what was the extent and					
	reasons for the same?					
1	In	all the visited schools, hot cooked food	is serve	d withou	t any i	interruption except 2 schools
	i.e	e. Kharva Primary School and Railway S	tation Pri	mary Sc	hool si	nce last one year. The reason
	sp	becified for MDM unavailability is due	to some	e proble	m of	MDM staff and hence state
	go	overnment MDM office has discontinued	the MDN	A in thes	e scho	ols. In many school MDM is
	no	ot served on first Saturday of every month	due to te	eachers the	raining	
		NDS: nt of variation (As per school records v f visit)	vis-à-vis A	Actual o	n the	School level registers, MDM Registers Head Teachers, Schools level
	No.	Details	Ν	%]	MDM functionaries / Observation of the
	i	Enrollment	10141			monitoring team.
	ii	No. of children opted for MDM	6883	92.71		C
2	iii	rio. of children opted for mining				T P 1
2	iv	No. of children attending the school	7424	73.21	-	In case of centralized kitchen, the no. of schools
		No. of children attending the school on the day of visit No. of children availing MDM as	7424 5649	73.21 76.09		kitchen, the no. of schools served by it. Time taken in supply of hot cooked
	v	No. of children attending the school on the day of visitNo. of children availing MDM as per MDM RegisterNo. of children actually availing			-	kitchen, the no. of schools served by it. Time taken
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	For	ty schools are visited in Amreli district. More than 73%	children attended the school	on the visit		
	day. More than 92% children opted for the MDM on the visit day. However, as per MDM					
more than 76% children are found to have MDM on the visit day. The MI observed that the				the children		
	not having MDM in the school either bring food from home or go to their homes for food d					
	lunch. All the schools had their independent MDM preparation in the school.					
	RE	GULARITY IN DELIVERING FOOD GRAINS	School level register	s, MDM		
	то	SCHOOL LEVEL:	Registers, Head Teach	er, School		
	(i)	Is school/implementing agency receiving food	level MDM functionar	ies, SHG/		
		grain regularly? If there is delay in delivering	implementing agency			
		food grains, what is the extent of delay and				
		reasons for the same?				
	(ii)	Is buffer stock of one-month's requirement is				
		maintained?				
	(iii)	Is the food grains delivered at the school?				
3	(iv)	Is the quality of food grain good?				
	(i)	All the visited schools are getting regular food grain	supply.			
	(ii)	The buffer stock of one month requirement is mainta	ined in some of the visited s	chools (06		
		schools).				
	(iii) In most of the schools (38) the food grain is collected from the nearby ration shop. In 2					
		schools (Krankach Kanya Shala and Krankach Kumar Shala), the MDM organizer collects				
		the grain from the block office.				
	iv)	iv) Most of the schools (29) are found to receive good quality food grain and in 6 schools				
	quality of food grain was found to be average.					
	RE	GULARITY IN DELIVERING COOKING COST	School level register	s, MDM		
	то	SCHOOL LEVEL:	Registers, Head Teach	er, School		
	(i)	Is school/implementing agency receiving cooking	level MDM functionar	ies, SHG/		
		cost in advance regularly? If there is delay in	implementing agency			
		delivering cooking cost what is the extent of delay				
4		and reasons for it?				
	(ii)	In case of delay, how schools/implementing				
		agency manage to ensure that there is no				
		disruption in the feeding programme?				
	(iii)	Is cooking cost paid by Cash or through banking				
		channel?				

(Antaliya Primary School, Jatroda Primary School a			
	nd Shri Baharpura Girls School)		
observed a delay in receiving the cooking cost.			
The MDM organizer/staff manage to ensure no disru	ption in the implementation of MDM		
using their own resources or with the support of sch	ool staff.		
Cooking cost is paid through banking channel in all t	the visited schools.		
CIAL EQUITY:	Observations / Probe / interaction		
Did you observe any gender or caste or	with the children		
community discrimination in cooking or serving			
or seating arrangements?			
What is the system of serving and seating			
arrangement for eating?			
In all the visited schools in this district, the MI	I found no gender, caste, community		
discrimination in cooking, serving and sitting arranger	nent. However in many schools the boys		
and girls used to sit in separate rows while the MDM is served because of their comfort level.			
In most of the visited schools this trend is followed.			
In most of the schools, the students sit in rows in the	he school verandah during lunch break.		
Some of the senior class students assist the helper to	o serve the MDM to children. In all the		
schools, students are found to eat the MDM together.			
RIETY OF MENU:	Observations and discussion with		
Has the school displayed its weekly menu at a	children teachers, parents, SMC		
place noticeable to community, and is it able to	members, Gram Panchayat		
adhere to the menu displayed?	members and cooks. Obtain a copy		
Who decided the menu?	of the menu		
(i) In all the schools visited by MI, the weekly menu is displayed. Only in Krishnagadh			
Primary school menu was kept in the file and in the Jaysingpara Primary School the MDM			
menu was displayed in the principal office. Most of the schools are preparing the MDM as			
per MDM menu displayed. However slight variation is noticed because of local need and			
preference of the children.			
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preference of the children. Menu is decided by department of MDM, Governm	nent of Gujarat. This menu is uniform to		
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	(i)	Is there variety in the food served or is the same	Observations and discussion with
		food served daily?	children teachers, parents, SMC
	(ii)	Does the daily menu include rice /wheat	members, Gram Panchayat
		preparation, dal and vegetables?	members and cooks.
7	(i)	In all the schools visited by MI, there is variety in the f	food served to the children. In some
		schools tomato soup is found to be served to the children	en once is a week.
	(ii)	Rice /wheat and Dal are given to children daily in all	l the schools. However, few schools (3)
		were not serving vegetable regularly while 35 school	ls served vegetable to children on daily
		basis.	
	QU	ALITY & QUANTITY OF MEAL:	Observations of Investigation during
	Fee	dback from children on	MDM service
	a.	Quality of meal:	
	b.	Quantity of meal:	
	c.	{If children were not happy Please give reasons	
8		and suggestions to improve.}	
	a.	As observed by the MI, all schools are found to serve g	good quality food.
	b.	The quantity of food served under MDM is found to be	e adequate as observed by the
		monitoring team in all the visited schools. Children of	all the visited school were satisfied with
		the quality and quantity of food. However, it is observed	ed by the MI that the quantity of dal &
		vegetable used in MDM preparation is insufficient.	
	SU	PPLEMENTARY:	Teachers, Students, School Record, School health card
	(i)	Is there school health card maintained for each chil	d?
	(ii)	What is the frequency of health check up?	
9		vi) Whether children are given micronutrients	
		folic acid, vitamin – A dosage) and de-we	orming
		medicine periodically?	
	(iv)	Who administers these medicines and at what frequ	iency?

vi) The MI found that most of the schools (33 schools) do not maintain health card for all the children of the school.

(ii) Most of the schools (35) in the district are found to have health camps for the children organized by the local PHC. Only three schools, Vagholiya Primary School, Mota Asardiya Primary school, and Shree Baharpura Girls School did not have such health camp for school children. The medical examination of the children is done by medical officer from nearby PHC. Height, weight, blood group and dental examination are conducted in most of the schools during this health camp. Need based medicines are also administered to the children during the check-up. The health checkup is found to be conducted once in a year or six month basis in most of the visited schools.

(iii) Children are given micronutrients (iron, folic acid, vitamin-A dosage) de-worming medicine in few schools. Asha workers are providing supplementary nutrition & other medicines in some schools, but not on regular basis. In 10 schools, 'Bal Bhog' in the form of a toffee (candy) is given to the children on monthly basis. This is a nutritional supplement introduced by the Government of Gujarat.

	STATUS OF COOKS:	Observations and discussion
	vi) Who cooks and serves the meal? (Cook cum	with children teachers,
	helper appointed by the Department / SMC / PRI	parents, SMC members, Gram
	/ Self Help Group/ NGO / Contractor)	Panchayat members and
	(ii) Is the number of cooks and helpers engaged in the	cooks-cum-helpers.
10	school as per GOI norms?	
	(iii) What is remuneration paid to cooks cum helpers and	
	mode of payment?	
	(iv) Are the remuneration paid to cooks/helpers regularly?	
	(v) Social Composition of cooks cum helpers?	
	(SC/ST/OBC/Minority)	

vi)	The MI observed that the cook cum helper cooks and serves the meal. In majority of the
	visited schools children from the senior standards help the MDM staff in serving the
	meal.

(ii)	The Cook/helpers are appointed by "Mamlatdar". The number of appointed cook & helpers in
	the school is as per GoI norms.

vi) Mostly all the MDM staff (organizer, cook & helper) is getting Rs 1000 per month as remuneration. However, in ten schools (Jatroda Primary School, Pipalva Pay Center School, Antaliya Primary School, Karkoliya Primary School, Pipalva Primary School, Vagholiya Primary School, Nana Liliya Primary School, Krishnagadh Primary School, Amarapar Primary School and Karankach Kanya Shala) helpers are receiving Rs. 400 as remuneration.

- (v) The remuneration to cooks/helpers is paid regularly in majority of the visited schools. However, in 8 schools (Shree Baharpura Girls School, Sanghvi Primary School, Mota Asardiya Primary School Saladi Primary School, Krankach Kumar Shala, Krankach Kanya Shala) salary is not found to be paid regularly. Mismanagement and absence of accountant are reported to be the main reasons for irregular payment.
- (vi) There is variation in social composition of cook cum helpers. In majority of schools (23) the cooks and helpers belong to OBC category.

	INFRASTRUCTURE:	School records,
	Is a pucca kitchen shed-cum-store:	discussion with head
	vi) Constructed and in use	teacher, teacher, SMC, Gram
	ii) Scheme under which kitchen sheds constructed-MDM/ SSA/Other	Panchayat
11	iii) Constructed but not in use (reasons for not using)	members.
	iv) Under construction	
	vi) Sanctioned, but construction not started	
	vi) Not sanctioned	
	vii) Any other (specify)	

	(i) The MI found that 29 schools have pucca kitch	nen-cum-store constructed and in use. Three			
	schools (Luvariya Primary School, Nagarpalika Primary Kanya Shala, Jayshingpa				
	 Primary School) do not have constructed kitchen. (ii) The kitchen shed are constructed under civil grant from SSA in all the schools. (iii) Two schools have kitchen constructed but it is not used for cooking. (iv) Two schools are found under construction' category of pucca kitchen cum store. 				
	vi) Pujapadar Upper Primary School is found with 'sanctioned but construction not star				
	category for the pucca kitchen cum store.vi) Luvariya Primary School is found under the category, 'Not sanctioned' pucca kitchen cum store.				
	(vii) In Krishnagadh Primary School the MDM is	cooked at organizers home.			
	In case the pucca kitchen shed is not available,	Discussion with head teacher, teacher,			
	where is the food being cooked and where the food	SMC, Gram Panchayat members,			
12	grains /other ingredients being stored?	Observation			
	It is found by MI that the pucca kitchen shed is not available in 3 schools (Luvariya Primary				
	School, Nagarpalika Primary Kanya Shala and Jayshingpara Primary School).				
	Whether potable water is available for cooking and drinking purpose? -do-				
13	The MI found that all the schools have the potable water facility for cooking and drinking purpose				
	except one school i.e. Karankach Kumar Shala.				
	Whether utensils are available for cooking food?	If, Teachers/Organizer of MDM			
14	available is it adequate?	Programme			
	It is found by the MI that all the schools have adequate utensils for cooking purpose.				
	What is the kind of fuel used? (Gas based/ firewood	etc.) Observation			
	Twenty one schools are using gas as fuel for preparing				
15	as cooking fuel. However in many instances the gas approval has been done but it has not been				
	supplied to the schools due to shortage of gas cylinders.				
	SAFETY & HYGIENE:	Observation			
	i. General Impression of the environment, Safety and hygiene:				
	ii. Are children encouraged to wash hands before and after eating?				
16	iii. Do the children partake meals in an orderly manner?				
	iv. Conservation of water?				
	v. Is the cooking process and storage of fuel safe, not posing any fire hazard?				
	1. Is the cooking process and storage of fuel safe, h	for possing any me nazara.			

	i.	General Impression of the environment for MDM program	nme is foun	d to be satisfactory in			
	most of the visited schools.						
	ii.	. In most of the schools (35 schools), children are encouraged to wash hands before and after					
		eating.					
	iii.	iii. In all the schools the children take food in an orderly manner. However, in Paldi Primary					
		School the children sit and eat in groups.					
	iv.	iv. Water conservation is found to be practiced by children while washing hands and utensils in					
		few visited schools.					
	v.	The cooking process and storage of fuel is found to be sa	afe from fir	e hazard in 37 visited			
		schools.					
	CO	MMUNITY PARTICIPATION:		Discussion with			
	i)	Extent of participation by Parents/ SMCs / Panchayata	s / Urban	head teacher,			
		bodies in daily supervision, monitoring, participation		teacher, Parents,			
	ii)	Is any roster being maintained of the community men	SMC, Gram				
17		supervision of the MDM ?		Panchayat members			
17	i) In none of the visited schools Parents/ SMCs / Panchayats / Urban bodies are found to be						
	participating in supervision, monitoring of MDM on daily basis. However SMC members are						
	found to participate in monitoring in many schools. In 11 schools no participation of SMC						
	members is found. In many schools parents used to monitor the MDM on monthly basis.						
	ii) In none of the school, community members have maintained a roster for the MDM supervision.						
	INS	SPECTION & SUPERVISION	School red	cords, discussion with			
	i)	Has the mid day meal programme been inspected by	head teac	her, teachers, SMC,			
		any state/district/block level officers/officials?	Gram Par	chayat members			
	ii)	The frequency of such inspection?					
18	i)	The inspection of MDM programme by any state/district/h	block level officers/officials in this				
10		district is found to be prevalent -though not on regular basis. In 27 schools inspection has been					
		conducted however, in 11 schools no inspection has been done so far.					
	ii)	The frequency of such inspection is found to be irregul	spection is found to be irregular. However, MDM inspection is				
		found to be carried out in 9 schools on quarterly basis, 2 schools on biannual basis and in 2					
		schools on annual basis.					

	IMPACT	School records, discussion with				
	Has the mid day meal improved the enrollment, attendance	head teacher, teachers,				
	of children in school, general well being (nutritional status)	students, SMC, Gram				
	of children?	Panchayat members.				
	Is there any other incidental benefit due to serving cooked					
19	meal in schools?					
	Based on the observation and discussion in the visited schools, it is found that the MDM has					
	improved the enrollment as well as attendance of children in most of the instances. In 2 schools					
	(Luvariya Primary School and Shri Baharpara Primary School) children are regularly attending the					
	school due to MDM. It may not be the only reason for higher enrolment, but certainly one of the					
	important reasons. The MI found that in most of the visited schools the parents, teachers and					
	students opined that the MDM has improved the general well-bei	ng of children.				

B. ANY OTHER ISSUES RELEVANT TO MDM IMPLEMENTATION

Problems:

- In few schools noticeable difference was found in number of children actually taking the MDM and number recorded in the MDM registers. For instance in Karankach Kanya Shala, Karankach Kumar Shala and Hirana Primary School. In Karankach Kumar Shala, MDM food is cooked at organizer's home and out of 159 children present in the school on visit day only 28 children were availing MDM while MDM register had shown 80 children availed MDM. Mostly children were eating food brought from home in this school (Photograph attached at the end).
- Differences in salary of MDM staff in 10 schools (Jatroda Primary School, Pipalva Pay Center School, Antaliya Primary School, Karkoliya Primary School, Pipalva Primary School, Vagholiya Primary School, Nana Liliya Primary School, Krishnagadh Primary School, Amarapar Primary School and Karankach Kanya Shala) is found.
- In most of the visited schools, vegetables and Dals are not provided in the MDM on daily basis. In some cases potatoes are added in vegetable pulay. Dal is used in very small quantity and not as per norms by the MDM department.
- Health checkups are not organized by any of the visited school, but the local PHC does the check up on yearly basis. Children are provided vitamin and iron tablets by the PHC & by the Asha workers, but not on regular basis as told by the HM and other teachers.
- In many schools MDM register is not found to be updated in terms of daily students intake of MDM.

- For MDM activities at school level, majority of the teachers and principals with few exceptions are not aware of the details like how much quantity is used, stock verification etc. It is taken as a de-linked programme from other school activities, hence presumed to be the sole responsibility of MDM department. In addition weighing machine is recommended at school level & the food should be weighed in the presence of a responsible teacher. Otherwise the MI could not find any other mechanism at school level that can help providing adequate quantity of food to the children.
- In Karankach Kanya Shala, it was found that, children were serving food and managing MDM on their own. All the MDM staffs were found to be absent while the food was served on visit day.
- Every first Saturday of the month MDM is not served in many schools as teachers are unavailable due to their training.
- In Liliya Girls School complete MDM menu was not displayed.

Strengths:

- In all the schools, every Friday children are served tomato soup with Muthiya (Muthiya is a Gujarati dish prepared with gram flour, wheat flour and bajara flour. It is mixed with cumin seed powder, turmeric powder, with salt and sugar. This mixture is kneaded lightly, rolled and then steamed, fried and served).
- In many visited schools, weekly MDM menu is displayed on the school board and the MDM used to be prepared as per the MDM schedule.
- In Jatroda Primary School, children of standard I-III are provided snacks at 4 pm from local initiative in addition to the MDM provision.
- All school reported that due to nutritional food served under MDM attendance of children improved. It is observed that during MDM all children of different caste and religion sit together without any discrimination that helps the unity among the children.
- Asha worker provides supplementary nutrition and it was noticed in many schools. In addition bal bhog is also provided to the children in many schools.
- Padarsing Primary School has kept fire extinguisher for safety measure in the Kitchen.

S.No.	School Name	DISE Code	BRC	CRC
1	Krankach Kumar Shala	24130902101	Liliya	Krankach
2	Krankach Kanya Shala	24130902102	Liliya	Krankach
3	Liliya Boys School	24130902301	Liliya	Liliya
4	Liliya Girls School	24130902401	Liliya	Liliya
5	Gotavadar Primary School	24130901101	Liliya	Saladi
6	Saladi Primary School	24130903201	Liliya	Saladi
7	Pujapadar Primary School	24130903001	Liliya	Liliya Kumar
8	Nana Liliya Primary School	24130902401	Liliya	Liliya Kanya
9	Jatroda Primary School	24130901601	Liliya	Liliya
10	Mota Asardiya Primary School	24130100201	Liliya	Liliya Kanya
11	Piplva Primary School	24130902801	Liliya	Liliya Kanya
12	Antaliya Primary School	24130900201	Liliya	Hathigadh
13	Vagholiya Primary School	24130903701	Liliya	Vagholiya
14	Lalavadar Primary School	24130103501	Amreli	Chakargadh
15	Fatepur Primary School	24130101801	Amreli	Chakargadh
16	Rokadiya Hanuman Primary Shala	24130100212	Amreli	Chakargadh
17	Amarpur Primary School	24030100101	Amreli	Nanabhandariya
18	Nagarpalika Primary Kanya Shala	24130100202	Amreli	MSB-1
19	Jayshing Para Primary School	24130100215	Amreli	MSB-1
20	Manekpara Primary School	24130100216	Amreli	MSB-2
21	BaharPara Kanya Shala	24130100257	Amreli	MSB-2
22	Bakshipur Primary School	24130103501	Amreli	Pratappara
23	Pratappara Primary School	24130100242	Amreli	Pratappara
24	Vithalpur Primary School	24130107101	Amreli	Keriyachad
25	Karkoliya Primary School	24130802601	Lathi	Chavand
26	Hirana Upper Primary School	24130802201	Lathi	Chavand
27	Pipalva Pay Center School	24130803901	Lathi	Piplva
28	Luvariya Primary School	24130803004	Lathi	Lathi
29	Rameshvar Primary School	24130803003	Lathi	Lathi
30	Lathi Kanya Shala	24130803002	Lathi	Lathi
31	Luvariya Plot Primary School	24130803102	Lathi	Lathi
32	Krishnagadh Upper Primary School	24130802901	Lathi	Matirala
33	Damnagar Kanya Shala	24130801303	Lathi	Damnagar
34	Damnagar -2 Upper Primary School	24130801304	Lathi	Damnagar-2
35	Padarsing Upper Primary School	24130803801	Lathi	Damnagar
36	Rampar Upper Primary School	24138084401	Lathi	Rameshwar
37	Sanghvi Upper Primary School	24131005607	Rajula	Rajula
38	Vadnasagar Upper Primary School	24131000201	Rajula	Rajula
39	KGBV, Zafrabad	24130501614	Zafrabad	Sagarsala
40	KGBV, Rajula	NA	Rajula	Rajula-1

Annexure 1.1: Visited School list of Amreli District

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Annexure 1.2 Selected photographs of Amreli District

Complete MDM menu in Saldi Primary School

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Complete MDM menu in Manekpara Primary School

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MDM menu and staff details displayed in Damnagar Primary School



Food grain storage in Gotadhar Primary School



Food grain storage in Saldi Primary School



Use of a classroom for food grain storage at Jesing Para Primary School



Food grain displayed at Nagar Prathmik Kanya Shala No.1



Preparation of MDM in Damnagar Girls' Primary School



LPG used as cooking fuel in Jesing Para Primary School



LPG used as cooking fuel in BaharPara Primary School



Firewood kept for MDM in Krishan Garh Primary School



Firewood for MDM in Rampar Primary School



Kitchen with storage at Lalwadar Primary School



MDM ready to be served at Baharpara Primary School



Muthia & tamato soup at Kanya Primary School



Children washing MDM dish at Mota Agariya Primary School with minimum water.



Tithi Bhojan at Mota Agariya Primary School



MDM at Manek Para Primary School



Children sitting on concrete and having MDM in Pratappura Primary School



Senior students helping MDM staff in serving at Vithalpur Primary School



Senior students helping MDM staff in serving the MDM at Pipalva Primary School



Children having MDM in an orderly manner at Jesing Para Primary School



Children having MDM in an orderly manner at Nagar Prathmik Kanya Shala No.1



Children having MDM under tree on the floor in Amarpur Primary School



Food is consumed by staff & children brought from Home in Krankach Kumar Shala



Children having food brought from Home in Krankach Kumar Shala

Chapter 2

FOURTH HALF YEARLY MONITORING REPORT OF MID-DAY-

MEAL SCHEME

(District II: JAMNAGAR)

(District wise information as per the ToR 2010-12 issued by the Ministry / TSG)

2.1	Name of the District	JAMNAGAR
2.2	Date of visit to the District/ EGS/ schools	17/10/12-19/10/12
2.3	Tasks	The Monitoring Institute has obtained information on the following areas and included them in the report.

A. AT SCHOOL LEVEL

	Whet If th	ULARITY IN SERVING MEAL: ther the school is serving hot cooked m here was interruption, what was the ons for the same?			Students, Teachers & Parents and MDM register
1	In all	the school in Jamnagar district, hot o	cooked	food is	served without any interruption. In
	Rajpurwadi Primary School and Kharva Primary School, the MDM activity was disturbed fo				
	days	due to absence of organizer. In Railwa	y Statio	n Prima	ry School the MDM is discontinued
	since	last one year by the MDM office due to	some dis	spute be	tween MDM staff.
		NDS: nt of variation (As per school records e day of visit)	vis-à-vis	s Actua	Schoollevelregisters,MDMRegistersHeadTeachers,SchoolslevelMDM
	-	Details	Ν	%	functionaries / Observation of
	i	Enrollment	9405		the monitoring team.
	ii	No. of children opted for MDM	5841	62.10	In case of centralized kitchen,
	iii	No. of children attending the school on the day of visit	7143	75.95	the no. of schools served by it. Time taken in supply of hot
2	iv	No. of children availing MDM as per MDM Register	6195	86.73	cooked MDM from centralized kitchen
	v	No. of children actually availing MDM on the day of visit	5477	76.67	
	vi	No. of children availed MDM on previous day	3644	71.32	
		ige per school has been calculated o led children in each case.	out of t	he tota	

	About seventy six percent children attended the school on the visit da	5		
	children availed the MDM as per the MDM register whereas actua	•		
	availed the MDM on the visit day. The MI observed that the children	n not having MDM in the		
	school either bring food from home or go to their respective home	es for taking food during		
	lunch break. All the visited schools have school based MDM program	me.		
	REGULARITY IN DELIVERING FOOD GRAINS TO SCHOOL	School level registers,		
	LEVEL:	MDM Registers, Head		
	(i) Is school/implementing agency receiving food grain regularly?	Teacher, School level		
	If there is delay in delivering food grains, what is the extent of	MDM functionaries,		
	delay and reasons for the same?	SHG/implementing		
	(ii) Is buffer stock of one-month's requirement is maintained?	agency		
	(iii) Is the food grains delivered at the school?			
3	(iv) Is the quality of food grain good?			
	(i) Most of the visited schools (38 schools) are getting regular food g	grain supply without any		
	delay.			
	(ii) Buffer stock of one month is maintained in most of the schools exce School).	ept 1 school (Bhatia Boys		
	(iii) Twenty seven schools get food grain delivery at the school. While,			
	organizer collects the grain from the ration shop in all visited schools			
	(iv) Quality of food grain was found to be good in twenty six schools and schools.	average in test of others		
	REGULARITY IN DELIVERING COOKING COST TO	School level registers,		
	SCHOOL LEVEL:	MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level		
	(i) Is school/implementing agency receiving cooking cost in	MDM functionaries,		
	advance regularly? If there is delay in delivering cooking cost	SHG/implementing agency		
	what is the extent of delay and reasons for it?	agency		
	(ii) In case of delay, how schools/implementing agency manage to			
	ensure that there is no disruption in the feeding programme?			
4	(iii) Is cooking cost paid by Cash or through banking channel?			
	(i) Twenty six schools are getting the cooking cost regularly. Delay o	f 2-5 months in receiving		
	advance cooking cost is found in 12 of the visited schools. The rea	son for delay specified to		
	MI were, delay from Mamlatdar office, delay from MDM office, an	d transfer of officer etc.		
	(ii) The MDM organizer manage to continue MDM programme using	school staff contribution		
	and community mobilization or through sources from school in few instances.			
	(iii) All schools are receiving cooking cost through banking channel.			
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	SO	CIAL EQUITY:		Observations /Probe/			
	(i)	Did you observe any gender or caste or	community	interaction with the children			
		discrimination in cooking or serving or seating arrang	gements?				
	(ii)	What is the system of serving and seating arran	ngement for				
		eating?					
5	(i)	No gender, caste, community discrimination is four	nd in cookin	g, serving and sitting			
		arrangement in any of the visited school. However the	boys and girls	s used to sit in separate			
		rows during MDM serving different visited schools. As communicated by the teachers this					
		trend in many schools are followed because of the preference of the children due to their					
		comfort level.					
	(ii)	Senior class students assist the MDM helpers to serve the	he MDM to th	e children. It is noticed			
		by the MI that all students eat the MDM together when a	ll of them are	served the food.			
	VA	RIETY OF MENU:		s and discussion with			
	(i)	Has the school displayed its weekly menu at a place	members,	ichers, parents, SMC Gram Panchayat			
		noticeable to community, and is it able to adhere to		nd cooks. Obtain a			
		the menu displayed?	copy of the n	nenu			
	(ii)	Who decided the menu?					
	(i)	In most of the schools the weekly menu is displayed on notice board or near kitchen while 10					
6		schools could not display menu on notice board due to	non-availabilit	y of boards. The menu			
		is displayed either near school notice board or near kitchen. All the schools are preparing the					
		MDM as per MDM menu displayed on the school board. But few schools are not preparing					
		food as per menu due to students request or non-availability of required grain. The MDM					
		organizers in these schools have not updated the display board on daily basis with the change					
		in their menu.					
	(ii)	Menu is decided by department of MDM Government o	f Gujarat. This	s menu is uniform to all			
		the schools in the district.					
	(i)	Is there variety in the food served or is the same		s and discussion with tchers, parents, SMC			
		food served daily?	members,	Gram Panchayat			
	(ii)	Does the daily menu include rice / wheat	members an	d cooks.			
7		preparation, dal and vegetables?					
	(i)	In all the schools visited by MI, there is variety in the foo	od served to th	e children.			
	(ii)	More than 32 schools served Rice /wheat and Dal daily to children. While, 29 schools served					
•		vegetable daily but 10 schools could not include vegetable daily in their menu because of high					
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	QUALITY & QUANTITY OF MEAL:	Observations		
	Feedback from children on	of Investigation		
	a. Quality of meal:	during MDM		
	b. Quantity of meal:	service		
	c.{If children were not happy Please give reasons & suggestions to improve.}			
8	a. Thirty eight schools reported to get good quality cooked food. Only one school	, Mafatlal		
	Primary school reported to get poor quality of grains from Mamlatdar office.			
	.b. The quantity of food served under MDM is found to be adequate in all the sch	nools as observed		
	by the monitoring team in all the visited schools			
	c. Children prefer to have food served with Dal.			
	SUPPLEMENTARY:	Teachers,		
	(i) Is there school health card maintained for each child?	Students, School Record,		
	(ii) What is the frequency of health check up?	School health		
	(iii) Whether children are given micronutrients (Iron, folic acid, vitamin –			
	A dosage) and de-worming medicine periodically?			
	(iv) Who administers these medicines and at what frequency?			
	(i) As per the information received from the school 22 schools maintained	health cards of		
	children while rest of the schools could not maintain any health data of the sc	chool children.		
9	(ii) In 36 schools health camps were organized by the local PHC on yearly basis	. In three schools		
-	(Mafatlal Primary School, Kharwa Primary School and Junagagara Primary S	School) no health		
	checkup were organized for the children. Mostly, health checkup is found	d to be done by		
	doctor from nearby PHC. Some physical and dental examinations are	done during the		
	checkup. In all the schools medical checkups organized in the school premise	s.		
	(iii) In few visited schools children are given micronutrients (iron, folic acid, vita	amin-A dosage or		
	normal medicine) medicine as per the requirement. In 11 schools, 'Bal Bhog	' in the form of a		
	toffee (candy) is given to the children occasionally.			
	(iv) Need based medicines are administered to the children during the checkup,	, and provided to		
	children as per requirements in few schools.			

	STA	ATUS OF COOKS:	Observations and
	(i)	Who cooks and serves the meal? (Cook cum helper appointed by	discussion with children teachers,
		the Department/SMC / PRI / Self Help Group/ NGO/Contractor)	parents, SMC
	(ii)	Is the number of cooks and helpers engaged in the school as per	members, Gram Panchayat
		GoI norms?	members & cooks-
	(iii)	What is remuneration paid to cooks cum helpers and mode of	cum-helpers.
		payment?	
	(iv)	Are the remuneration paid to cooks/ helpers regularly?	
	(v)	Social Composition of cooks cum helpers? (SC/ST/OBC/Minority)	
	(i)	The MI observed that the cook cum helper cooks and serves the me	al. In majority of the
		visited schools children from the senior standards help the MDM staff in	serving the meal.
	(ii)	The Cook/helpers are appointed by "Mamlatdar". The number of appoint	nted cook & helpers in
		the school is as per GOI norms.	
10	(iii)	All the MDM staff in the schools are paid remuneration of Rs.1000 each	i.e. MDM organizer,
		Cook and Helper. Few exceptions were noticed by MI Where cook or	helper are getting Rs
		400 per month as remuneration in 6 schools (Mafatlal Primary School	ol, Shree Vadtra Vadi
		Shala No.5, Shree Vadatra Charuvadi School No. 3, Taluka Kumar Sha	ala, Vadtra Vadi Shala
		No.6 and Rajparwadi Primary School).	
	(iv)	The cooks/helpers are getting remuneration regularly in most of the	schools (29 schools).
		However, their salary is delayed in 8 schools viz. Krishna Nagar P	rimary School, Shree
		Harisidhhi Nagar Primary School, Bhatia Kanya Shala, Bhatia Boys Sc	chool, Khvadi Primary
		School, Barbarzara Primary School, and Junagagara Primary School	experienced delay in
		receiving salary.	
	(v)	Social composition of cook cum helper is found to be different. In 17 sch	nools the cooks belong
		to OBC category, in 10 schools General category, in 4 schools ST/S	SC category, and in 1
		school minority category. In 14 schools the helper belongs to OBC of	category, in 3 schools
		ST/SC category, in 11 schools of General category and in 1 school mino	rity category.

	INFRASTRUCTURE:	School records, discussion		
	Is a pucca kitchen shed-cum-store:	with head teacher, teacher,		
	i) Constructed and in use	SMC, Gram Panchayat		
	ii) Scheme under which kitchen sheds constru	cted – members.		
	MDM/SSA/Others			
	iii) Constructed but not in use (reasons for not using)			
	iv) Under construction			
	v) Sanctioned, but construction not started			
	vi) Not sanctioned			
	vii) Any other (specify)			
	(i) The MI found that the 19 schools have pucca ki	tchen-cum-store constructed and in use		
11	whereas 11 schools do not have store room facility w	ith the kitchen.		
	(ii) The kitchen shed are constructed under civil grant from SSA in all the schools.			
	(iii) In 9 schools pucca kitchen- cum-store constructed but it is not used for either cooking or			
	storing the food grains.			
	iv) Only one Kennadi Boys School found with 'under con	nstruction' status of pucca kitchen		
	cum store, the school is using alternate shed for cooking	ng MDM.		
	v) No school is found with 'sanctioned but constructio	n not started' status of the pucca kitchen		
	cum store.			
	vi) In 4 schools, (Nagar Primary School.No.51, Nava	pura Primary School, Mafatlal Primary		
	School, Junagagara Primary School) construction	on of pucca kitchen cum store is not		
	sanctioned.			
	In case the pucca kitchen shed is not available,	Discussion with head teacher, teacher,		
	where is the food being cooked and where the food	SMC, Gram Panchayat members,		
	grains /other ingredients being stored?	Observation		
12	In 9 schools (Bhatia Kanya Shala, Vadatra Vadi Shala No. 6, Taluka Kumar Shala, Shree Vadatra			
	Charuvadi School No. 3, Lalpur Primary School, Variya	Primary School, Shree Vadtra Vadi Shala		
	No.5, Haripar Primary School and Junagagara Primary	y School) the food is either cooked at		
	organizers/cooks home or in open space. The reasons fo	r the same are non-availability of kitchen		
	and mismanagement etc. They store food grain in class ro	om or corridor of the school.		

	Whether potable water is available for cooking and drinking purpos	se? -do-		
	The MI found that 30 visited schools have the potable water facility for cooking and drinking			
	purpose while 8 schools(Vadatra Vadi Shala No. 6, Shree Harsiddhi Nagar Primary School,			
13	Krishna Nagar Primary School, Shree Vadatra Charuvadi Sc	chool No. 3, Kanyashala		
	Kalyanpur, Shree Vadtra Vadi Shala No.5, Shri Dhrol Vadi No	o.4, and Mafatlal Primary		
	School) potable water facility is not available. The children bring	water from home or school		
	manage from community tube well.			
	Whether utensils are available for cooking food? If, Teachers	/Organizer of MDM		
	available is it adequate? Program	me		
14	It is found by the MI that 29 schools had adequate utensils for cooking	g, while rest of the schools		
14	(Vadatra Vadi Shala No. 6, Shree Vadatra Charuvadi School No. 3, Raj	purvadi, Shree Vadtra Vadi		
	Shala No.5, Junagagara Primary School, Nani Pipar Primary School) do	not have adequate utensils		
	for cooking.			
	What is the kind of fuel used? (Gas based/firewood etc.) Observat	ion		
15	The MI has found that in 14 visited schools gas is used as fuel for cooking purpose and in rest of			
	other schools, fire wood is used for cooking.			
	SAFETY & HYGIENE:	Observation		
	i. General Impression of the environment, Safety and hygiene:			
	ii. Are children encouraged to wash hands before and after eating			
	iii. Do the children partake meals in an orderly manner?			
	iv. Conservation of water?			
	v. Is the cooking process and storage of fuel safe, not posing any	y fire		
	hazard?			
	(i) General Impression of the environment for MDM programme, safe	ety and hygiene is found to		
16	be satisfactory by the MI in most of the visited schools.			
	(ii) All the school maintained safety and hygiene except Nani Rafudad	Primary School and Bhatia		
	Kanya Shala where MI found poor hygiene and unsafe fuel usage.			
	(iii) Washing hands before taking food is found in 36 schools whe	ereas the same practice is		
	followed after eating in all the visited schools.			
	(iv) In all the schools, the children used to take food in an orderly mann	er.		
	(v) Water conservation is found to be practiced by children while was	shing hands and utensils in		
	32 schools.			
	(vi) The cooking process and storage of fuel is found to be safe from fir	e hazard in all the schools.		

	COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:		Discussion with head		
	i) Extent of participation by Parents/ SMCs / Pan	chayats /	teacher, teacher,		
	Urban bodies in daily supervision, monitoring, partic	ipation	Parents, SMC, Gram		
	ii) Is any roster being maintained of the community me	mbers for	Panchayat members		
	supervision of the MDM?				
17	i) In 18 schools, SMC members are found to participate in monitoring MDM. In 6 schools on				
	weekly basis, in 9 schools on monthly basis and in 20 schools no participation of SMC				
	members is found. Teachers of the school monitor MDM on daily basis while parents are				
	monitoring MDM occasionally in few schools.				
	ii) In none of the visited school, community members have	maintained	a roster in school for the		
	MDM supervision.				
	INSPECTION & SUPERVISION	Scl	nool records, discussion		
	i) Has the mid day meal programme been inspected by	y any wit	h head teacher, teachers,		
	state/district/block level officers/ officials?	SM	IC, Gram Panchayat		
	ii) The frequency of such inspection?	me	mbers		
	i) The inspection of MDM programme by any state/district/block level officers/officials in this				
	district is found to be prevalent -though not on regular basis. In 22 schools the inspection is				
18	done by Mamlatdar/Deputy Collector/MDM Clerk or MDM inspector on irregular basis. In				
	Mafatlal Primary School, Shree Vadtra Vadi Shala No.5, Rondalnagar Kumar Shala, Barbarzar				
	Primary School, Krishna Nagar Primary School, Shree Harsiddhi Nagar Primary School,				
	Haripar Vadi Shala, no inspection has been done so far.				
	ii) The frequency of such inspection is found to be irregular. However, MDM inspection is found				
	to be carried out in 4 schools on quarterly basis, in 4 schools on biannual basis and in 3 schools				
	on annual basis.				
	IMPACT	School r	ecords, discussion with		
	Has the mid day meal improved the enrollment,	head tea	cher, teachers, students,		
19	attendance of children in school, general well being	SMC, Gr	am Panchayat members.		
	(nutritional status) of children?				
	Is there any other incidental benefit due to serving				
	cooked meal in schools?				

Based on the observation and discussion with parents/SMC/panchayat members, it is found that the mid day meal has improved the enrollment and attendance of children in most of the visited schools in the district. It can be noted here that MDM is found to be a powerful medium for higher enrollment and higher retention. The MI reported that, in 38 schools, teachers and students opined that the MDM has improved the general well-being with better health and attitudes of children.

B. ANY OTHER ISSUES RELEVANT TO MDM IMPLEMENTATION

Problems:

- In 4 schools (Taluka Kumar Shala, Haripar Primary School, Shree Vedatra Vadi Shala No.5 and Junagapara Primary School.) the MDM is found to be cooked at organizer's home and then supplied to the school. The kitchen shed is not available in these schools.
- In Taluka Kumar Shala the MDM menu is not followed and every day khichdi is provided to the children and food stock is kept at organizer's home.
- The MI could find out that MDM staff had not received their remuneration since last three to four months in 7 schools (Junagagara Primary School, Khyadi Primary School, Barbarzar Primary School, Krishna Nagar Primary School, Shree Harsiddhi Nagar Primary School, Bhatia Kanya Shala and Bhatia Boys School).
- In Rajparvadi Primary School and Kharva Primary School, the MDM is not prepared since last 10 days due to absence of MDM organizer. In Railway Station Primary School, the MDM is not served since one year due to some dispute between MDM staff.
- In many schools the gas connection is found to be available. However, due to delayed supply of gas cylinder the food is found to be cooked using firewood in such schools. Some of the MDM staffs have reported that there is shortage & irregularity of gas supply in the schools.
- It is noticed by MI that the helpers are getting less remuneration in 7 schools (Mafatlal Primary School, Shree Vadtra Vadi Shala No.5, Shree Vadatra Charuvadi School No. 3, Taluka Kumar Shala, Vadtra Vadi Shala No.6, Rajparwadi Primary School and Rupavati Primary School).
- In Nani Rafudad Primary School, the MI found poor hygiene during cooking and serving food.

Strengths:

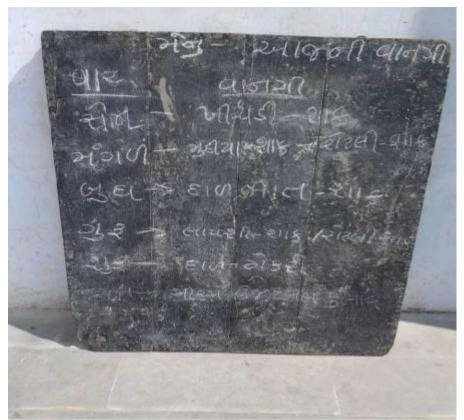
- In most of the visited schools, the dishes are found to be available to serve the MDM to the children.
- In most of the visited schools, weekly MDM is displayed on the school board and the MDM used to be prepared as per the MDM schedule.

- The trend of Tithi Bhojan is found in this district. In Rajparvadi Primary School, on the visit day, SMC had served Teethi Bhojan to the children.
- In ten schools (Vadtra Taluka Shala, Bhatia Kanya Shala, Bhatia Boys Shala, Taluka Kumar Shala, Haripar Vadi Shala, Dhrol Vadi Shala No.2, Krishnanagar Primary School, Khavadi Primary School, Barbarzara Primary School and Rajparvadi Primary School) the MDM dishes are donated by community. While in six schools (Nagar Primary School No.29, Nagar Primary School.No. 51, Lalpur Kanya Shala, Navapura Primary School, Shri Dhrol Vadi No.4, Nagar Primary School No.27) SMC members donated dishes to school for MDM. In Rondalnagar Kumar Shala teachers have donated dishes for MDM.
- In Kennadi Boys' School and Kanya Shala Dhrol quarterly visit by the officers from the Mamlatdar office is reported.

S.No	School Name	DISE Code	BRC	CRC
1	Shree Vadatra Taluka Shala	24100608701	Jamkhambhaliya	Vadatra
2	Vadatra Vadi Shala No. 6	24100608709	Jamkhambhaliya	Vadatra
3	Shree Vadatra Charuvadi School No. 3	24100608704	Jamkhambhaliya	Vadatra
4	Shree Vadatra Vadi Shala No.5	24100608708	Jamkhambhaliya	Vadtra
5	Bhatia Kanya Shala	24100500501	Jamkalyanpur	Bhatia
6	Bhatia Boys School	24100500502	Jamkalyanpur	Bhatia
7	Shree Harsiddhi Nagar Primary School	24100500505	Jamkalyanpur	Bhatia
8	Taluka Kumar Shala	24100503002	Jamkalyanpur	Kalyanpur
9	Haripar Vadi Shala	24100502902	Jamkalyanpur	Kalyanpur
10	Krishna Nagar Primary School	24100500504	Jamkalyanpur	Kalyanpur
11	Kalyanpur Kanya Shala	24100503002	Jamkalyanpur	Kalyanpur
12	Haripar Primary School	24100502901	Jamkalyanpur	Kalyanpur
13	Shree Kenedi Kanya Shala	24100503604	Jamkalyanpur	Kenedi
14	Kenedi Boys School	24100503601	Jamkalyanpur	Kenedi
15	Nagar Primary School No.59	24100703440	Jamnagar	School No.15
16	Nagar Primary School No. 29	24100703431	Jamnagar	School No.15
17	Nagar Primary School. No. 51	24100703434	Jamnagar	School No.32
18	Nagar Primary School No.27	24100703423	Jamnagar	School No.27
19	Junagagara Primary School	24100703701	Jamnagar	Randalnagar
20	Randalnagar Kumar Shala	24100707504	Jamnagar	Randalnagar
21	Dhrol Vadi Shala No.2	24100200605	Dhrol	Dhrol-1
22	Railway Station Primary School	24100200612	Dhrol	Dhrol.1
23	Chamunda Plot Primary School	24100200607	Dhrol	Dhrol-1

Annexure 2.1: Visited School list of Jamnagar District

24	Kanya Shala Dhrol	24100200604	Dhrol	Dhrol-1
25	Mafatplot Primary School	24100200610	Dhrol	Dhrol-1
26	Shri Dhrol Vadi No.4	24100200604	Dhrol	Dhrol-2
27	Variya Primary School	24100204301	Dhrol	Soyal
28	Rajparvadi Primary School	24100203602	Dhrol	Mota Itala
29	Kharva Primary School	24100201901	Dhrol	Mota Itala
30	Khyadi Primary School	24101003001	Lalpur	Govana
31	Barbarzar Primary School	24101000501	Lalpur	Govana
32	Khirasara Primary School	24101003201	Lalpur	Lalpur
33	Lalpur Primary School	24101003301	Lalpur	Lalpur
34	Lalpur Kanya Shala	24101003302	Lalpur	Lalpur
35	Navapura Primary School	24101003304	Lalpur	Lalpur
36	Lalpur Taluka Shala	24101003301	Lalpur	Lalpur
37	Rupavati Primary School	24101003311	Lalpur	Lalpur
38	Nani Rafudad Primary School	24101005301	Lalpur	Nani Rafudad
39	Nani Pipar Primary School	24101005203	Lalpur	Kanya Shala Lalpur
40	KGBV Vadatra	24100608717	Jamkhambhaliya	Vadatra
41	KGBV Bhatia	24100500520	Jamkalyanpur	Bhatia



Annexure 2.2. Selected photographs of Jamnagar District

Incomplete MDM menu at Lalpur Primary School

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Incomplete MDM menu at Barbarzar Primary School



Food is cooked using firewood in Khyadi Primary School



Less quantity food was found in Shri Dhrol Vadi Shala-2



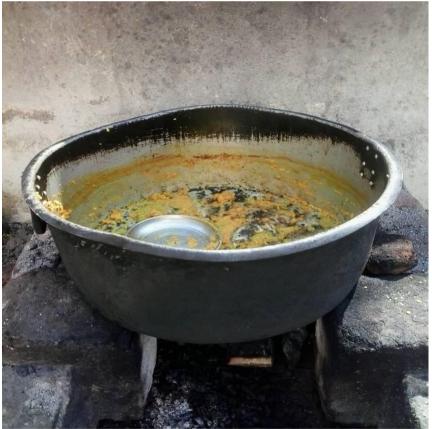
Muthia prepared at Taluka Kumar Shala



Organised kitchen with storage in Nani Rafudad Primary School



Hot Cooked MDM in Kenadi Kanya Shala



Burnt MDM cooked at Randalnagar Kumar Shala



Vegetable pulav served at Vankriya Primary School



MDM served in an orderly manner in Dhrol School No.4



Children having MDM sitting on rough surface at Primary School No.51



Children having MDM sitting on a higher space in Nagar Primary School No.59



Children having MDM with plate and spoon in Krushna Nagar Primary School



Children enjoying MDM with plate and spoon in Nani Rafudad Primary School



Children having home-made lunch in Kanya Shala Dhrol



Children having Tithi Bhojan at Primary School No.27

Observation & Recommendations

- One organizer is found to be managing MDM preparation in 2 or more schools in Jamnagar district. In many schools of the 2 districts, the MDM is found to be cooked at the organizer home despite of having the kitchen facility in the school. This showed mismanagement of the MDM in the all such schools affecting either the quality or quantity of the MDM.
- Health checkups are not organized by any of the visited schools, but the local PHC does the check up on yearly basis. However, no proper health record is found in most of the visited schools.
- The introduction of cooking gas is a positive step by the State Government that makes the cooking atmosphere more clean & avoid fire hazards. However, it is yet to be installed in many schools of Amreli and Jamnagar both. In addition the schools where Gas connection is installed the supply of gas cylinders are quite delayed so the school has to use the firewood again despite of having a gas connection.
- More variation is requested in the MDM menu in Jamnagar district as per the need and choice of the students.
- Weighing machine is yet to be introduced in the visited districts. In any of the visited schools there is no provision for weighing the food grain; therefore the quantity of food served to the children can be questioned. There is no mechanism to cross verify the quantity of food grain used. Provision of weighing machine should be considered as one of the top priorities.
- Strict monitoring of MDM at both block and district level is suggested. Updating of MDM register with reference to the utilization of stocks was not found in most of the visited schools. The MI felt that monitoring mechanism of MDM programme needs to be emphasized at school, block as well as district level.
- Most of the school staffs are not aware of the details like how much quantity is used, stock verification etc. Topics related to MDM can be included as a part of the training curriculum for the teachers. At least one teacher should share the MDM with the children everyday & that can be rotated among the teachers in the school. This system needs to be implemented urgently that can help in improving the quality of the food.
- Some schools are providing vegetables and Dal on regular basis. A very small quantity of vegetable and Dal are provided in MDM and that too on an average once in week. There is irregular & less supply of dal at the school level and the MDM organizer takes the advantage of irregular supply of Dal & provide less quantity of dal for MDM cooking. This trend was noticed in many schools. Vegetables, an important source of vitamins and minerals and Dal being good source of protein are

required for growth and development of children and both should be provided as per MDM menu prescribed by the state Government.

- The salary of all MDM Staff is deposited in the Bank account of MDM organizer. In few instances the helpers & cooks are paid quite late by the organizer as they are not aware when the money is deposited. In addition in some schools of both the districts, the cook/helper is found to receive less salary. There should be some system of transparency regarding this financial matter. Other alternative could be to open separate bank account for each MDM staff including helper & cook.
- Organisers in both the districts are more educated compared to other MDM staffs. It is suggested by the MI that the helper & cook should have minimum level of education as that can help in maintaining the transparency.
- Kitchen facility was not used in some of the schools due to inadequate space. Old design of the Kitchen cum storage is found to be very congested and not suitable for both storage of grain and cooking MDM. Separate provision for food grain storage space and MDM cooking space is more suitable.
- In many schools it was found that there is a difference between the children who have opted for MDM as per the registrar and the children who are actually having MDM as per the head count. Therefore an involvement of either school staff or community involvement on regular basis is needed.

List of Abbreviations

BRC	Block Resource Centres		
BRCC	Block Resource Centre Coordinator		
BRP	Block Resource Person		
CD	Community Development		
CRC	Cluster Resource Centres		
CRCC	Cluster Resource Centre Coordinator		
DD	Demand Draft		
DEE & L	Department of elementary education and literacy		
DI	District Inspector		
DPC	District Project Coordinator		
DPO	District Programme Office		
EE	Elementary Education		
GoI	Government of India		
GP	Gram Panchayat		
НМ	Headmaster		
MDM	Mid Day Meal		
MHRD	Ministry of Human Resource Development		
MI	Monitoring Institute		
NUPS	New Upper Primary School		
OBC	Other Backward Communities		
PRI	Panchayati Raj Institution		
PS	Primary School		
РТА	Parent Teachers' Association		
RP	Resource Person		
SC	Schedule Caste		
SHG	Self Help Groups		
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SMC	School Management Committee	
SPIESR	Sardar Patel Institute of Economic & Social Research	
SPD	State Project Director	
SPO	State Project Office	
SSA	Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan	
ST	Scheduled Tribe	
ToR	Terms of Reference	
UEE	Universalization of Elementary Education	
UPS	Upper Primary School	

District-1	Block	CRC	No. of schools covered
Amreli			
	Rajula		
		Rajula	02
		Rajula 1	01
	Total		03
	Amreli		
		Nanabhandariya	01
		Chakargadh,	03
		MSB-1	02
		MSB-2	02
		Keriyachad	01
		Pratappara	02
	Total		11
	Liliya		
		Liliya	02
		Krankach,	02
		Liliya Kanya Shala	04
		Liliya Kumar Shala,	01
		Saladi,	02
	·	Hathigadh,	01
		Vagholiya	01
	Total		13
	Lathi		
		Chavand	02
		Lathi	04
		Pipalva	01
		Matirala,	01
		Damnagar -1	02
		Damnagar- 2,	01
		Rameshwar	01
	Total		12
	Jafarabad		
		Sagarsala	01
	Total		01
	District Total		40

Annexure A: BRC, CRC wise total schools covered in two districts

District-2			
Jamanagar			
	Dhrol		
		Mota Itala,	02
		Dhrol 1,	05
		Dhrol 2	01
		Soyal,	01
	Total		09
	Jamnagar		
		Randalnagar,	02
		School No.15,	02
		School No 27	01
		School No.32	01
	Total		06
	Jamkhambhaliya		
		Vadatra	05
	Total		05
	Jamkalyanpur		
		Kalyanpur	05
		Bhatia	04
		Kenedi	02
	Total		11
	Lalpur		
		Lalpur	06
		Nani Rafudad,	01
		Kanya Shala, Lalpur	01
	Total	Govana	02
	10		
	District Total		41
	Grand Total		40+41=81