

Second half- yearly Monitoring Report of VISVA-BHARATI UNIVERSITY

on

Mid-Day Meal Scheme for the State of West Bengal Period: 1st April 2012 to 30th. September 2012

Districts Covered

1.Purba Medinipur2.Paschim Medinipur3.South 24 Parganas

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1. General Information

Sl. No.	Information	Details
1.	Name of the monitoring institute	VisvaBharati University
2.	Period of the report	April –September 2012
3.	Fund Released for the period	YES.
4.	No. of Districts allotted	3
5.	Districts' name	Purba Medinipur, Paschim Medinipur and South 24 Parganas
	Date of visit to the Districts / Schools	Visit to the Schools-
6.	(District 1- PurbaMedinipur , District- 2	Dist.1 -Purba Medinipur
0.	PaschimMedinipur District- 3 South 24 Parganas ,)	Dist.2-Paschim Medinipur
		Dist.3 - South 24 Parganas
	Total number of elementary schools (primary	District-1 .P-3253 (249 new set up)
	and upper primary to be counted separately)	UPS-743 ,SSKs-1445 MSKs-153
7.	in the Districts Covered by MI	District-2 -P- 7140 UPS- 1282 SSKs
	(District 1- PurbaMedinipur, District- 2.	2458,MSKs-231
	PaschimMedinipur District- 3.South 24 Parganas)	District-3 P- 3714,UPS-959 , SSKs-1213
	,	,MSKs-80
	Number of elementary schools monitored	Purba Medinipur,- Primary-30,UPS-10= 40
8.	(primary and upper primary to be counted separately)	Paschim Medinipur - Primary-30,UPS-10=
0.	(District 1- PurbaMedinipur, District- 2.	South 24 Parganas - Primary-30,UPS-
	PaschimMedinipur District- 3.South 24 Parganas)	11=41
9.	Types of school visited	
a)	Special training centers (Residential)	Not available
b)	Special training centers (Non Residential)	Not available

		Purba Medinipur-05
c)	Schools in Urban Areas	Paschim Medinipur-08
		South 24 Parganas -02
		Purba Medinipur-02
d)	School sanctioned with Civil Works	Paschim Medinipur-01
		South 24 Parganas-01
		Purba Medinipur-00
e)	KGBVs+ NPEGEL School	Paschim Medinipur-00
		South 24 Parganas-02
		Purba Medinipur-05
f)	Schools having CWSN	Paschim Medinipur-03
		South 24 Parganas-06
		Purba Medinipur-02
g)	School covered under CAL programme	Paschim Medinipur-04
		South 24 Parganas -03
		Purba Medinipur-08
h)	Higher proportion of SC/ST School	Paschim Medinipur-13
		South 24 Parganas -08
		Purba Medinipur-01
i)	Madrasah School	Paschim Medinipur-01
		South 24 Parganas-01
		Purba Medinipur-05
j)	Gender Gap School	Paschim Medinipur-03
		South 24 Parganas -04
		Purba Medinipur-12
j)	Others	Paschim Medinipur-07
		South 24 Parganas-14
10.	Number of schools visited by Nodal Officer of	Purba Medinipur-14
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	the Monitoring Institute	Paschim Medinipur-12
		South 24 Parganas-13
11.	Whether the draft report has been shared with the SPO: YES / NO	YES
12.	After submission of the draft report to the SPO whether the MI has received any comments from the SPO: YES / NO	Discuss with the State Project Director in his office.
13.	Before sending the reports to the GOI whether the MI has shared the report with SPO:	YES

- 14. **Selection Criteria for Schools:** On the basis DISE information & multi stage sampling method adopted.
- 15. Items to be attached with the report:
 - a) List of Schools with DISE code visited by MI: Encl

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Monitoring of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme has been kept as an integral component at different levels. Besides, the internal and community based Monitoring of the SSA/MDMprogramme the MHRD, Govt. of India identified Academic institutions in each state for the purpose of Monitoring work. Accordingly, Visva-Bharati University have been entrusted with the responsibilities of conducting Monitoring of 10 selected Educational Districts of West Bengal covering the major components of SSA/MDM implementation. The component wise Monitoring of MDM programme of the three Districts (Purba Medinipur. Paschim Medinipur and South 24 Parganas) have been presented in this report as per the TOR.

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We hope that the report will be useful to all concern associate with the implementation of SSA/MDM programme.

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Executive Summary of the Report of Purba Medinipur, Paschim Medinipur and South 24 Parganas Districts of West-Bengal.

1. Regularity in supply of hot cooked meal:

	District-	District-	District- South 24
a) Regularity in Serving MDM	PurbaMedinipur	PaschimMedinipur	Parganas
i. Percentage of Schools serving hot cooked meal regularly.	Reveals that all 30 sample primary schools and 10 UPS are extended with the cook MDM.	Reveals that 28 primary schools and 09 UPS are extended with the cook MDM.	Reveals that all the sample primary and upper primary schools are extended with the cook MDM.
ii. If hot cooked meal is not served regularly, reasons thereof.	On the day of visit no meal served in 03 primary schools and 02 UPS due to cooks/helper did not turn up, local festival.	The 02 primary schools & one UPS are not provided the cook meal due to infrastructure.	On the day of the visit to the schools no meal are served in 03 primary and 03 UPS due poor attendance, non- availability of rice and for exams etc.
iii. Is there any prescribed norm for consideration for irregularity in serving MDM	There are no norms.	There are no norms.	There are no norms.
iv. Quality and quantity of meal in the opinion of teachers, students or SMC members and any problems to children in serving MDM.	In general expressed their satisfaction about the quantity of meal. However, suggested to have more rice in place of 100gm.	The primary and UPS school students expressed their satisfaction about the quality. However, suggested to have more rice in place of 100gm.	All primary and UPS school students of the sample school expressed their satisfaction about the quality,and informed that need little more rice in the minority dominated schools of the rural area.
i. Number of children enrolled in schools	As many as 3869 enrolled in primary schools and in UPS it is 5010.	As many as 3353 enrolled in the primary schools and in UPS it is 4796 respectively.	As many as 5637 enrolled in the primary schools and in UPS it is 9532 respectively.
ii. Number of children availed MDM as per MDM register	P-2574(93.60%) UPS-2757(70.75%)	P- 1457(75.18%) UPS- 1703(53.88%)	P-3207 (94.77%) UPS-3920 (77.46%)

		District-	District-	District- South 24
		PurbaMedinipur	PaschimMedinipur	Parganas
iii.	Number of children availed MDM on the day of visit	In the sample primary schools 93.60% availed MDM in UPS 70.75% students availed the MDM.	In the sample primary schools75.18% availed MDM in UPS 53.88% students availed the MDM.	schools 94.77% availed MDM in UPS 77.46%
iv.	Number of children availed MDM on the previous day of visit	PS- 3127 (99.65%) UPS-3113 (76.67%)	PS-2408 (98.77%) UPS-2893 (690.41%)	PS- 3811(97.27%) UPS-4958 (90.10%)

2. Regularity in supply of Food grain:

2. Regularity in Supply of Food grain.			
	District-	District-	District-
(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?	MI found that 22 (73.33%) sample primary & allUPS receiving the food grain in school.	MI found that 23 (82.14%) sample primary &88.89% UPS receiving the food grain in the school.	MI found that 83.33% sample primary all UPS receiving the food grain in the school.
ii. Is the quality of food grain FAQ?	Good	Good	Good
lii. Is buffer stock of one- month's requirement maintained?	It is noticed that one month buffer stocks are maintained in 22 (73.33%) the primary schools and 09 (90%) UPS schools.	Noticed that one month buffer stocks are maintained in 66.86% the primary schools and 55.56% UPS schools.	buffer stocks are maintained in 66.67% the primary schools and
iv. Is the food grains delivered at the school?	In 70% primary and 80% UPS the local dealer delivered food grains in the schools.	In 53.57% primary and 44.44% UPS the local dealer delivered food grains in the schools.	63.64% UPS the local

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

	District-	District-	District-
a) Enabling conditions: -			

	District-	District-	District-
 i. Is payment of cost of food grain to FCI made monthly. Which the stipulated time? 	The payment is made regularly.	The payment is made regularly.	The payment is made regularly.
ii. Has payment of cost of food grain to FCI made for the previous month.	It is reported that the payment made regularly from the State head quarter.	It is reported that the payment made regularly from the State head quarter.	It is reported that the payment made regularly from the State head quarter.
iii. Reasons for irregular payment, if any	Due to usual official procedure.	Due to usual official procedure.	Due to usual official procedure.
Overall Observations	Found that payments are	made regular basis.	

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

4. Regularity in Delivering Cooking Cost at the school level:			
	District-	District-	District-
i. Number of schools /implementing agency receiving cooking cost in advance regularly?	No advance payments made. MI found that no sample primary schools and 03 UPS (30%) received the cooking cost regularly.	No advance payments made.MI found that only28.57% sample primary schools and 22.22% UPS received the cooking cost regularly.	No advance payments made. MI found that only 40% primary schools and 45.45% UPS received the cooking cost regularly
ii. If there is delay in delivering cooking cost what is the extent of delay and reasons for it?	The abnormal delay payment of cooking cost hamper the MDM.	The abnormal delay payment of cooking cost hamper the MDM	The abnormal delay payment of cooking cost hamper the MDM
iii.In case of delay, how school/implementing agency manages to ensure that there is no disruption in the feeding programme?	The head teacher and the SHGs involved of the respective school manage the MDM.	The head teacher and the SHGs involved of the respective school manage the MDM by obtaining the loan from the suppliers/local market.	The head teacher and the SHGs involved of the respective school manage the MDM by obtaining the loan from the suppliers/local market.
iv.Is cooking cost paid by Cash or through banking channel?	MI found schools received cooking cost through bank in primary school 22 (73.33%) and UPS 08 (80%).	MI found schools received cooking cost through bank in primary school 92.86% and all UPS.	MI found schools received cooking cost through bank in primary school 96.67%) and all UPS.
Overall Observations	The payment got delayed due to the Block/District is yet to develop separate mechanism/office for MDM. Weekly menu chart are not followed due to the delay payment of cooking cost.		

5. Social Equity: -

	District- 1	District -2	District - 3
a) In the classroom: -			
i. Sitting arrangement for the children during serving of MDM.	They all sit together in the open place/under tree, veranda and there is no fixed place for it.	There is no common place for serving the MDM. They all sit together in the open place/under tree for MDM.	They all sit together in the open place/under tree, veranda and there is no fixed place for it.
ii. Did you observe any gender or caste or community discrimination in cooking or serving or seating arrangements?	No gender/caste/community discrimination found in cooking or serving or seating arrangements of the MDM.	No gender or caste or community discrimination found in cooking or serving or seating arrangements of the MDM.	No gender or caste or community discrimination found in cooking or serving or seating arrangements of the MDM.
Overall Observations	No discrimination found the MDM.	d in cooking or serving o	or seating arrangements of

6. **Menu**: -

		District- 1	District -2	District - 3
i.	Number of schools where menu is displayed on the wall and noticeable	During the visit to the schools it was noticed that 19 (63.33%) sample primary schools and 03 (30%) UPS displayed the menu for the MDM.	It was noticed that 53.57% sample primary schools and 44.44% UPS displayed the menu.	It was noticed that 46.67% primary schools and 5455% UPS displayed the menu.
ii.	Who decides the menu	Menu chart provided by local authority and teachers/SHGs decided to serve MDM.	Menu chart provided by local authority and teachers/SHGs are also decided to serve MDM	Menu chart provided by local authority and teachers/SHGs decided to serve MDM.
iii.	Does daily menu includes rice/wheat, pulses (dal) and vegetable	The common menu is rice, dal and seasonal vegetables and eggs for 2-4 days per month.	The common menu is rice, dal and seasonal vegetables and eggs for 2-4 days per month.	The common menus are rice, dal and seasonal vegetables and eggs for 2-4 days per month.
iv.	Number of schools where variety of food is served daily	No variety it is done only for sabji.	No variety it is done only for sabji.	No variety it is done only for sabji.
V.	Number of schools where same food is served daily	All the sample schools.	All the sample schools.	All the sample schools.
Ove	rall Observations	All the sample schools	are not displaying the m	nenu.

7. Community Mobilization: -

	District- 1	District -2	District - 3
i. Familiarity level of the SMC members with their roles and responsibilities and eligibility and entitlement of children as notified by the State Government.	Community participation in MDM found to be average. The VEC/SLMC/panchyats are directly involve in the MDM do visit to the school.	Community participation in MDM found to be average. The VEC/SLMC/ panchyats are directly involve in the MDM do visit to the school.	Community participation in MDM found to be average. The VEC/SLMC/panchyats are directly involve in the MDM do visit to the school.
ii. Number of schools where there is a roaster of parents for daily monitoring and supervision of MDMS	No roaster of the parents are found for daily monitoring and supervision of MDM.	No roaster of the parents are found for daily monitoring and supervision of MDM.	No roaster of the parents are found for daily monitoring and supervision of MDM.
iii. Number of members received training regarding MDMS and its monitoring	No such training given for MDM.	No such training given for MDM.	No such training given for MDM.
iv. Frequency of SMCs meetings held and issues related to MDMS discussed.	There is a provision of monthly meeting for MDM at the VEC level but it was held irregular way.	There is a provision of monthly meeting for MDM at the VEC level but it was held irregular way.	There is a provision of monthly meeting for MDM at the VEC level but it was held irregular way.
v. Frequency monitoring and cooking and serving MDMS by SMC members	Occasionally the VEC members monitoring and cooking and serving MDM.	Occasionally the VEC members monitoring and cooking and serving MDM.	Occasionally the VEC members monitoring and cooking and serving MDM.
vi. Contribution made by the community for MDMS	No such formal Contribution made by the community.	No such formal Contribution made by the community.	No such formal Contribution made by the community.
vi. Extent of participation by SMC/PTA/MTA/PRI/Urban local bodies	The extend of community participation in MDM found to be average. The VEC/SLMC and local self bodies are directly involved in the program.	The community participant are in average the parents do see the MDM when they come to the school	The community participant are in average the parents do see the MDM when they come to the school
Overall Observations		•	rents are aware and do visit to program and reluctant to

8. MIS: -

	District- 1	D	istrict	: -2	Distric	t - 3	
i. Number of schools	Found that 86.67% (26)	Found	that	71.43%	Found	that	83.33%

	District- 1	District -2	District - 3
where MDM register is in place and maintained	primary and 88.89%(08) UPS maintained it	primary and 88.89% UPS maintained it	primary and 90.91% UPS maintained it
ii. Whether any training on maintaining MDM information is imparted to the teacher/head teacher?	No such training for maintaining the MDM.	No such training for maintaining the MDM.	No such training for maintaining the MDM.
iii. What is Mechanism of flow of Information from school to district and onwards	The flow of information is from school to block office to District	The flow of information is from school to block office to District	The flow of information is from school to block office to District
iv. What is the prevalent MIS System?	School to block to district.	School to block to district.	School to block to district.
v. What is the interval of furnishing information from School to Block and onwards?	In every month.	In every month.	In every month.
Overall Observations	_	schools for MDM in which shows number of students	n all the school children are sconsumed the MDM.

9. Financial Management: -

		District- 1	District -2	District - 3
i.	Nature of financial records and registers maintained at the implementing agency level.	Records and registers of the MDM are maintained at the school level by the head teacher. In the case of SHG are the overall responsibilities of MDM the group leader maintained the registers.	Financial records and registers are maintained at the school level by the head teacher.	Financial records and registers are maintained at the school level by the head teacher.
ii.	Mode of transfer of fund to the implementing agency level from the state or district levels.	Paper allotment sent the District and payment made through Treasury.	Paper allotment sent the District and payment made through Treasury.	Paper allotment sent the District and payment made through Treasury.
iii.	Type of account maintained and System for the withdrawal of fund from the SMC/VEC account.	The accounts are maintained by the head teachers and withdrawal of fund from the SMC/VEC/MDM account is done by the head teacher and the	The accounts are maintained by the head teachers and withdrawal of fund from the SMC/VEC/MDM account is done by the head teacher and the	The accounts are maintained by the head teachers and withdrawal of fund from the SMC/VEC/MDM account is done by the head teacher and the chairman

	District- 1	District -2	District - 3
	chairman of the VEC.	chairman of the VEC.	of the VEC.
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?	Another system is also prevalent where the SHGs have full responsibility of the MDM in such cases the SHGs group leader is the joint signatory. Generally this is not done the head teacher of respective school and the president/Chairman of the VEC shares it and forwarded the same for necessary payment.	Another system is also prevalent where the SHGs have full responsibility of the MDM in such cases the SHGs group leader is the joint signatory. Nowhere the expenditure statement are share with the community or any statutory body	Another system is also prevalent where the SHGs have full responsibility of the MDM in such cases the SHGs group leader is the joint signatory. Generally this is not done the head teacher of respective school and the president/Chairman of the VEC shares it and forwarded the same for necessary payment.
Overall Observations	The functioning of block/	district level office MDM fo	ound to be poor.

10. School Health Programme

		District- 1	District -2	District - 3
i.	Who Number of schools where school Health Card maintained for each child? administers these medicines and at what frequency where MDM register is in place and maintained	MI found that there are 08 (26.67%) sample primary schools and no UPS maintained health card for the school children.	MI found that there are 16.67% sample primary schools and no UPS maintained health card for the school children.	MI found that there are 6.67% sample primary schools and no UPS maintained health card for the school children.
ii.	What is the frequency of health check-up?	The local Heath workers of the sub center of PHC do come for the purpose and provide medicines.	The local Heath workers of the sub center of PHC do come for the purpose and provide medicines.	The local Heath workers of the sub center of PHC do come for the purpose and provide medicines.
iii.	Number of children given Vitamin A	It is provided but no proper information is available.	It is provided but no proper information is available.	It is provided but no proper information are available.
iv.	Number of children given IFA	It is reported that18 (60%) of primary	It is reported that 40% of primary schools and	It is reported that56.67% of primary schools and

		District- 1	District -2	District - 3
	Tablets	schools and 07(70%) UPS are provided the Iron, folic acid and deworming medicines.	90% UPS are provided the Iron, folic acid and de-worming medicines.	72.73% UPS are provided the Iron, folic acid, and de-worming medicines
V.	Number of children given de-worming tablets.	It is reported that18 (60%) of primary schools and 07(70%) UPS are provided the de-worming medicines.	It is reported that 40% of primary schools and 90% UPS are provided de-worming medicines.	It is reported that56.67% of primary schools and 72.73% UPS are provided the de-worming medicines.
vi.	Who administers these medicines?	The local Heath center is providing the medicines.	The local Heath center is providing the medicines.	The local Heath center is providing the medicines.
vii.	Number of school where iodized salt is used	All sample schools used the iodized salt in MDM. Out of in 80 %(24) primary schools keep it in the cover containers and in all the UPS it is kept properly.	All sample schools used the iodized salt in MDM. Out of in 39.29%primary schools and 33.33% UPS keep it in the cover containers	All sample schools used the iodized salt in MDM. Out of in 70% primary schools and 54.55% UPS keep it in the cover container.
viii.	Number of schools where children wash their hand before and after eating	All are asked to wash hand before after taking MDM.	All are asked to wash hand before after taking MDM.	Found all are wash hand before and after eating.
Overall Observations Poor performance of school health programs and positive point a encouraged to wash hands before and after eating and being mo students and teachers.				

11. Status of Cook cum Helpers

	11. Otatus of Cook Calli Helpers				
		District- 1	District -2	District - 3	
i.	Number of school where cook cum helpers are engaged as per the norm of GOI or State Govt.	The norms for the purpose are given by the GOI do not fulfilled in all the places.	The norms for the purpose are given by the GOI do not fulfilled in all the places.	The norms for the purpose are given by the GOI do not fulfilled in all the places.	
ii.	Who engages cook cum helpers in these schools	This arrangement are made by the local self Govt.	This arrangement are made by the local self Govt.		
iii.	Number of schools served by centralized kitchen	No sample schools are under centralized kitchen.	No sample schools are under centralized kitchen.	No sample schools are under centralized kitchen.	

		District- 1	District -2	District - 3
iv.	Number of schools where SHG is involved	In 26 (86.67%) primary and all UPS cooking of the MDM are manage by the SHG members.	Found that of the sample schools in 82.14% primary and 88.89%UPS cooking of the MDM are manage by the SHG members	Found that all the sample schoolsthe cooking of MDM are managed by the SHG members.
V.	What is remuneration paid to Cook cum helpers, mode of payment and intervals of payment?	In the primary schools and UPS they used to get @Rs.1000/-pm.	Norms arenot followed for this. In the primary schools and UPS they used to get @Rs.1000/- pm	In the primary schools and UPS they used to get @Rs.1000/-pm.
(Social Composition of cooks cum helpers? SC/ST/OBC/Minority/ot ners)	The under privileged women are drawn from the locality for the purpose.	The under privileged women are drawn from the locality for the purpose.	Mainly the under privileged person are drawn from the locality for the purpose.
Ove	erall Observations	Overwhelmingly majority the involvement of Local		e manage by the SHGs with

12. Infrastructure

			District- 1	District -2	District - 3
who cur	mber of ere pucca n Stores is a d in use	school Kitchen available	The all primary schools have pacca kitchen cum store and 40% UPS have kitchen cum store.	There are 71.43% primary schools have pacca kitchen cum store and 77.78% UPS have kitchen cum store.	There are 46.67% primary schools have pacca kitchen cum store and 54.55% UPS have kitchen cum store.
wh	nere pucca	schools kitchen is not	Noticed that 30% UPS have kitchen shed only.	MI found that remaining 28.57% sample primary schools and 22.22% UPS have kitchen shed only.	MI further found that remaining 53.33% sample primary schools and 45.45% UPS have kitchen shed only.
Overall	Observation	ons	Poor infrastructure facilit to manage the MDM.	ties particularly in the UPS	and at places it is difficult

13. Staffing

) N/D/A
7 1014
C MDM
ffice MIS
Accountant
ry operator
from DM
r

	District- 1	District -2	District - 3
MDMS	pool.	pool.	pool.
ii. Number of staff engaged at block level for management and monitoring of MDMS	to develop, however the	The block office is yet to develop, however the office bearers of the BDO manages the work. There are Supervisor and data entry operator.	develop, however the office bearers of the BDO manages the work. There are Supervisor and
iii. Is there any district level task force constituted	YES	YES	YES

14. Monitoring				
	District- 1	District -2	District - 3	
i. How many district level steering cum monitoring committee meeting held in current financial year	Meetings held with regular intervals.	Meetings held with regular intervals.	Meetings held with regular intervals.	
ii. How many state level steering cum monitoring committee meeting held in the current financial year	No meeting held during the year under report.	No meeting held during the year under report.	No meeting held during the year under report.	
iii. Observation:	1. Supply of rice is	1. Found that	1. Found that inadequate	
	irregular in few schools.	inadequate space for	space for cooking of MDM	
	2. Cooking cost is not	cooking of MDM in few schools.		
	paid regularly.		2. Irregular supply of	
	3. Food grains are not	2. Irregular supply of food grains hampers	food grains hampers the MDM.	
	delivered to all schools.	the MDM.	3. Many place the	
	4. Few school reported		schools has	schools has to lift the
	about less weight of	3. Food grains are not supply to all schools.	Food grains from supplier.	
	rice begs.	4. Cooking cost is not	5. Cooking cost is not	
	5. In few schools the	paid regularly.	paid regularly.	
	cooking and serving	5. Menu is not	6. Menu is not displayed	
	space is inadequate.	displayed in many	in many schools	
	6. Funds for	schools regularly.	regularly.	
	construction of kitchen	6. MDM is not served in	7. The logo of MDM is	
	shed & store not used	all the sample schools	not found in many schools.	
	mainly in UPS.	on Saturdays.		
	7. Menu is not	7. Quantity of rice is	8. MDM is not served on Saturdays in many	
	displayed in many	inadequate mainly in	schools.	
			9.Unmanageable	

District- 1	District -2	District - 3
schools regularly.	tribal/minority area.	students mainly in UPS.
8. MDM logo is not placed in appropriate place.9. MDM is not provided on Saturday in all sample schools.	8.The activities of the school Health programs are poor. 9. Overwhelmingly maximum students availed MDM.	10. Quantity of rice is not enough in many primary schools.11. The activities of the school Health programs are poor.
10. The performance of school Health programs are quite poor. 11. The quality of rice is found to be good.	10. The quality of rice is found to be average.11. Smokeless Chula are in use in few schools.	12. Many schools MDM are fully manage by the SHGs.13. Found that overwhelminglymaximum students availed MDM.

A. Positive points:

- There is direct impact of MDM in the school attendance as opined by the parents /teachers/community.
- The schools teachers get more time for class room teachingwhere MDM are manage by the SHGs/others.
- All the sample schools are in use of idolized salt.
- Under privileged community women are involved in cooking & serving the MDM.

B. Area of concerns:

- Irregular supply of rice for MDM.
- Irregular payments of cooks/helpers.
- There are differences in attendance of students & students consumed the MDM.
- Excess use of fire woods in most of the places for MDM.
- Community participation is not up to the mark.
- Poor performances of School health program.
- Due to space problem MDMare unmanageable in the overcrowded UPS.

C. Suggestions for improvement of the Scheme

- To ensure the community participation by empowering a team of members from the VEC to supervise the MDM.
- Monitoring mechanism from outside the community is to be strengthened.
- Improvement of quality of MDM by enhancing the budgetary provision.
- The school should be informed by the authority well in advance that how many days in a month the cooked MDM are to be provided.

- Regular supply of food grains to the school and regular payments of cooking cost.
- MDM should be provided to the all working days of the school.
- Less number of SHGs should be involved in a month for cooking MDM in a particular school and training for the SHG members.
- CRC should be pro- active in managing the MDM.
- All information of MDM to be place in the notice board of the school.

Mid-Day Meal Scheme:

(i)	Name of the Monitoring Institution	VISVA-BHARATIUNIVERSITY
(ii)	Period of the report	April2012- September 2012
(iii)	Name of the District	PurbaMedinipur
(iv)	Date of visit to the Districts/EGS/Schools	10/07/12 – 24/07/12

REGULARITY IN SERVING MEAL:	Students, Teachers & Parents
Whether the school is serving hot cooked meal daily? If there was	
interruption, what was the extent and reasons for the same?	

The information collected from the 30 sample primary schools and 10 UPS reveals that all the sample primary schools and upper primary schools are extended with the cook MDM. There is no interruption in providing the MDM in schools. However, further reveals that on the day of visit to the sample schools no meal are served in 03 primary schools and 02 upper primary schools due to cooks/helper did not turn up,local festival and no meal are served as because it was Saturday.

IRENUS:	
Extent of variation (As per school re	ecords vis-à-vis Actuals on the day
of vicit)	

No.	Details	Day previous to date of visit	On the day of visit
i.	Enrollment	P-3869	P-3869
		UPS-5010	UPS-5010
ii.	No. of children attending the school on the day of visit	PS-3138(81.11%) UPS-4060(81.04%)	P-2750 (71.08%) UPS-3897(77.78%)
iii.	No. of children opted for Mid Day Meal-	PS- 3127 (99.65%) UPS-3113 (76.67%)	P-2574(93.60%) UPS-2757(70.75%)
iv.	No. of children availing MDM as per MDM Register:	PS- 3127 (99.65%) UPS-3113 (76.67%)	P-2574(93.60%) UPS-2757(70.75%)
v.	No. of children actually availing MDM on the day of visit		P-2574(93.60%) UPS-2757(70.75%)

School level registers, MDM Registers Head Teachers, Schools level MDM functionaries / Observation of the monitoring team.

MI reveals that in the sampleprimary schools 71.08% students are present on the day of visit to the school, out of 93.60% students availed MDM. In the UPS 77.78% students are present out of 70.75% students availed the MDM. Further, came to know that on Saturday no MDM are served02 primary schools and 01 upper primary school. This has done as per the instruction of the local Block Development Office so as to commensurate with the fixed number of feeding days in particular month as number of feeding days allotted by the localauthority. In view of that there are other schools where MDM are not served on Saturdays.

REGULARITY IN DELIVERING FOOD GRAINS TO SCHOOL LEVEL:

(ii) 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?

School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries.

MI found that 73.33% (22)sample primary schools& all UPS receiving the food grain in the schools for MDM and there is delay in delivering the food stuff to the schools.

(iii) Is buffer stock of one-month's requirement is maintained?

School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries

It was noticed that one month buffer stocks are maintained in 73.33% (22) primary schools and 90.00%(09) in upper primary schools. Further, noticed 2 months buffer stocks are maintained in 3 primary schools and three months in 5 primary schools. In one upper primary school three months stock are maintained.

(iv) Is the food grains delivered at the school?

School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries

MI found that in 21 (70.00%) sample primary schools and 08 (80%) Upper Primary schools the local dealer delivered food grains in the schools and rest of the sample primary&UPschools the teachers of the respective school collect the food grains from the local dealer.

REGULARITY IN DELIVERING COOKING COST TO SCHOOL LEVEL:

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(i) Is school receiving cooking cost in advance regularly? If there is delay in delivering cooking cost what is the extent of delay and reasons for it? School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries.

	There are always delay in providing the cooking cost which	ch hamper smooth running o	
	MDM.MI reveals that no sample primary schools and UPS	received the cooking cost i	
	advance. However, it is learnt that in 03 UPS regularly gets payment of cooking cost from the local BDO Office.		
	(ii) In case of delay, how schools manage to ensure that there is no disruption in the feeding programme?	School level registers, MDI Registers, Head Teache School level MDI functionaries.	
	.The head teacher and the SHGmembers involved in M		
	manage the MDM by obtaining loan from the suppliers/local	market.	
	(iii) Is cooking cost paid by Cash or through banking channel?	School level registers, MDI Registers, Head Teache School level MDI functionaries.	
	MI found73.33% (22) primary schools received cooking of	cost through bank out of 2	
	reported that e-transfer made to their account and one	case the payment are mad	
	through cheque and the payment of 26.67% (08) primary s	schools made by cash. In the	
	UPS e-transfer are madein 07 schools, and in one school it is done through cheque ar		
	02school payment are made by cash.		
	SOCIAL EQUITY:	Observations	
5.	Did you observe any gender or caste or community discrimination in cooking or serving or seating arrangements?		
	No gender or caste or community discrimination found in	cooking/serving and seating	
	arrangements of the MDM in both the Primary & UPS level.		
6.	VARIETY OF MENU: (i) Has the school displayed its weekly menu, and is it able to adhere to the menu displayed?	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents VEC members, Gran Panchayat members and cooks.	
	During the visit to the schools it was noticed that 19 (63.3	33%) sample primary school	
	and 03 (30%) UPS displayed the menu for the MDM.		
	Who decide the Menu:		
	It is informed that local Block Development Office provided	weekly menu list in 06 school	
	and in 24 schools menu are decided by the teachers &SF	HGs in primary schools.In th	
	UPS the menu are decided by the school teachers/SMC	are per the availability of th	

	(ii) Is there variety in the food served or is the same food served daily?	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.		
The district administration has given circular to the schools to maintain the value of the schools and the value of the schools.				
	to be served for the MDM accordingly, the schools are adhering the same. But in norm practices the common food of the MDM arelike rice, dal, andsabji. However, informed the			
	the Varity are maintain in case of seasonal vegetables as per the availability in the			
	market.			
	(iii) Dose the daily menu include rice / wheat preparation, dal and vegetables?	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.		
	There is no wheat preparation in the food item. The commo	on menu of the MDM is rice,		
	dal and seasonal vegetables and eggs are served 2-4 times	in a month.		
	QUALITY & QUANTITY OF MEAL:	Observations of Investigation during MDM service		
	Feedback from children on a) Quality of meal:	ddiing WEW dol vido		
	rimary school expressed their			
	b) Quantity of meal:	Observations of Investigation during MDM service		
7.	.In general the primary and upper primary school students expressed their satisfaction			
	about the quantity of meal. However, it is informed that	in the case of tribal/minority		
	dominated schools of the rural area requirethe little more ric	ce as majority of the students		
	are belongs to the poor family.			
	Remarks: 100gm of rice are not enough in schools.			
	c){If children were not happy Please give reasons and suggestions to improve.}	Observations of Investigation during MDM service		
	Over all students are happy.			
	School Heath Programme:	Teachers, Students, School		
8.	(i) Whether children are given micronutrients (Iron, folic acid, vitamin – A dosage) and de-worming medicine periodically?	Record		

	It is reported that 18(60%) of primary schools and 07 (70%) UPS are provided the Iron,		
	folic acid, and de-worming medicines.		
	(ii) Who administers these medicines and at what Teachers, Students, School		
	frequency?	Record	
	The local Heath center is providing the medicines.		
	(iii) Is there school Health Card maintained for each child?	Teachers, Students, School Record	
	MI found that there are 08 (26.67%) sample primary school		
	the school children and on the other side no sample UPS are	e maintaining the health card.	
	Number of school where iodized salt is used:		
	All sample schools are in use of the iodize salt for cooking	the MDM. Out of in 24 (80%)	
	primary schools keep it in the cover container and all the UPS it is kept properly in cover		
	containers.		
	What is the frequency of Health cheek up?		
9.			
	There is no regular time frame for the health cheek up. The local Heath workers of the sub		
	center of PHC do come for the purpose and provide medicines.		
	STATUS OF COOKS: (i) Who cooks and serves the meal? (Cook/helper appointed by the Department or Self Help Group, or NGO or Contractor)	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.	
	MI found that of the sample schools 26 (86.67%) primary scl	hools the cooking of the MDM	
	are done by the SHG members and in the 04 primary sc	hools cooking is done by the	
10.	person arrange by the VEC/WEC/ local self Govt. The	all UPS cooking of the MDM	
	aremanageby the SHG members. Number of schools served by centralized kitchen:		
	None of the sample schools falls under the centralized kitche	en.	
	(ii) Is the number of cooks and helpers engage in the school as per GOI norms?	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.	

	The norms for the purpose are given by the GOI do not fu	Ifilled in all the places it was		
	found that in places more number of SHG member	•		
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	process.Further, noticed that in 30 primary schools 78 cooks/helpers are involved and in			
	10 upper primary schools-58 cooks/helpers are involved in the cooking process of MDM.			
	(iii)What is remuneration paid to cooks/helpers?	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.		
	In both the primary and upper primary schools the cooks/helper used to get @Rs.1000/-			
	pm.			
	(iv).Are the remuneration paid to cooks/helpers regularly? Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.			
	No where the payments are made regularly. It is informed that	at the money usually disburse		
	when the school received the grant for the MDM.			
	(v) Social Composition of cooks /helpers? (SC/ST/OBE/Minority)	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.		
	Mainly the under privileged women are drawn from the localit	y for the purpose.		
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	INFRASTRUCTURE:	School records, discussion		
	Is a pucca kitchen shed-cum-store:	with head teacher, teacher, VEC, Gram Panchayat members.		
11.	 (a) Constructed and in use- P- 30,UPS- 04 (b) Constructed but not in use under-Nil (c) Under construction –UPS- (d) Sanctioned, but constructed not started-UPS- 05 (e) Not sanctioned-Nil 			
	Any other (specify)			
	Information is to be given for point (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e)			
	All the primary schools have pacca kitchen cum store and	04 UPS have pacca kitchen		
	cum store and 30% (03) UPS have no pacca kitchen cum s	tore and 30% (03) UPS used		
	unused class room for cooking purpose.			
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	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?	Discussion with head teacher, teacher, VEC, Gram Panchayat members, Observation	
	The sample schools where the kitchen shed is not available for cooking the unused class		
	rooms/ varandas are used for the purpose. It is further found that the food stuffand other		
	materials of the MDMare stored in the school room or in the	office room.	
	Whether potable water is available for cooking and drinking purpose?	-do-	
	All the sample schools have provision of potable water for co	oking and drinking.	
	Whether utensils used for king food are adequate?	Teachers/Organizer of MDM Programme	
	The sample schools have adequate utensils which purchased	d out of the fund meant for it.	
	What is the kind of fuel used? (Gas based/firewood etc.)	Observation	
	MI found in the primary schools the Fire wood is used in the	ne 25 (83.33%) schools coal	
	base fuel in 02 (6.67%) and others are in 03 (10%) scho	ools and in UPS fire wood is	
	used in 09 (90%) schools and in one school cow dung cake/	others are used.	
	SAFETY & HYGIENE: i. General Impression of the environment, Safety and hygiene:	Observation	
	The general impression about the environment, safety and I	avoiene the MI found that the	
	sample primary schools it is Good-04 (13.33%), Fair- 25 (83.33%), and Poor- 01 and in		
	the UPS Fair- 10 (100%) respectively.		
42	ii. Are children encouraged to wash hands before and after eating	Observation	
12.	Allchildren areencouraged to wash hands before and after ea	ating.	
	lii Do the children take meals in an orderly manner?	Observation	
	YES		
	iv. Conservation of water?	Observation	
	No such arrangements are found in the sample schools.		
	vi. Is the cooking process and storage of fuel safe, not posing any fire hazard?	Observation	

	Not posing any hazards but in few places found to be unorganized.			
	COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION/MOBILISATION:	Discussion with head teacher		
	Extent of participation by Parents/VECs/Panchayats/Urban bodies in daily supervision, monitoring, participation	teacher, VEC, Gram Panchayat members		
	The extend of community participation in MDM found to b	e average at the school leve		
	The VEC/SLMC and local self-bodies are directly involve in the MDM program and do visit			
	to the school often for monitoring.			
	i. Familiarity level of the SMC members with their roles and and entitlement of children as notified by the State Government			
	All the SMC/VEC members not aware about their roles an			
	and entitlement of children as notified by the Government. However, many of them do visi			
	to the school in this respect.			
3.	ii. Number of schools where there is a roaster of pare supervision of MDMS	ents for daily monitoring an		
	No roaster of the parents are found for daily monitoring and	supervision of MDM.		
	iii. Number of members received training regarding MDMS and its monitoring No such training are given for MDM. iv. Frequency of SMCs meetings held and issues related to MDMS discussed.			
	There is a provision of monthly meeting for MDM at the VEC level but it was held in a			
	v. Frequency monitoring and cooking and serving MDMS by SMC members			
	Occasionally the VEC members monitoring and cooking and serving MDM.			
	vi. Contribution made by the community for MDMS			
	No such Contribution made by the community.			
	MIS:			
	i. Number of schools where MDM register is in place and maintained			
	MI found that 26 (86.67%) primary and all UPS maintained i	t.		
14.	ii. Whether any training on maintaining MDM information is inteacher?	mparted to the teacher/head		
	No such training for cooking or maintaining the MDMare imp	parted to the cooks/helpers.		
	iii. What is Mechanism of flow of Information from scho	ool to district and onwards		
	The flow of information is from school to block office to distri	ct office.		
	iv. What is the prevalent MIS System?			

School to Block to District. v. What is the interval of furnishing information from School to Block and onwards? In every month. Financial Management: i. Nature of financial records and registers maintained at the implementing agency Financial records and registers are maintained at the school level by the head teachers of the respective school. ii. Mode of transfer of fund to the implementing agency level from the state or district levels. Paper allotment sent to the District and the payment made through Treasury and bank advice to the block level office. iii. Type of account maintained and System for the withdrawal of fund from the SMC/VEC account. . The accounts are maintained by the head teachers and withdrawal of fund from the 15. SMC/VEC/MDM account is done by the head teacher and the chairman of the VEC. Another system is also prevalent where the SHGs have full responsibility of the MDM in such cases the SHGs group leader is the joint signatory. iv. If the proposals for expenditure and expenditure statements are shared with the community. lf ves. is there any instance of community expressing objection/reservation about any transaction? . There is norms that the expenditure statement are to be placed in the VEC(SLMC) but generally this is not done the head teacher of respective school and the president/Chairman of the VEC/WEC share it and forwarded the same for necessary payment. Staffing: i. Number of staff engaged at district level for management and monitoring of District O/C MDM, MIS Coordinator, Accountant and Data entry operator and one are engaged staff from DM pool. 16. ii. Number of staff engaged at block level for management and monitoring of MDMS The office bearers of the BDO manage the work. There are Supervisor and data entry operator.

iii. Is there any district level task force constituted

	YES		
	Monitoring		
	i. How many district level steering cum monitoring committee meeting held in current financial year		
17.	Meeting held in regular basis.		
	ii. How many state level steering cum monitoring committee meeting held in the current financial year		
	Meeting held regularly during the year under report.		
	INSPECTION & SUPERVISION	School records, discussion with head teacher, teachers,	
	Has the mid day meal programme been inspected by any state/district/block level officers/officials?	VEC, Gram Panchayat members	
	MI found 86.67% (26) primary schools and all 10 UPS are being inspected by the block		
	level officials.		
18.	The frequency of such inspections?		
	The frequency is highly irregular		
	Remarks made by the visiting of officers? if any		
	No such document found in the schools.		
	IMPACT	School records, discussion with head teacher, teachers,	
19.	Has the mid day meal improved the enrollment, attendance of children in school, general well being (nutritional status) of children? Is there any other incidental benefit due to serving cooked meal in schools?	students, VEC, Gram Panchayat members.	

All the sample primary schools and upper primary schools responded positively about the impact of MDM. The positive responses from the schools in the context of improvement of attendance are 30 from the primary schools and in the UPS are 08 (80%).

General Observations of MI

- 1. Supply of rice is irregular in few schools.
- 2. Cooking cost is not paid regularly.
- 3. Food grains are not delivered to all schools.
- 4. Few schools reported about the less weight of rice beg.
- 5. In few schools the cooking and serving space is inadequate.
- 6. Funds for construction of kitchen shed & store not used mainly in UPS.
- 7. Menu is not displayed in many schools regularly.
- 8. MDM logo is not placed in appropriate place.
- 9. MDM is not provided on Saturday in all sample schools.
- 10. The performance of school Health programs are quite poor.
- 11. The quality of rice is found to be good.

List of Sample Schools of PurbaMedinipur

Primary School

SI.No	Name of the School	Dise Code
1.	Chap Basan Primary School	0405001
2.	Bar Khoda Primary School	0403001
3.	GorSafatMaktab primary School	0104201
4.	BahicharDakshin Pally Primary School	0404602
5.	PanchPukuria Primary School	0113001
6.	Masamchak Primary School	0105101
7.	Patashpur Primary School	2607201
8.	KanakpurSarbamangala Primary School	2400301
9.	Bhimesarari Special Primary School	2233702
10.	Bhagwanpur State Plan Primary School	2224602
11.	Totonala Board Primary School	2225401
12.	Purbo Masuria SahidSmrity Primary School	2225902
13.	SuriMatangani Primary School	0509101
14.	Kanktia Primary School	0508501
15.	Jhikar Khali Primary School	2601902
16.	Bar Mohanpur Primary School	1008701
17.	Golapchak Primary School	1006604
18.	ChakDhariBera (STP) Primary School	0810301
19.	Tangsa Khali Atyaik Primary School	0810401
20.	ContaiRahamdnia Primary School	2901004
21	Kala Harijan Primary School	0209201
22	Pansila New Primary School	0213104
23	Siddha Primary School	0202001
24	Balisai Primary School	3006201
25	TiharHarijan Primary School	3092402

26	KeshabpurHarijan Primary School	3008001
27	DaharpurVidyasagarTopshil Primary School	2701302
28	BarundaJatindra New Primary School	0708201
29	PadumBasanMaktab Primary School	2700701
30	Bahar Gram Natun Primary School	0309201
Upper l	Primary Schools	
01	MoynaBalikaVidyalaya	0105604
02	Biswanathpur High Girls School	2401703
03	BhimeswariBalikaVidyalaya	2229601
04	Bhagwanpur High School	2227901
05	Alinan Assembly Girls High School	0517102
06	DareeaGandhiSmrityJumor High School	1508601
07	ContaiRahamania High Madrash	2900602
08	KolaunionJogendra Girls High School	0208702
09	Balisai Patna Board Jr. High School (New setup)	3022901
10	TamraliptaBalikaVidyapit	2700403

Mid-Day Meal Scheme:

(i)	Name of the Monitoring Institution	VISVABHARATIUNIVERSITY
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(i	i)	Period of the report	April2012- September 2012
(i	ii)	Name of the District	PaschimMedinipur
(i	v)	Date of visit to the Districts/EGS/Schools	25/07/12 – 09/08/12

REGULARITY IN SERVING MEAL:

Students, Teachers & Parents

Whether the school is serving hot cooked meal daily? If there was interruption, what was the extent and reasons for the same?

The information collected from the 30 sample primary schools and 10 UPS reveals that 28 primary schools and 09 UPS are providing the cook MDM. The 02 primary schools namely (Inda Primary School DISE code3100204&Bal Ram DihiG.S.F.Primary School DISE code3300701) are not provided the cook meal as it has nospace to cook & non availability of water. The UPS (JhargramNaniBalaBalikaVidyalaya DISE CODE 3300503) is not provided the cook meal due to infrastructure problem.On the day of visit to the schools no meal is served in 09 primary schools and 03 upper primary schools due to non-availability of food grains/Cooking Cost and cooks are not turn up.

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TRENDS:

Extent of variation (As per school records vis-à-vis Actuals on the day of visit)

No.	Details	Day previous to date of visit	On the day of visit
ii.	Enrollment	P-3353	P-3353
		UPS-4796	UPS-4796
iii.	No. of children attending the school on the day of visit	PS-2438 (72.71%) UPS-3200(66.72%)	P- 1938(57.80%) UPS- 3161(65.91%)
ix.	No. of children opted for Mid Day Meal-	PS-2408(98.77%) UPS- 2893(90.41)	P- 1457(75.18%) UPS- 1703(53.88%)
X.	No. of children availing MDM as per MDM Register:	PS-2408(98.77%) UPS- 2893(90.41)	P- 1457(75.18%) UPS- 1703(53.88%)
xi.	No. of children actually availing MDM on the day of visit		P- 1457(75.18%) UPS- 1703(53.88%)

School level registers, MDM Registers Head Teachers, Schools level MDM functionaries / Observation of the monitoring team.

	MI reveals that in the sampleprimary schools 57.80% children are present in the school			
	on the day of visit, out of 75.18% availed MDM. In the UPS 65.91% students are present			
	out of 53.88% students availed the MDM. Further, came to	know no MDM are served on		
	Saturday in general as per the instruction of the local autho	rity (BDO) so as to full fill the		
	fixed number of feeding days in a particular month for MDM.			
	REGULARITY IN DELIVERING FOOD GRAINS TO SCHOOL LEVEL:	School level registers, MDM		
	(v) 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?	Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries.		
	MI found that 23 (82.14%) primary & 08 (88.89%)UPS re-	ceiving the food grain in the		
	schools regularly.			
	(vi) Is buffer stock of one-month's requirement is maintained?	School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries		
	On visit it is noticed that one month buffer stocks are maint	ained in 19(67.86%) and two		
16.	months in 09 (32.14%) primary schools and in upper prima	ary schools buffer stocks are		
	maintained one month in 05 (55.56%) and two months in 04 ((44.44%) schools.		
	(vii) Is the food grains delivered at the school?	School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher,		
		School level MDM functionaries		
	MI reveals that in 15(53.57%) primary schools and 04 (44.44%) upper primary schools the			
	local dealer delivered food grains to the school. The rest of sample schools the teacher of			
	the respective schools collect the food grains from the local dealer as not delivered to the			
	schools.			
	REGULARITY IN DELIVERING COOKING COST TO SCHOOL LEVEL:	School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher,		
	(iv) Is school receiving cooking cost in advance regularly? If there is delay in delivering cooking costm what is the extent of delay and reasons for it?	School level MDM functionaries.		
	. No advance payments are made.MI found only 08(28.57%)	sample primary schools and		
47	02 UPS (22.22%) received the cooking cost regularly and the rest of the sample schools			
17.	always received the cooking cost in delay therefore, in many schools the MDM are forced			
	to discontinued.			
	(v) In case of delay, how schools manage to ensure that there is no disruption in the feeding programme?	School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries.		
	.The head teacher and the SHGmembers involve in MD	OM of the respective school		
	manage the MDM by obtaining the loan from the suppliers/local market.			

	(vi) Is cooking cost paid by Cash or through banking channel?	School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries.		
	MI reveals that 26 (92.86%) primary schools received cooking cost through bank out of 2			
	(75%) availed the e-transferfacility and UPS 09 (100%) cooking cost are paid through			
	bank out of 06 cases e-transfer are done.			
	SOCIAL EQUITY:	Observations		
	Did you observe any gender or caste or community discrimination in cooking or serving or seating arrangements?			
18.	alcommitted in seeking or conving or coating arrangements.			
	No gender or caste or community discrimination found in co	oking/ serving and in seating		
	arrangements of the MDM both at Primary & UPS level.	omig comig and m coamig		
	VARIETY OF MENU:	Observations and discussion		
	(iv) Has the school displayed its weekly menu, and is it able to adhere to the menu displayed?	with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram		
19.		Panchayat members and cooks.		
	During the visit to the schools it was noticed that 15 (53.57%) sample primary schools			
	and 04 (44.44%) UPS displayed the menu for the MDM.			
	Who decide the Menu:			
	The Menu for the MDM are decided by the school teachers /SHGs/ Student Cabinet for			
	both primary and upper primary schools.			
served daily? with children teac		Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram		
		Panchayat members and cooks.		
	There is notification for the variety of food to be served in e	each schools, however, same		
	variety of food is served like rice, dal ,andsabaji and the var	ity are maintained only for the		
	vegetables as per the availability.			
	(vi) Dose the daily menu include rice / wheat preparation, dal and vegetables?	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.		
	There is no wheat preparation in the food item. The common			
	dal and seasonal vegetables and eggs are served 2-4 times	in a month.		
	QUALITY & QUANTITY OF MEAL:	Observations of Investigation		
20.	Feedback from children on	during MDM service		
	c) Quality of meal:			

	The primary and UPS school students of the sample school	ol expressed their satisfaction		
	about the quality			
	d) Quantity of meal:	Observations of Investigation during MDM service		
	.It is observed that the area is predominant by the tribal and	minority therefore, they need		
	little more in quantity. However, students of the sam	nple school expressed their		
	satisfaction.			
	Remarks: Many schoolsreported 100gm rice is inadequate.			
	c){If children were not happy Please give reasons and suggestions to improve.}	Observations of Investigation during MDM service		
	Over all they are happy.			
	School Heath Programme: (iv) Whether children are given micronutrients (Iron, folic acid, vitamin – A dosage) and de-worming medicine periodically?	Teachers, Students, School Record		
21.	It is reported that 12 (40%) of primary schools and 09 (90% folic acid and de-worming medicines. (v) Who administers these medicines and at what frequency?	76) UPS are provided the Iron, Teachers, Students, School Record		
	The local Heath center is providing the medicines.			
	(vi) Is there school Health Card maintained for each child?	Teachers, Students, School Record		
	MI found that there are 05(16.67%) sample primary school	ols maintained health card for		
	the school childrenand no sample UPS dose the same.			
	Number of school where iodized salt is used:			
	All sample schools used the iodized salt in MDM. Out of in	11 (39.29%) primary schools		
	keep it in the cover containers and in 03 (33.33%) UPS it is kept properly			
	What is the frequency of Health cheek up?			
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	There is no regular time frame for the health cheek up. The local center of PHC do come for the purpose and provide medicine			

	STATUS OF COOKS: (ii) Who cooks and serves the meal? (Cook/helper appointed by the Department or Self Help Group, or NGO or Contractor)	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.	
	MI found that of the sample schools 23(82.14%) primary	and 08(88.89%) UPS only	
	cooking of the MDM are done by the group members in rota	tion and this arrangement are	
	made by the local self-Government. Further, found that in05(17.86%) primary schools		
	and01(11.11%) UPS cooking of the MDM are full responsibili	ty of the SHGs.	
	Number of schools served by centralized kitchen:		
	No sample Primary school falls under the centralized kitchen		
	(ii) Is the number of cooks and helpers engage in the school as per GOI norms?	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.	
	The norms for the purpose are given by the GOI do not fulf	The norms for the purpose are given by the GOI do not fulfilled in all the places as more	
	number of SHGs is involved.		
23.	(iii)What is remuneration paid to cooks/helpers?	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.	
	In the primary schools they used to get @Rs.1000/-pm and		
	pm in cases it more if the student's number is high		
	(iv).Are the remuneration paid to cooks/helpers regularly?	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.	
	It is not given in regularly. Accordingly, it hamper the MDM, t		
	the cooks when the school received the grant for the MDM.		
	(v) Social Composition of cooks /helpers? (SC/ST/OBE/Minority)	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.	
	Mainly the under privileged women are drawn from the localit	y for the purpose.	
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	INFRASTRUCTURE:	School records, discussion
	Is a pucca kitchen shed-cum-store:	with head teacher, teacher, VEC, Gram Panchayat members.
24.	 (f) Constructed and in use- P-20-, UPS-07. (g) Constructed but not in use under-Nil (h) Under construction PS-01 (i) Sanctioned, but constructed not started- P-01, UPS-02. (j) Not sanctioned-Nil 	members.
	Any other (specify)	
	Information is to be given for point (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e)	
	MI found in 20 (71.43%) have kitchen shed cum store and	17.86 %(05) primary schools
	have pacca kitchen shed and 77.78% (07) UPS have kitche	n cum store. MI further found
	that remaining03(10.71%)sample primary schools and 02	(22.22%) UPS have kancha
	kitchen shed only.	
	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?	Discussion with head teacher, teacher, VEC, Gram Panchayat members, Observation
	In all the places where kitchen shed are not available for coo	king, the unused class rooms/
	varandas are used for the purpose and the food stuff is store	d in the school room or in the
	office room.	
	Whether potable water is available for cooking and drinking purpose?	-do-
	All the sample schools have provision of potable water for co-	oking and drinking.
	Whether utensils used for king food are adequate?	Teachers/Organizer of MDM Programme
	The sample schools have adequate utensils which purchased	d out of the fund meant for it.
	What is the kind of fuel used? (Gas based/firewood etc.)	Observation
	MI found in the primary schools the Fire wood is used in	the 24 (85.71%) and other
	sources are used-04 (14.29-%) Schools. All UPS is used fire	wood.
25.	SAFETY & HYGIENE: ii. General Impression of the environment, Safety and hygiene:	Observation
	The general impression about the environment, safety and	hygiene theMI found that the
	sample primary schools , Fair21- (75%),Good-07(25%) and	, ,

All children encouraged to wash hands before and after eating. Iii Do the children take meals in an orderly manner? Observation YES iv. Conservation of water? No such arrangements are found in the sample schools. ii. Is the cooking process and storage of fuel safe, not posing any fire hazard? The cooking process and storage of fuel safe, not posing any hazards condition COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION/MOBILISATION: Extent of participation by Parents/VECs/Panchayats/Urban bodies in daily supervision, monitoring, participation The extend of community participation in MDM found to be average at the the VEC/SLMC and local self bodies are directly involve in the program			
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the VEC/SLMC and local self bodies are directly involve in the program	school level		
	i. Familiarity level of the SMC members with their roles and responsibilities and eligibility		
	and entitlement of children as notified by the State Government. Many SMC/VEC members not aware about the entitlement however, they do visit to the		
schools for this purpose.			
ii. Number of schools where there is a roaster of parents for daily mo supervision of MDMS			
No roaster of the parents are found for daily monitoring and supervision of MD	λM.		
iii. Number of members received training regarding MDMS and its monitoring			
No such training are given for MDM.			
iv. Frequency of SMCs meetings held and issues related to MDMS discussed.			
There is a provision of monthly meeting for MDM at the VEC level but it was hirregular way			
v. Frequency monitoring and cooking and serving MDMS by SMC members			
Occasionally the VEC members monitoring and cooking and serving MDM.			
vi. Contribution made by the community for MDMS	ield in a		
No such Contribution made by the community.	eld in a		

MIS: i. Number of schools where MDM register is in place and maintained MI found that 71.43-% (20) primary and -08 (88.89) UPS maintained it. ii. Whether any training on maintaining MDM information is imparted to the teacher/head No such training for cooking and maintaining the MDM imparted to the teacher/head teacher/cooks. 14. iii. What is Mechanism of flow of Information from school to district and onwards The flow of information is from school to block office to district office. iv. What is the prevalent MIS System? School to Block to District. v. What is the interval of furnishing information from School to Block and onwards? In every month. Financial Management: i. Nature of financial records and registers maintained at the implementing agency Financial records and registers are maintained at the school level by the head teachers of the respective school. ii. Mode of transfer of fund to the implementing agency level from the state or district levels. Paper allotment sent to the District and thepayment made through Treasury and bank advice to the block level office. 15. iii. Type of account maintained and System for the withdrawal of fund from the SMC/VEC account. . The accounts are maintained by the head teachers and withdrawal of fund from the SMC/VEC/MDM account is done by the head teacher and the chairman of the VEC. Another system are also prevalent where the SHGs have full responsibility of the MDM in

iv. If the proposals for expenditure and expenditure statements are shared with the

such cases the SHGs group leader is the joint signatory.

objection/reservation about any transaction?

community. If yes, is there any instance of community expressing

	. There is norms that the expenditure statement are to be	placed in the VEC(SLMC) but	
	generally this is not done the head teacher of	,	
	president/Chairman of the VEC/WEC share it and forwarded the same for necessary payment.		
	Staffing:		
i. Number of staff engaged at district level for management and mon MDMS			
	District O/C MDM, MIS Coordinator, Accountant and Data entry operator and one ar		
	engaged staff from DM pool.		
16.	ii. Number of staff engaged at block level for management and monitoring of MDMS		
	The office bearers of the BDO manage the work. There are Supervisor and data entroperator.		
iii. Is there any district level task force constituted			
	YES		
	Monitoring		
	i. How many district level steering cum monitoring committee meeting held in current financial year		
17	Meeting held in regular basis.		
17.	ii. How many state level steering cum monitoring committee meeting held in the financial year		
	Meeting held regularly during the year under report.		
	INSPECTION & SUPERVISION	School records, discussion	
	Has the mid day meal programme been inspected by any	with head teacher, teachers, VEC, Gram Panchayat	
	state/district/block level officers/officials?	members	
	MI found 67.86% (19) primary schools and 07(77.78%) UF	PS are being inspected by the	
	block level officials.		
18.	The frequency of such inspections?		
	The frequency is highly irregular		
	Remarks made by the visiting of officers? if any		
	No such document found in the schools.		
	IMPACT	School records, discussion	
		with head teacher, teachers,	
40	Has the mid day meal improved the enrollment, attendance of	students, VEC. Gram	
19.	Has the mid day meal improved the enrollment, attendance of children in school, general well being (nutritional status) of children? Is there any other incidental benefit due to serving cooked meal in schools?	students, VEC, Gram Panchayat members.	

Majority of the sample schools have positive opinion about the MDM. The positive responses from the schools in the context of improvement of attendance is 26(92.86%) from the primary schools and in the UPS are 09(100%).

General Observations of MI

- 1. Found that inadequate space for cooking of MDM in few schools.
- 2. Irregular supply of food grains hampers the MDM.
- 3. Food grains are not supply to all schools.
- 4. Cooking cost is not paid regularly.
- 5. Menu is not displayed in many schools regularly.
- 6. MDM is not served in all the sample schools on Saturdays.
- 7. Quantity of rice is inadequate mainly in tribal/minority area.
- 8. The activities of the school Health programs are poor.
- 9. Overwhelmingly maximum students availed MDM.
- 10. The quality of rice is found to be average.
- 11. Smokeless Chula are in use in few schools.

List of Sample Schools of PaschimMedinipur

Primary School

SI.No	Name of the School	Dise Code

1.	Inda Primary School	3100204
2.	Panbch Beria Primary School	3100401
3.	RadhaMohanpurAdibasi Primary School	0602631
4.	MajiparaPrmary School	0602701
5.	BhagwanchakTapsil Primary School	0201801
6.	Seoragaria Primary School	0202102
7.	Vidyasagar Pally Primary School	3001903
8.	SmritikonaSahidKhudiram Primary School	3001101
9.	NischindipurTapasilUnnian Primary School	3201202
10.	RaghunathChakTapasil Union Primary School	3200102
11.	Gopinathpur Ma Shitala Primary School	1201002
12.	Sangar Primary School	1203101
13.	Raghunath Chalk Primary School	1203102
14.	Chak Kumar Primary School	1107602
15.	KuldihaKhudramoni Primary School	1106101
16.	Aloke Kendra J.B. School	1103101
17.	Madhabpur Primary School	3600302
18.	Ramgang Primary School	3600901
19.	Nilaphat Primary School	3600603
20.	Goranga Primary School	0304901
21	GorgoniBadam Colony Primary School	0306302
22	Dhyanasole Primary School	0309302
23	Mal Bandhi Primary School	0100401
24	BhalukKhulia Primary School	3300101
25	Bal Ram DihiG.S.F.Primary School	3300701
26	JangalKhash Primary School	3300901
27	HatiKhana Primary School	0502001
28	Buramara Primary School	0503101

29	NarayanpurKhola Patna Primary School	0707001
30	Kesh Pal Primary School	0700901
Upper F	Primary School	I
01	Panch Beria Lohania High Madrash	3100502
02	MandalKupi Junior High School (New setup)	New set up
03	GhatalBasantaKumari Girls High School	3201606
04	DhaneswarpurGopal Chandra Shikshasadan	1203601
05	Aloke Kendra High School	1103101
06	Garbeta Ram SundarVidyabhavan	0306702
07	DheruaAnchalSatabala High School	0100402
08	JhargramNaniBalaBalikaVidyalaya	3300503
09	Chandrakana Road Girls High School	0501302
10	Bar Kola Vivekananda High School	1920/0700701

Mid-Day Meal Scheme:

(i)	Name of the Monitoring Institution	VISVABHARATIUNIVERSITY
(ii)	Period of the report	April2012- September 2012
(iii)	Name of the District	South 24 Parganas
(iv)	Date of visit to the Districts/EGS/Schools	22/08/12- 08/09/12

REGULARITY IN SERVING MEAL: Whether the school is serving hot cooked meal daily? If there was interruption, what was the extent and reasons for the same? The information collected from the 30 sample primary schools and 11UPS reveals that all the primary and upper primary schools are extended the cook MDM. On the day of the visit to the schools no meal are served in 03 primary and 03 upper primary schools due

Extent of variation (As per school records vis-à-vis Actuals on the day of visit)

poor attendance, non-availability of rice and for exams etc.

No. Details Day previous to On the day of visit date of visit Enrollment iii. P-5637 P-5637 UPS-9532 UPS-9532 v. No. of children PS-3918(69.51%) P- 3384(60.03%) attending the UPS-5503(57.73) UPS-5061(53.09%) school on the day of visit P- 3207(94.77%) v. No. of children PS-3811 (97.27%) UPS-3920(77.46%) opted for Mid UPS-4958 (90.10%) Day Meal-۷i. P-3207 (94.77%) No. of children PS-3811 (97.27%) UPS-3920 (77.46%) availing MDM as UPS-4958 (90.10%) per MDM Register: νii. No. of children P-3207(94.77) actually availing UPS-3920 (77.46%) MDM on the day of visit

School level registers, MDM Registers Head Teachers, Schools level MDM functionaries / Observation of the monitoring team.

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Reveals that in the sampleprimary schools 60.03% children are present in the school on the day of visit, out of94.77% availed MDM. In the UPS53.09% students are present out of 77.46% students availed the MDM. Further, came to know no MDM are served on the Saturdays in general as per the instruction of the local authority as number of days are fixed in a particular month.

REGULARITY IN DELIVERING FOOD GRAINS TO SCHOOL LEVEL:

(viii) 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?

School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries.

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MI found that 25(83.33%) sample primary and 11(100%)UPS receiving the food grain regularly in the schools. The reason for the delay is unknown to the schools but has practice.

	(ix) Is buffer stock of one-month's requirement is maintained?	School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries	
	It is noticed that one month buffer stocks are maintained in20(66.67%) the primary		
	schools and 08(72.73%) UPS schools and rest of the schools are maintained two/three		
	months buffer stock.		
	(x) Is the food grains delivered at the school?	School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries	
	MI reveals that in14(46.67%) sample primary and 07(63.64%	6) UP schools the local dealer	
	delivered food grains in the schools Rest of the sample	le primary schools&UPS the	
teachers of the respective schools collect the food grains from the local dealer			
	REGULARITY IN DELIVERING COOKING COST TO SCHOOL	School level registers, MDM	
	LEVEL: (vii) Is school receiving cooking cost in advance regularly? If there is delay in delivering cooking cost what is the extent of delay and reasons for it?	Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries.	
	. MI found that only12(40.00%) sample primary schools and UPS 05 (45.45%) received the cooking cost regularly. The reasons for delay are not known to school teachers and it		
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30.	the cooking cost regularly. The reasons for delay are not kn	School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM	
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30.	the cooking cost regularly. The reasons for delay are not known has become a practice for unusual delay. (i) In case of delay, how schools manage to ensure that there is no disruption in the feeding programme?	School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries. DM of the respective school	
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32.	VARIETY OF MENU: (vii) Has the school displayed its weekly menu, and is it able to adhere to the menu displayed?	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.
	During the visit to the schools it was noticed that 14(46.67%	
	06 (54.55%) UPS displayed the menu for the MDM.	
	Who decide the Menu:	
	. It is found that menu chart distributed by B.D.O.Office once	to the schools to serve MDM.
	both for primary and upper primary schools, however, th	is not strictly adhere by the
	schools and MDM are given as per the availability of the veg	etables.
	(viii) Is there variety in the food served or is the same food served daily?	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.
	There is notification for the variety of food to be served in	
	only for seasonal vegetables as per the availability and the	common food items are rice,
	dal ,andsabji.	
	(ix) Dose the daily menu include rice / wheat preparation, dal and vegetables?	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.
	There is no wheat preparation in the food item. The commo	n menu of the food is rice, dal
	and seasonal vegetables and eggs are served 2-4 times in a	month.
	QUALITY & QUANTITY OF MEAL: Feedback from children on e) Quality of meal:	Observations of Investigation during MDM service
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	The local Heath center is providing the medicines.	
	(ix) Is there school Health Card maintained for each child?	Teachers, Students, School Record
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	(ii) Is the number of cooks and helpers engage in the school as per GOI norms?	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.	
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	Mainly the under privileged women are drawn from the localit	y for the purpose.	
	INFRASTRUCTURE: Is a pucca kitchen shed-cum-store:	School records, discussion with head teacher, teacher, VEC, Gram Panchayat members.	
37.	 (k) Constructed and in use- P 14UPS- 06. (l) Constructed but not in use under-Nil (m) Under construction -01.Primary School (n) Sanctioned, but constructed not started- (o) Not sanctioned-Nil 	members.	
	Any other (specify)		
	Information is to be given for point (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e)		
	There are 46.67 %(14) primary schools have pacca kitchen cum store and 54.55-% (06)		
	UPS have kitchen cum store. MI further found that remaining	g 14 (46.67%) sample primary	
	schools and 03 (27.27%) UPS have Pacca kitchen shed only		

	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?	Discussion with head teacher, teacher, VEC, Gram Panchayat members, Observation	
	In all the places where kitchen shed is not available for cooking, the unused class rooms/		
	varandas are used for the purpose and the food stuff is store	ed in the school room or in the	
	office room.		
	Whether potable water is available for cooking and drinking purpose?		
	All the sample schools have provision of potable water for co	oking and drinking.	
	Whether utensils used for king food are adequate?	Teachers/Organizer of MDM Programme	
	The sample schools have adequate utensils which purchase	d out of the fund meant for it.	
	What is the kind of fuel used? (Gas based/firewood etc.)	Observation	
	MI found in the primary schools the Fire wood is used in the	29 (96.67%) and Gas is used	
	01(3.33. %) and in08(72.73%) UPS is used fire wood and Ga	as is used 03 (27.27%).	
	SAFETY & HYGIENE: iii. General Impression of the environment, Safety and hygiene:	Observation	
	The general impression about the environment, safety and	 hygiene the MI found that the	
	sample primary school, Good 02(6.67%),Fair28(93.3	33%), and in the UPS	
Good02(18.18%) Fair-09(81.82%).		,	
	ii. Are children encouraged to wash hands before and after eating	Observation	
3 .	All children encouraged to wash hands before and after eating.		
	lii Do the children take meals in an orderly manner?	Observation	
	YES	<u>l</u>	
	iv. Conservation of water?	Observation	
	No such arrangements are found in the sample schools.		
	ii. Is the cooking process and storage of fuel safe, not posing any fire hazard?	Observation	
	Not posing any hazards but it is kept in a much unorganized way.		

	COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION/MOBILISATION: Extent of participation by Parents/VECs/Panchayats/Urban hodies in daily supervision, monitoring, participation	Discussion with head teacher, teacher, VEC, Gram Panchayat members	
	bodies in daily supervision, monitoring, participation The extend of community participation in MDM found to be average at the school		
	level. The VEC/SLMC and local self-bodies are directly invo	olve in the MDM program for	
	supervision/monitoring but their visit to the schools for the purpose is insufficient.		
	i. Familiarity level of the SMC members with their roles and responsibilities and eligibility and entitlement of children as notified by the State Government.		
	The SMC/VEC members role inMDM are quite passive.		
	ii. Number of schools where there is a roaster of parent supervision of MDMS	its for daily monitoring and	
39.	No roaster of the parents are found for daily monitoring and s	supervision of MDM.	
	iii. Number of members received training regarding MDMS and	its monitoring	
	No such training are given for MDM.		
	iv. Frequency of SMCs meetings held and issues related to MD	DMS discussed.	
	There is a provision of monthly meeting for MDM at the VEC irregular way		
	v. Frequency monitoring and cooking and serving MDMS by S	MC members	
	Occasionally the VEC members monitoring and cooking and	serving MDM.	
	∨i. Contribution made by the community for MDMS		
	No such Contribution made by the community.		
	MIS:		
	i. Number of schools where MDM register is in place and main	tained	
	MI found that 83.33% (25 primary and 10 (90.91%) UPS main	ntained it.	
	ii. Whether any training on maintaining MDM information is im teacher?	parted to the teacher/head	
14.	No such training for maintaining the MDM.		
	iii. What is Mechanism of flow of Information from school	ol to district and onwards	
	The flow of information is from school to block office to distric	t office.	
	iv. What is the prevalent MIS System?		
	School to Block to District.		

v. What is the interval of furnishing information from School to Block and onwards? In every month. Financial Management: i. Nature of financial records and registers maintained at the implementing agency Financial records and registers are maintained at the school level by the head teachers of the respective school. ii. Mode of transfer of fund to the implementing agency level from the state or district levels. Paper allotment sent to the District and thepayment made through Treasury and bank advice to the block level office. iii. Type of account maintained and System for the withdrawal of fund from the SMC/VEC account. . The accounts are maintained by the head teachers and withdrawal of fund from the 15. SMC/VEC/MDM account is done by the head teacher and the chairman of the VEC. Another system are also prevalent where the SHGs have full responsibility of the MDM in such cases the SHGs group leader is the joint signatory. 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? . There is norms that the expenditure statement are to be placed in the VEC(SLMC) but generally this is not done the head teacher of respective school and the president/Chairman of the VEC/WEC share it and forwarded the same for necessary payment. Staffing: i. Number of staff engaged at district level for management and monitoring of District O/C MDM, MIS Coordinator, Accountant and Data entry operator and one are engaged staff from DM pool. ii. Number of staff engaged at block level for management and monitoring of MDMS 16. The office bearer of the BDO manages the work. There are Supervisor and data entry operator. iii. Is there any district level task force constituted YES Monitoring 17.

	i. How many district level steering cum monitoring comm financial year	ittee meeting held in current	
	Meeting held in regular basis.		
	ii. How many state level steering cum monitoring committee financial year	e meeting held in the current	
	Meeting held regularly during the year under report.		
	INSPECTION & SUPERVISION	School records, discussion with head teacher, teachers,	
	Has the mid day meal programme been inspected by any state/district/block level officers/officials?	VEC, Gram Panchayat members	
MI found 86.67% (26) primary schools and 11(100.00%) UPS are being inspectional block level officials.		S are being inspected by the	
18.	The frequency of such inspections?		
	The frequency is highly irregular		
	Remarks made by the visiting of officers? if any		
No such document found in the schools.			
	IMPACT	School records, discussion with head teacher, teachers,	
19.	Has the mid day meal improved the enrollment, attendance of children in school, general well being (nutritional status) of children? Is there any other incidental benefit due to serving cooked meal in schools?	students, VEC, Gram Panchayat members.	

Majority of the sample schools have positive opinion about the MDM. The positive responses from the schools in the context of improvement of attendance is 30(100%) from the primary schools and in the UPS are 10(90.91%).

General Observations of MI

- 1. Found that inadequate space for cooking of MDM
- 2. Irregular supply of food grains hampers the MDM.
- 3. Many place the schools has to lift the Food grains from supplier.
- 5. Cooking cost is not paid regularly.
- 6. Menu is not displayed in many schools regularly.
- 7. The logo of MDM is not found in many schools.
- 8. MDM is not served on Saturdays in many schools.
- 9. Unmanageable students mainly in UPS.
- 10. Quantity of rice is not enough in many primary schools.
- 11. The activities of the school Health programs are poor.
- 12. Many schools MDM are fully manage by the SHGs.
- 13. Found that overwhelmingly maximum students availed MDM

List of Sample Schools of South 24 Parganas

SI.No	Name of the School	Dise Code
1.	Kirtankhola Primary School	0401201
2.	BibirhatF.P.School	19180409401
3.	BaharampurF.P.School	2104201
4.	SangsampurF.P.School	2104101
5.	Banu Barer ChakRashikSmrityF.P.School	1702501
6.	Srinagar F.P.School	1710601
7.	BegorekhalF.P.School	3401401
8.	GonipurSitalaF.P.School	3401501
9.	HowramariF.P.School	1004701
10.	NalmuriF.P.School	0512401
11.	5.No.Kulti G.S.F.P.School	0510701
12.	BamangachiF.P.School	2806401
13.	Chouhati D Block G.S.F.P.School	3602102
14.	Dhancha Beria ConvartedrartedJ.B.School	0803101
15.	HauriDinanathF.P.School	0811501
16.	ChandanPukurJ.B.School	0123901
17.	IndrapalaJ.B.School	0124301
18.	Tripura Nagar MadhabpurF.P.School	0122101
19.	South AsutiF.P.School	2900501
20.	TaldaUttarparaF.P.School	0201001
21	AmjharaF.P.School	0220301
22	SujapurF.P.School	1304501
23	MamudpurF.P.School	1300901
24	JhapberiyaF.P.School	2012201
25	EnayatpurJanakinathF.P.School	2009202
26	MandirBararRamnathpurF.P.School	2000401
27	AnchnaF.P.School	2001401

28	PatoDahaF.P.School	1207303
29	KamarpurF.P.School	1206702
30	KultukariF.P.School	1206301
Upper	Primary School	I
01	Morapai Loreto Girls Jr. High School	2105802
02	Shibkali Nagar Ishan Memorial High School	1702202
03	ChattaKalikapurSabid Ali Girls High School	2903203
04	Howramari High School	1004801
05	KodaliaBidhanVidyapith	3602005
06	Kashipur Junior High School (New set up)	0805603
07	TilottamaBalikaVidyalaya (H.S)	0124001
08	Maheshtala Girls High School (H.S.)	3402305
09	Janapriya Nagar Janapriya Vidyalaya	0220301
10	AnchnaBalikaVidyalaya	2001402
11.	Nurpur High Madrasha (H.S.)	1203502

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