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Submission of 1st Half Yearly Monitoring Report for the period of 1st October. Sub:

2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2012 - Regarding.

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12 Dated the 09<sup>th</sup> May, 2012.

Sir,

I am enclosing herewith the Draft First Half Yearly Monitoring report for MDM activities for the period 1-10-2011 to 31-03-2012 as per the prescribed format duly following the Terms of Reference to the Monitoring Institutions for the year 2011-12 for undertaking monitoring activities for the MDM Programme for the State of Meghalaya.

It may be mentioned that the report was shared with the District Office and necessary modification were incorporated and the same is circulated to the Officials of the State Government at the state level but no comments were received from them.

Encl: As above Yours faithfully

(S.M. Sungoh)

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- 1. The Principal Secretary, Education Government Meghalaya Shillong
- 2. The Secretary, Education Government Meghalaya Shillong & SPD, SEMAM
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- 4. Shri A.K. Tewari, Under Secretary to the GoI, MHRD, Deptt of School Education and Literacy. Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
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#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This First Half Yearly Monitoring report for MDM activities for the period 1-10-2011 to 31-03-2012 has been prepared for the State of Meghalaya revealing the progress of the Mid Day Meals (MDM). The facts depicting the operation of the MDM programmes have been examined and analyzed especially pertaining to the progress made by the District Project Offices for MDM till 31-03-2012. The official data used in this report have been gathered for the District Project Offices of East Garo Hills and West Garo Hills Districts and the empirical data have been obtained from the sample respondents like teachers, community leaders, students etc.

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We hope that the findings of this report will be useful to various people concerned with funding, Planning, implementation and research of the SSA, NPEGEL and MDM programmes.



# 1st Half Yearly Monitoring Report of

(North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong)

On

Mid Day Meal (MDM)

for the State of Meghalaya

Period: 1st October 2011 to 31st March 2012

## **Districts Covered**

- 1. (East Garo Hills District)
- 2. (West Garo Hills District)

# 1<sup>st</sup> Half Yearly Monitoring Report of North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong (Monitoring Institution) on MDM for the State of Meghalaya for the period of 1st October 2011 to 31st March 2012

# 1. General Information

| SI. No. | Information   | Details   |  |  |
|---------|---|---|--|--|
| 1.      | Period of the report  | 1st October 2011 to 31st March 2012   |  |  |
| 2.      | No. of Districts allotted   | 2 (Two)   |  |  |
| 3.      | Districts' name   | East Garo Hills District West Garo Hills District   |  |  |
| 4.      | Month of visit to the Districts / School  | ols(Information is to be given district wise:   |  |  |
| 4.1     | District 1. (Name of the District):   | East Garo Hills District  |  |  |
|         | Date of visit to Schools in the district:   | 1 <sup>st</sup> March to 10 April 2012  |  |  |
| 4.2     | District 2. (Name of the District):   | West Garo Hills District  |  |  |
|         | Date of visit to Schools in the district:   | 11 <sup>th</sup> April to 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2012   |  |  |
| 5.      | Total number of elementary schools (primary and upper primary existing in the district (Information is to be given district wise i.e District 1, District 2, District 3 etc.) | S. No. District Type of Schools PS UPS  1. East Garo Hills 1043 237  2. West Garo Hills 1969 700  Total |  |  |

| 6.  | Number of elementary schools monitored (primary and upper primary to be counted separately)  Information is to be given for district wise i.e District 1, District 2, ) |   | District  Garo Hills  Garo Hills  Total | Type of So<br>L<br>PS<br>14<br>17 | uPS 26 23 |      |
|-----|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|-----------|------|
| 7.  | Types of school visited   | E | ast Garo                                |                                   | West 0    | Garo |
| a)  | Special training centers (Residential)  |   | NIL                                     |                                   | NII       | L    |
| b)  | Special training centers (Non Residential)  |   | NIL                                     |                                   | NII       | L    |
| c)  | Schools in Urban Areas  |   |   |                                   |           |      |
| d)  | School sanctioned with Civil Works  |   |   |                                   |           |      |
| e)  | School from NPEGEL Blocks   |   | NIL                                     |                                   |           |      |
| f)  | Schools having CWSN   |   |   |                                   |           |      |
| g)  | School covered under CAL programme  |   |   |                                   |           |      |
| h)  | KGBVs   |   | NIL                                     |                                   |           |      |
| 8.  | Number of schools visited by Nodal<br>Officer of the Monitoring Institute   |   |   | 40                                |           |      |
| 9.  | Whether the draft report has been shared with the SPO : YES / NO  |   |   | NO                                |           |      |
| 10. | After submission of the draft report to the SPO whether the MI has received any comments from the SPO: YES / NO   |   |   | NA                                |           |      |

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# District Level Half Yearly Monitoring Report for East Garo Hills - Midday Meal Programmes (2010-12)

Table 11.2. A. MIDDAY MEAL AT SCHOOL LEVEL

| Sl. No. | ITEMS  | Samanda     | Resubelpa | Songsak   | Rongjeng  | Kharkutta |
|---------|--|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|         |  |             | ra        |           |           |           |
| 1.      | REGULARITY IN SERVING MEAL:  | Yes         | Yes       | Yes       | Yes       | Yes       |
|         | Whether the school is serving hot cooked meal daily? If there was interruption, what was the extent and reasons for the same?  |             |           |           |           |           |
| 2.      | TRENDS:  | Yes         | Yes       | Yes       | Yes       | Yes       |
|         | Extent of variation (As per school records vis-à-vis actual position/status on the day of visit)   |             |           |           |           |           |
| i.      | Enrollment   | 1572        | 1855      | 510       | 519       | 601       |
| ii.     | No. of children opted for Mid Day<br>Meal  | 1551        | 1628      | 509       | 519       | 601       |
| iii.    | No. of children attending the school on the day of visit   | 1035        | 875       | 398       | 144       | 258       |
| iv.     | No. of children availing MDM as per MDM Register   | 1376        | 1774      | 510       | 385       | 601       |
| V.      | No. of children actually availing MDM on the day of visit  | 381         | 447       | 60        | -         | 103       |
| vi.     | No. of children availed MDM on the previous day.   | 1063        | 310       | 60        | 114       | 287       |
| 3.      | REGULARITY IN DELIVERING<br>FOOD GRAINS TO SCHOOL<br>LEVEL:  |             |           |           |           |           |
| 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?         | Quarterly   | Quarterly | Quarterly | Quarterly | Quarterly |
| li      | Is buffer stock of one-month's requirement maintained?   | Yes         | Yes       | Yes/No    | Yes/No    | Yes       |
| lii     | Is the quantity of food grain supplied was as per the marked/indicated weight?   | Good        | Good      | Good      | Good      | Good      |
| lv      | Is the food grain delivered at the school?   | Quarterly   | Quarterly | Quarterly | Quarterly | Quarterly |
| V       | Is the quality of food grain good?   | Good        | Good      | Good      | Good      | Good      |
| 4       | REGULARITY IN DELIVERING<br>COOKING COST TO SCHOOL<br>LEVEL:   |             |           |           |           |           |
|         | Is school/implementing agency receiving cooking cost in advance regularly? If there is delay in delivering cooking cost, what is the extent of delay and reasons for it? | Quarterly   | Quarterly | Quarterly | Quarterly | Quarterly |
|         | In case of delay, how school/implementing agency manages to ensure that there is no disruption in the feeding  | School fund | H.M       | H.M       | SMC/Fund  | H.M/SMC   |

|   | programme?   |                     | ı                  |             |                       | 1                    |
|---|--|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|   | programme:   |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   |  |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   | Is cooking cost paid by Cash or  | Banking             | Banking            | Banking     | Banking               | Banking              |
|   | through banking channel?   |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
| 5 | SOCIAL EQUITY:   |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   | Did you observe any gender or caste or community discrimination in     | No                  | No                 | No          | No                    | No                   |
|   | cooking or serving or seating  |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   | arrangements?  |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   | What is the system of serving and                                      | Through Queue       | Through            | Seating     | Through               | Seating              |
|   | seating arrangements for eating?.                                      |                     | Queue              |             | Queue/seati           |                      |
| 6 | VARIETY OF MENU:   |                     |                    |             | ng                    |                      |
| _ | Has the school displayed its weekly                                    | No                  | No                 | No          | No                    | No                   |
|   | menu at a place noticeable to  |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   | community, and is it able to adhere                                    |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   | to the menu displayed?   |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   | Who decides the menu?  | H.M/Teacher         | H.M                | H.M         | H.M/SMC               | H.M/Teach            |
|   |  |                     | 1                  |             | 1                     | er                   |
|   | Is there variety in the food served or is the same type of food served | Yes                 | Yes                | Yes         | Yes                   | Yes                  |
|   | daily?   |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   | Does the daily menu include rice /                                     | Yes                 | Yes                | Yes         | Yes                   | Yes                  |
|   | wheat preparation, dal and   |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   | vegetables?  |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
| 7 | QUALITY & QUANTITY OF MEAL :   |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   | Feedback from children on  | Yes                 | Yes                | No          | Yes                   | Yes                  |
|   | Quality of meal:  Quantity of meal:                                    | VEC                 | Voc                | No          | Voc                   | Vas                  |
|   | {If children were not happy, please                                    | YES<br>Satisfactory | Yes<br>Satisfactor | No<br>Quite | Yes<br>Good           | Yes<br>Average       |
|   | give reasons and suggestions to  | Satisfactory        | y                  | Satisfactor | Good                  | Average              |
|   | improve.}  |                     | ,                  | у           |                       |                      |
| 8 | SUPPLEMENTARY:   |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   | (i) Is there school Health Card  | No                  | No                 | No          | No                    | No                   |
|   | maintained for each child?   |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   | (") Milest's the formula of  |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   | (ii) What is the frequency of health check-up?                         | None                | None               | None        | None                  | None                 |
|   | nealth check-up:   |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   | (iii) Whether children are given                                       | No                  | N0                 | N0          | N0                    | N0                   |
|   | micronutrients (Iron, folic  | INO                 | INU                | INU         | INU                   | NU                   |
|   | acid, vitamin – A dosage)  |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   | and de-worming medicine  |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   | periodically?  |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   | Mills I i i i i i i  |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   | Who administers these medicines and at what                            | -                   | _                  | -           | Sometimes             | Sometimes            |
|   | frequency  |                     |                    |             | by Asha,<br>once in a | by PHC,<br>once in a |
|   | ,  |                     |                    |             | while                 | while                |
| 1 | STATUS OF COOKS:   |                     |                    |             | -                     | -                    |
| 0 |  |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   |  |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   | Who cooks and serves the meal?   | Cook cum helper     | Cook               | Cook/Teac   | Cook cum              | Cook/Teac            |
|   | (Cook cum helper appointed by the Department/VEC/PRI/Self Help         |                     | cum/Teac           | her         | helper                | her                  |
|   | Group/ NGO/Contractor)   |                     | her                |             |                       |                      |
|   | Is the number of cooks and helpers                                     | N0 (9)              | NO (1E)            | NO (7)      | NO (5)                | NO (4)               |
|   | engaged in the school as per GOI                                       | (פ) טאו             | N0 (15)            | NO (7)      | (כ) טעו               | NU (4)               |
|   | norms?   |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
|   | What is remuneration paid to cooks                                     | Rs.1000/-           | Rs.1000/-          | Rs.1000/-   | Rs.1000/-             | Rs.1000/-            |
|   | cum helpers and mode of payment?                                       |                     |                    |             |                       |                      |
| l | 1  | İ                   |                    | l           | 1                     | <u>l</u>             |

|        | Is the remuneration paid to cooks cum helpers regularly?   | No       | No       | No        | No       | No       |
|--------|--|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
|        | Specify the social Composition of cooks cum helpers? (SC/ST/OBC/Minority)  | ST       | ST       | ST        | ST       | ST       |
| 1      | INFRASTRUCTURE:  |          |          |           |          |          |
| 1      | Is a pucca kitchen shed-cum-store:   |          |          |           |          |          |
|        | i) Constructed and in use  | Yes      | Yes      | Yes       | Yes      | Yes      |
|        | ii) Scheme under which<br>Kitchen sheds constructed<br>-MDM/SSA/Others   | MDM      | SSA/MDM  | SSA/MDM   | SSA      | MDM/SSA  |
|        | iii) Constructed but not in use<br>(Reasons for not using)   | -        | -        | -         | -        | -        |
|        | iv) Under construction   | _        | _        |           | _        | 2        |
|        | v) Sanctioned, but construction not started  | _        | -        | -         | -        | -        |
|        | vi) Not sanctioned   | _        | 2        | -         | -        | -        |
|        | Any other (specify)  | -        | -        | -         | -        | -        |
| 1 2    | In case the pucca kitchen shed is not available, where is the food being cooked and where are the foodgrains/other ingredients being stored. | _        | _        | -         | _        | -        |
| 1 3    | Whether potable water is available for cooking and drinking purpose?   | Yes      | Yes      | yes       | Yes      | Yes      |
| 1<br>4 | Whether utensils are available for cooking food? If, available is it adequate?   | Yes      | Yes      | yes       | yes      | Yes      |
| 1<br>5 | What is the kind of fuel used? (Gas based/firewood etc.)   | Firewood | Firewood | Firewood  | Firewood | Firewood |
| 1      | SAFETY & HYGIENE:  |          |          |           |          |          |
| 6      | i. General Impression of<br>the environment, safety<br>and hygiene:  | Good     | Good     | Very Good | Good     | Good     |
|        | ii. Are children<br>encouraged to wash<br>hands before and after<br>eating   | Yes      | Yes      | Yes       | Yes      | Yes      |
|        | iii. Do the children take<br>meals in an orderly<br>manner?  | Yes      | Yes      | Yes       | Yes      | Yes      |

|        | iv. Conservation of water?  | NO NO | N0               | NO               | NO   | N0           |
|--------|---|-------|------------------|------------------|------|--------------|
|        | Is the cooking process and storage of fuel safe, not posing any fire hazard?  | Yes   | Yes              | NO               | Yes  | Yes          |
| 1<br>7 | COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND AWARENESS*:   |       |                  |                  |      |              |
|        | i) Extent of participation by Parents / VECs / Panchayats / Urban bodies in daily supervision, monitoring, participation. | No    | No               | Occasionall<br>y | Yes  | No           |
|        | ii) Is any roster being maintained by the community members for supervision of the MDM?                                   | No    | No               | No               | Yes  | No           |
|        | iii) Are the parents/community members aware about the following:   | Good  | Satisfactor<br>y | Good             | Good | Good         |
|        | Good/Excellent. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)   |       |                  |                  |      |              |
|        | a) Quantity of MDM per child : 1 2 3 4 5 (please tick)  • At primary level  | Good  | Good             | Good             | Good | Good         |
|        | At upper primary level  |       |                  |                  |      |              |
|        | b) Entitlement of quantity<br>and types of nutrients<br>in MDM per child as<br>supplied in the menu:                      | Good  | Good             | Good             | Good | Satisfaction |
|        | 1 2 3 4 5 (please tick)  • At primary level   |       |                  |                  |      |              |
|        | At upper primary level  |       |                  |                  |      |              |
|        | iv) General awareness about the overall implementation of MDM programme:  • Quite satisfactory s                          |       |                  |                  |      |              |

|        | <ul><li>Satisfactory</li><li>Good</li><li>Average</li></ul>  |                           |            |                          |              |            |
|--------|--|---------------------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|
|        | v) Source of awareness about the MDM scheme :  |                           |            |                          |              |            |
|        | Source   |                           |            |                          |              |            |
|        | Newspaper / Magazine   | 2 (22.22%)                | 6          | 2                        |              | _          |
|        | Villagers /Friends/ Relatives  | -                         | 1          | 6                        | 2            | 1          |
|        | Teacher  | 3 (33.33%)                | 10         | 6                        | 3            | 2          |
|        | School (where the child is studying)   | 5 55.56%)                 | 8          | 3                        | 2            | 1          |
|        | Radio  | 3 33.30701                | -          | 3                        | -            | -          |
|        | Television   | 3                         | 2          | _                        | _            | _          |
|        | Website  | 1                         | -          | _                        | -            | _          |
|        | Any Other  | 2                         | 1          | _                        | 2            | 3          |
| 1      | INSPECTION & SUPERVISION   |                           | -          | _                        |              | ,          |
| 8      | mor zonom a cor zmnorom  |                           |            |                          |              |            |
|        | i) Has the mid day meal programme been   | Yes                       | No         | Yes                      | Yes          | No         |
|        | inspected by any state / district / block level officers/officials?  |                           |            |                          |              |            |
|        | ii) The frequency of such inspections?   | Two to three times        | -          | One to<br>Three<br>times | Occasionally | No         |
|        | iii) Remarks made by the visiting of officers ?if any?   | Satisfactory              | _          | Satisfactor<br>y         | Average      | Average    |
| 1<br>9 | IMPACT   | Enrollment/Attend<br>ance | Enrollment | Enrollment               | Enrollment   | Enrollment |
|        | Has the mid day meal improved the enrollment, attendance of children in school, any improvement in general well being, nutritional status of the children (to be verified from school record, discussion with students, teachers and parents. Is there any other incidental benefit to the children and school due to serving of mid-day-meal by VEC, PRI members? |                           |            |                          |              |            |
| В      | Any other issues<br>relevant to MDM<br>implementation  |                           |            |                          |              |            |

## OBSERVATION OF THE MI ON MID DAY MEAL( MDM) IN EAST GARO HILLS.

#### BLOCK 1: SAMANDA

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Regarding regularity in delivering food grains to school level, it was seen that it was not so with the exception of a few.

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In most of the schools we found that infrastructure is completed and in use, with the exception of a few. They are built under MDM/SSA.

We also found that potable water is a source of concern and it is to be taken seriously. Most of the schools have the provision for utensils for cooking. Firewood is the main source of fuel.

We also noticed there is safety and hygienic while cooking. But there is very little participation of community or VEC or Panchayats in supervision of MDM.

Overall, the MI found that it quite satisfactory regarding meal, though when we enquired the HM and Teachers they were of the view that MDM has definitely had an impact in the enrolment and attendance of the pupils.

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Most of the schools did not have buffer stock of one month's requirement either with the exception of a few. Most of them stated that quantity of food grain supplied was as per market weight. Most of the schools had to avail the food grain from the District Headquarter with the exception of a few. These schools had MDM on the day of visit or previous day: Sawagre Govt. LPS, Dagal Apal Deficit UPS, Regularity in delivering cooking cost is not at all satisfactory with the exception of a few schools. There is a delay of 4-5 months in most of the schools. There is delay in delivery of cooking cost; in such situation most of them don't serve MDM to children. Cooking cost is paid by banking.

One good thing we observed about the schools was that there was no gender or caste or community disparity in cooking or serving or seating arrangements.

Most of them stated that pupils usually queue or seat while having their lunch.

Contending to menu there is no such practice as being notified in a notice board. Usually the HM/SMC/VEC decides the menu. There is variety in menu served and menu include usually rice, dal, and vegetables and egg or nutrilella. The quality and quantity of meal was reported to be good and children were also happy with the exception of a few pupils.

There is no school Health Card maintained in all the schools.

In reference to the status of cooks: the number of cooks and helpers are quite satisfactory; but coming to their remuneration is just meager Rs 1000/ (One Thousand only) and which is not at all regular. ST community is employed for this task.

In most of the schools we found that infrastructure is completed and in use, with the exception of a few. They are built under MDM/SSA.

#### **BLOCK 4: RONGJENG**

As per schools serving hot cooked meal daily, in reality it was found that on the day of visit it was not at all satisfactory with the exception of a few schools only.

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One good thing we observed about the schools was that there was no gender or caste or community disparity in cooking or serving or seating arrangements.

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In most of the schools we found that infrastructure is completed and in use, with the exception of a few. They are built under MDM/SSA.

#### **BLOCK 5: KHARKUTTA**

Referring to schools serving hot cooked meal daily, in reality it was found that on the day of visit it was not at all satisfactory with the exception of a few schools only.

Teachers said that whenever food was served, there was variation in its menu. But on the day of visit we found most of the schools didnot serve food except one or two schools. Reason was that there was no supply of food grain.

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Most of the schools didnot have buffer stock of one month's requirement either with the exception of a few. Most of them stated that quantity of food grain supplied was as per market

weight. Most of the schools had to avail the food grain from the District Headquarter with the exception of a few. These schools had MDM on the day of visit or previous day: Thankan Memorial SSA LPS, Rajasimla Govt. UPS, Chotcholja Govt. LPS, and Konchikol UPS. Regularity in delivering cooking cost is not at all satisfactory with the exception of a few schools. There is a delay of 4-5 months in most schools. There is delay in delivery of cooking cost; in such situation most of them don't serve MDM to children. Cooking cost is paid by banking.

One good thing we observed about the schools was that there was no gender or caste or community disparity in cooking or serving or seating arrangements.

Most of them stated that pupils usually queue or seat while having their lunch.

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#### OBSERVATION OF THE MI ON MID DAY MEAL (MDM) IN WEST GARO HILLS

TURA (B1)

A total of 5 schools are visited by MI in this Block. Out of which one school named Baldora SSA UP School Tura, does not avail MDM Scheme. In rest of the schools a total of 487 students are given Mid-Day Meal almost in regular basis. On the day of visit none of them had MDM programme. There is a constant delay in the supply of food grains and the cooking cost by 2-3 months. In cases where cooking cost is not received some schools managed by using the school funds. The quality and quantity of the food grains supplied is satisfactory except in one school. There is no discrimination on grounds of gender, caste or community. Variety of Menu is maintained in all four schools. No feedback on quality and quantity of served meal. Regarding status of cooks it is not as per GOI norms, i.e., only one cook in all the four schools, at the remuneration of Rs 1000/ - (One Thousand only), per head pm. Four schools do have kitchen shed under SSA scheme. Safety and hygiene is taken care of in all the schools. MDM is

inspected at Block level by Officials. Overall impact of MDM is satisfactory in majority cases it has increased the enrolment and attendance and the nutritional status of the children.

#### 2 RONGRAM (B2)

5 schools under this Block were visited by MI. In three schools it wa found that they serve hot cooked meals. Out of 467 pupils, a total of 392 pupils were availing MDM. Regularity in receiving food grains is interrupted by 2-4 months due to delay in various sectors of the District Administration. Cooking cost is at stake. In the three schools there is no disparity pertaining to social equity. A variety of menu is also reported. Pupils are happy as per the quality and quantity of MDM. There is no school Health Card in any of the schools. In this Block also GOI norms are not fulfilled regarding status of cooks and are paid Rs 1000/- (One thousand) per head pm. All three schools they have pucca kitchen shed constructed under SSA Scheme. Safety and hygiene is also taken care of. Community participation awareness is up to mark. Inspections were conducted at block level. Over all MDM has increased the enrolment and nutritional status of the pupils.

#### 3 DALU (B3)

There are five schools in this block. On the day of visit the MI found that there were a total of 175 pupils. One school does not avail MDM. In one school allotment of rice is there without any cooking cost and utensils. They had no MDM programme on the day of visit. Inconsistency is observed regarding supply of food grains and cooking cost. Social disparity is reported in all the three schools. Variety of menu is maintained and guided by HM. No feedback on pupils' side. Cooks status was also found wanting. Pucca kitchen shed is there under SSA scheme. Safety and hygiene is maintained, conservation of water is also taken care of, healthy habits like washing hands is also encouraged. There is no official visit regarding MDM. Of course enrolment has boomed up along with the nutritional upliftment of the pupils.

#### 4 GAMBEGRE (B4)

The MI visited 7 schools under this block. Out of seven, five schools availed MDM, i.e., a total of 171 pupils. Sixty six pupils do not avail MDM. Two schools do not enjoy MDM facility. Regarding cooking cost and food grains supply there are irregularities. No social disparity is observed in these schools. Variety of menu is maintained. Quality and quantity of food are satisfactory to the pupils. They have pucca kitchen shed constructed under MDM (2) and SSA (3). Utensils are available and fire wood is used for cooking. Community perception is satisfactory. Inspection by the Officials is frequent. There is an impact on nutritional status but not so much improvement on enrollment.

#### 5 BETASING (B5)

The MI visited 5 schools under this block. Two schools do not avail MDM. A total of 447 students are there in all the visited schools; out of which 184 pupils do not avail MDM. On the day of visit Biashpara SSA UPS had MDM Programme. All the three schools do face difficulties in food grains supply and cooking cost. Students from all castes, avail MDM equally. Variety is also maintained. Regarding quality and quantity of meal no feed is received. In Ampati Bazaar SSA LP School supplementary micro nutrients are given by Asha workers in collaboration with PHC Nurses. Regular cooks are there but not as per GOI norms, at the remuneration of Rs 1000/each pm. Kitchen shed is also there under SSA scheme. Water facility is not proper; fire wood is used for cooking. Safety and hygiene is duly maintained. Inspection is often. No much positive impact is noted in respect of enrollment but of course nutritional status has improved.

#### 6 ZIKZAK (B6)

A total of two schools visited by MI in this block. The school called Nandirchar Muktab Govt. LPS has MDM programme on the day of visit. In this school 224 pupils are enrolled all of them avail MDM. In the other schools there were no MDM programme on the day of visit. Irregularities in food grains supply and cooking cost interrupt the MDM programme. The other school called Barmanpara SSA UPS has enrollment of 45, but the actual situation is that the allotment of food grain is only for 8 pupils as there is another school called Barmanpara B, and thus got mixed up with the aforesaid mentioned school. No social disparity and no feedback from the pupils. Supplementary micro nutrients are not given. Cooks are paid Rs 1000/- only per head pm but very irregularly. Pucca kitchen shed is there for all of them with adequate utensils. Community perception is satisfactory. Inspection is lacking by the Officials. Enrollment is not much affected in one school in comparison to the other where it has increased a lot; but nutritional status has improved.

#### 7 DADENGGRE (B7)

The MI visited five schools in this block. In all the schools, they had MDM facility. A total of 445 pupils do avail MDM facilities. On the day of visit three schools had MDM programme. Here too irregularity in food grain supply and cooking cost is delayed by more than a month were reported. No social disparity is observed so far. Sitting arrangement is not up to mark for eating. Menu varies. No feedback on quality and quantity of the supplied meal. Cooks' status is not satisfactory as they do not follow GoI norms. Remuneration is Rs 1000/-. Pucca kitchen shed available under MDM/SSA scheme. Inspection is often. Impact on nutritional balance is positive but not much on enrollment.

#### 8 SELSELLA (B8)

The MI visited 4 schools in this block. All the schools availed MDM facility. No MDM programme was there on the day of visit. A total of 305 pupils were there; all of them avail

MDM. Supply of food grains and cooking cost is not much regular; they receive indicated weight of food grains. No social disparity. Variety of menu is also maintained. There is no feedback on the quality and quantity issues. Cooks are appointed not according to the GOI norms. They have a pucca kitchen shed with no running water. They have sufficient utensils. Safety and hygiene is also maintained ed. Community perception on MDM is satisfactory. Inspection is often at Block level. Enrollment is affected in all the schools I positive direction, along with the nutritional balance.

#### 9 TIKRIKILLA (B9)

The MI visited 2(two) schools in this Block. A total of 210 students are there in these schools. All the students avail MDM. There was no MDM programme on the day of visit. Regularity of cooking cost is maintained by the school authority in case of delay, which is very much prevalent. No social disparity. Variety of menu is also maintained. No feedback so far on quality and quantity of food so far. In one school GOI norm is followed for cooks. Cooks were paid at the cost of Rs 1000/- each per month. They have a pucca kitchen shed under MDM and SSA scheme. Potable water is not available for cooking and drinking purposes. Utensils are sufficient enough. Safety and hygiene is well maintained. Community perception is quite satisfactory in one school whereas in other school is not so encouraging. No inspection whatsoever on MDM issues. Impact has been high on enrollment and nutritional status is also raised. Dining hall is reported to be provided to be with immediately.

#### List of Schools visited by the Monitoring Institute

#### 8 schools under urban areas:

- 1. Kusimkolgre LPS, Williamnagar, Samanda Block
- 2. Williamnagar Town LPS, Williamnagar, Samanda Block
- 3. Williamnagar Girl's UPS, Williamnagar, Samanda Block
- 4. Sacred Heart School, Williamnagar, Samanda Block
- 5. Gajingpara Govt. LPS, Resubelpara Block
- 6. Chibagok SSA UPS, Resubelpara Block
- 7. Daram Union Govt. UPS, Resubelpara Block
- 8. Dilma Apal Govt. LPS, Resubelpara Block

#### 3 schools having minimum of 3 CWSN:

- 1. Rongsakgre LPS, Samanda Block
- 2. Bajengdoba Govt. UPS, Resubelpara Block
- 3. Bakenang Union UPS, Resubelpara Block

#### 3 schools covered under CAL

- 1. Resubelpara Govt. UPS, Resubelpara, Resubelpara Block.
- 2. Rari Deficit UPS, Rari, Songsak Block
- 3. Gokol Deficit UPS, Gokol, Resubelpara Block

#### 2 schools with Civil Works sanctioned to them

- 1. Dingrepa Educere SSA LPS, Bajengdoba, Resubelpara Block
- 2. Sacred Heart UPS, Damas, Resubelpara Block

#### Schools under Samanda Block for MI

- 1. Samanda Megagre UPS
- 2. Rongsak UPS
- 3. New Rangmalgre UPS
- 4. Dawagre UPS

#### **Schools under Songsak Block for MI**

- 1. Sawegre LPS
- 2. Sawegre UPS
- 3. Songsak Agalgre LPS
- 4. Songsak Agitok UPS
- 5. Dagal Deficit UPS

#### Schools under Rongjeng Block for MI:

- 1. Chijonggittim Mother's Union, Rongjeng
- 2. Thamring Memorial Adhoc UPS, Rongjeng
- 3. Darusak Bandasal LPS
- 4. Nongchram Deficit UPS
- 5. Rongjeng Govt. UPS

#### **Schools under Resubelpara Block for MI:**

- 1. Boro Gokol SSA UPS, Gokulgri
- 2. Lower Chimatcha Govt. LPS
- 3. Kosichora SSA UPS, Bajengdoba
- 4. Gokol Govt. LPS
- 5. Nogolpara Govt. LPS

#### **Schools under Kharkutta Block for MI:**

- 1. Thangkan Memorial SSA LPS, Kharkutta
- 2. Konchikol UPS
- 3. Rajasimla Govt. UPS
- 4. Ramke Memorial SSA LPS, Kharkutta
- 5. Chotcholja Govt. LPS

#### **List of Schools in West Garo Hills District**

| SI No. | BLOCK        | SCHOOL                   |
|--------|--------------|--------------------------|
|        | TURA (B1)    |                          |
| 1      |              | BALDORA SSA LPS          |
| 2      |              | AKONGGRE DEFICIT UPS     |
| 3      |              | GORKHA DEFICT UPS        |
| 4      |              | DOBASIPARA GARO GOVT LPS |
| 5      |              | MACHAKOLGRE GOVT LPS     |
|        | RONGRAM (B2) |                          |

|               | DINGRINGGRE SSA UPS              |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
|               | CHIBASALGRE SSA LPS              |
|               | ALLOTGRE GOVT. LPS               |
|               | St. ANTHONYS' SSA UPS            |
|               | KASTURBA GANDHI BALIKA VIDYALAYA |
| DALU (B3)     |                                  |
|               | KARONGGRE GOVT. LPS              |
|               | RIMRANGPARA GOVT. LPS            |
|               | RONGBOKGRE GOVT. LPS             |
|               | MARAPARA SSA UPS                 |
|               | KHERAPARA SSA UPS                |
| GAMBEGRE (B4) |                                  |
|               | SANGSANG NOKAT LPS               |
|               | DANA BOLLONGGRE GOVT. LPS        |
|               | ANCHENGGRE SSA UPS               |
|               | DARENGGRE SSA UPS                |
|               | KARIJHORA GOVT. LPS              |
|               | DALUAGRE IMP. UPS                |
|               | GIMSILGRE ADHOC LPS              |
| BETASING (B5) |                                  |
|               | GOLAGRE SSA UPS                  |
|               | BAISHPARA SSA UPS                |
|               | NIRGHINI SSA UPS                 |
|               | BETASING KHONGPARA SSA UPS       |
|               | AMPATI BAZAR SSA LPS             |
| ZIKZAK (B6)   |                                  |
|               | GAMBEGRE (B4)  BETASING (B5)     |

| 28 |                  | NANDIRCHAR MOKTAB GOVT. LPS      |
|----|------------------|----------------------------------|
| 29 |                  | BARMANPARA SSA UPS               |
|    | DADENGGRE ( B7)  |                                  |
| 30 |                  | DADENGGRE GOVT. LPS              |
| 31 |                  | TINY ROSE SSA UPS                |
| 32 |                  | DILSIGRE SSA UPS                 |
| 33 |                  | KASTURBA GANDHI BALIKA VIDYALAYA |
| 34 |                  | DILSI DAREKGRE SSA LPS           |
|    | SELSELLA (B8)    |                                  |
| 35 |                  | NEW BHAITBARI GIRLS' UPS         |
| 36 |                  | GONGGLANGGRE SSA UPS             |
| 37 |                  | GAROBADHA (ASS) GOVT. LPS        |
| 38 |                  | NENGKALPARA UPS                  |
|    | TIKRIKILLA ( B9) |                                  |
| 39 |                  | TIKRIKILLA GOVT. UPS             |
| 40 |                  | TIKRIKILLA GIRLS' GOVT. LPS      |