

Field experience on SRSP at the local levels

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Overview

- Existing practices
- Implementation challenges
- Measures being taken to overcome those challenges
- Way forward

Existing practices

- Palika Executives facilitating the process.
- Executing the responsibility of SSA distribution.
- No linkage between SP and DRR

Implementation challenges

- Lack of required workforce within the Palikas
- Delayed document processing
- Low coverage for SSA specially for child grant
- Banking hassle during beneficiaries payment

Implementation challenges

- Lack of robust database
- Delayed SSA Distribution

Measures being taken to overcome those challenges

- Workforce being filled up
- Increased coordination with the financial institution and ward officials
- Enhanced oversight by palika

Way forward

- Palika should have a cordial relationship with the ward representatives along with the mentorship and guide them in preparing the documents on time to avoid the last moment hustle resulting in delayed distribution of SSA.
- Palika should appoint qualified staffs to the designated post to work efficiently to deliver the results rather than people appointed through approach who are not proficient.
- In both of the places (Palika and Wards), the filled forms should be properly checked to identify the errors so that it will not any trouble when the forms reach to the palika and banks.

Way forward

- Regular meeting between palika and ward officials should be conducted to share the latest development so that the gaps can be addressed and delivery can be enhanced to meet the requirement.
- Regular coordination should be maintained with the bank to avoid errors and efficient and timely delivery of the account opening tasks.
- The local palika can run any SP programs (if possible) aligning shock responsive approach from their own fund and the results should be shared if it is positive to move forward the lobbying to think upon the possibility of integrating existing government led SP with DRR.

Way forward

- Since, the existing policy has not recognized the SRSP approach until now, unless federal government formulates or reconstructs the existing policies, local levels are still not able to move forward incorporating SP with DRR. (National DRR Policy 2018: 7.38)
- SP policy Framework with clear milestone and indicators allowing SR.

Way forward

- SRSP informed program development having the facility of temporary scalability during the disaster.
- Inter agency coordination
- Risk & shock responsive financing
- Robust database establishment based on the social registry
- Separate cell in NDRRMA for SP to facilitate

Thank you