# **National Iron Plus Initiative**

# **Overview of Programme**







**Orientation of DEO/BEO/ABEO** 

The National Iron Plus Initiative (NIPI) is an attempt to look at the Iron Deficiency Anaemia comprehensively across all life stages including adolescents and women in reproductive age group who are not pregnant or lactating.

# Implementation of Iron plus Initiative in State NHM PIP

	Activities to be taken Up		
Age group	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Children (6 months- 5 years) through AWC and ASHA:	٧	٧	٧
Children (5 years -10 years) through schools	٧	٧	٧
Children (5 years -10 years) out of school	-	-	٧
Adolescents (10- 19 years) through schools	٧	٧	٧
Adolescents (10- 19 years) through AWC	٧	٧	٧
Pregnant and lactating woman through VHNDs	٧	٧	٧
Woman of reproductive age group	-	-	٧

National Iron Plus Initiative is the broader umbrella which encompasses all the programmes for all the categories of population for addressing anemia holistically. This programme shall cover following age groups & categories in a phased approach

# IFA supplementation programme & service delivery

Age Group	Intervention/Dose	Regime	Service delivery		
6 – 60 months	1ml of IFA syrup containing 20mg of elemental iron & 100mcg of folic acid	Biweekly throughout the period 6-60months of age & deworming for children 12months & above	Through ASHA Inclusion in MCP Card		
5 – 10 years	Tablets of 45mg elemental iron &	Weekly throughout the period 5-10 years of age &	In school through teachers		

biannual de-worming

Weekly throughout the

biannual de-worming

starting after the first

180 days post-partum

Weekly throughout the

reproductive period

period 10-19yrs of age &

1 tablet daily for 180 days,

trimester, at 14-16 weeks of

gestation. To be repeated for

In school through teachers

& for out of school

ANC/ANM/ASHA

children through AWC

Inclusion in MCP Card

Through ASHA during

contraceptive distribution

house visit for

400mcg of folic acid

100mg elemental

iron & 500mcg of

100mg elemental

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100mg elemental

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folic acid

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10 - 19 years

Pregnant &

Lactating

Women in

reproductiv

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women

### **Known Side Effects of IFA**

## 1. Epigastric discomfort

Nausea, diarrhoea or constipation

### 2. Dark stools

Body excretes the iron it does not need

### 3. Metallic taste

These effects gradually reduce when IFA is taken on full stomach and taken regularly.

### Side effects of IFA

### 1. Not Universal

Does not occur to everybody

# 2. Not Frequent

 Circumstances in which you consume it determine whether it occurs—first time, empty stomach

### 3. Not a serious adverse event

Has never caused disability or death

# To reduce/avoid side effects what? Do's and Dont's

### How to take IFA tablet -Do's and Don'ts

### Dos

- Take single tablet
- Swallow the tablet
- Eat on full stomach
- Take one glass of water after having the tablet

### Don'ts

- Don't chew
- Don't crush
- Don't break
- Don't take on empty stomach
- Don't take with milk

### Administration IFA syrup –Do's and Don'ts

#### Do's

- •ANM should give first dose under supervision during VHND after counseling
- •Always administer on full stomach
- •Administer syrup half an hour after food
- •Keep the bottle in cool & dark place away from reach of children
- •Counsel parents on minor side effects
- •Keep the lid of bottle tightly closed after supplementation

#### Don'ts

- Do not give on empty stomach
- •Do not give to SAM children with MUAC less than 11.5 CM
- •Do not give to ill children (with fever, diarrhea, vomiting, ARI or any other illness)
- •Don't administer IFA syrup immediately after feeding milk/food
- •Expired IFA syrup should never be distributed for consumption
- •Do not give IFA to Children with family history of sickle cell anaemia/ thalassaemia

## What is Emergency Response System (ERS):

A system to prepare the institutions for handling or responding to the adverse events following IFA or Albendazole supplementation

# **ERS Implementing Body**

STATE LEVEL	DISTRICT LEVEL	BLOCK LEVEL
Director Family Welfare	CDMO	MO/IC (Convener)
Additional DirChild Health / JD-CH	ADMO, FW (Convener)	BPM, NHM
Joint Director-Tech, NHM	DPM, NHM	LHV
DD, Nutrition (Convener)	DMRCH, NHM	PHEO
Nodal Officer, MDM	DPHCO	BEO (S&ME Dept.)
DD IE, OPEPA	DEO (S&ME Dept.)	CDPO (ICDS,WCD Dept)
Nodal Officer, WCD	DPC (S&ME Dept.)	WEO (ST&SC Dev.)
Nodal Officer, ST&SC Dev	DSWO (WCD Dept.)	
Consultant-Adolescent Health, NHM	DWO (ST&SC Dev.)	
Consultant, NIPI (UNICEF)		

# Flow chart for the management of adverse event following IFA supplementation & Deworming:

Child with side effects following IFA supplementation / Albendazole ingestion At Home At AWC At School Class teacher **AWW Parents** ASHA / AWW / ANM **HM/Principal** Health staff in charge - ANM/LHV/MO-IC **Parents** ERS Team -Block/ District In-charge Hospital CDMO

# Thank you

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