

How can I/NGOs Engage in the Development of AWPB?



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Major Programmatic Focus

Programs as per MoHP's strategies & priorities

Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn & Child Health

Nutrition

Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health

HIV and AIDS

Family Planning

Human Resources for Health

School Health and Nutrition

Health System Strengthening

Disease Prevention and Control

Water and Sanitation

Mental Health

Physical Rehabilitation Center for Disability

Health & Nutrition in Emergencies

Both Implementation and Policy Strategy Level Support



Campaigns and Advocacy

Advocacy Issues

- ❖ No Child is born to die and No Mother should die giving birth
- ❖ Right to Food and Good Nutrition
- ❖ Health Governance and System strengthening

Global Campaigns also in Nepal



Coverage and Budget

Coverage

- ❖ Working in all 75 districts
- ❖ Mix of District wide and few VDCs approach
- ❖ Focus on Mid West and Far West regions
- ❖ Many organizations in a district
- ❖ Works both in rural and urban sector

Total Budget: Contribution in Health Sector

Currency	2011	2012	2013	2014	Remarks
USD	62 Million	65 Million	67 Million	68 Million	

Implementation Approach

Supply Side Interventions

Partnering with GoN, MoHP

Demand Side Interventions

Partnering with NGOs

- ❖ Activity based agreement Vs No any agreement
- ❖ Fund transfer to GoN account Vs Direct payment
- ❖ MoU at various levels of MoHP Vs No any formal understanding

Current Engagement Status of I/NGOs in AWPB

Mixed status

Actively participated
- shared ideas, views
& submitted annual
work plan.

**Planned activities in
consultation with the
relevant division**

**Part of support goes
through the
government RED
book**

**No support to
develop AWPB of
MoHP**

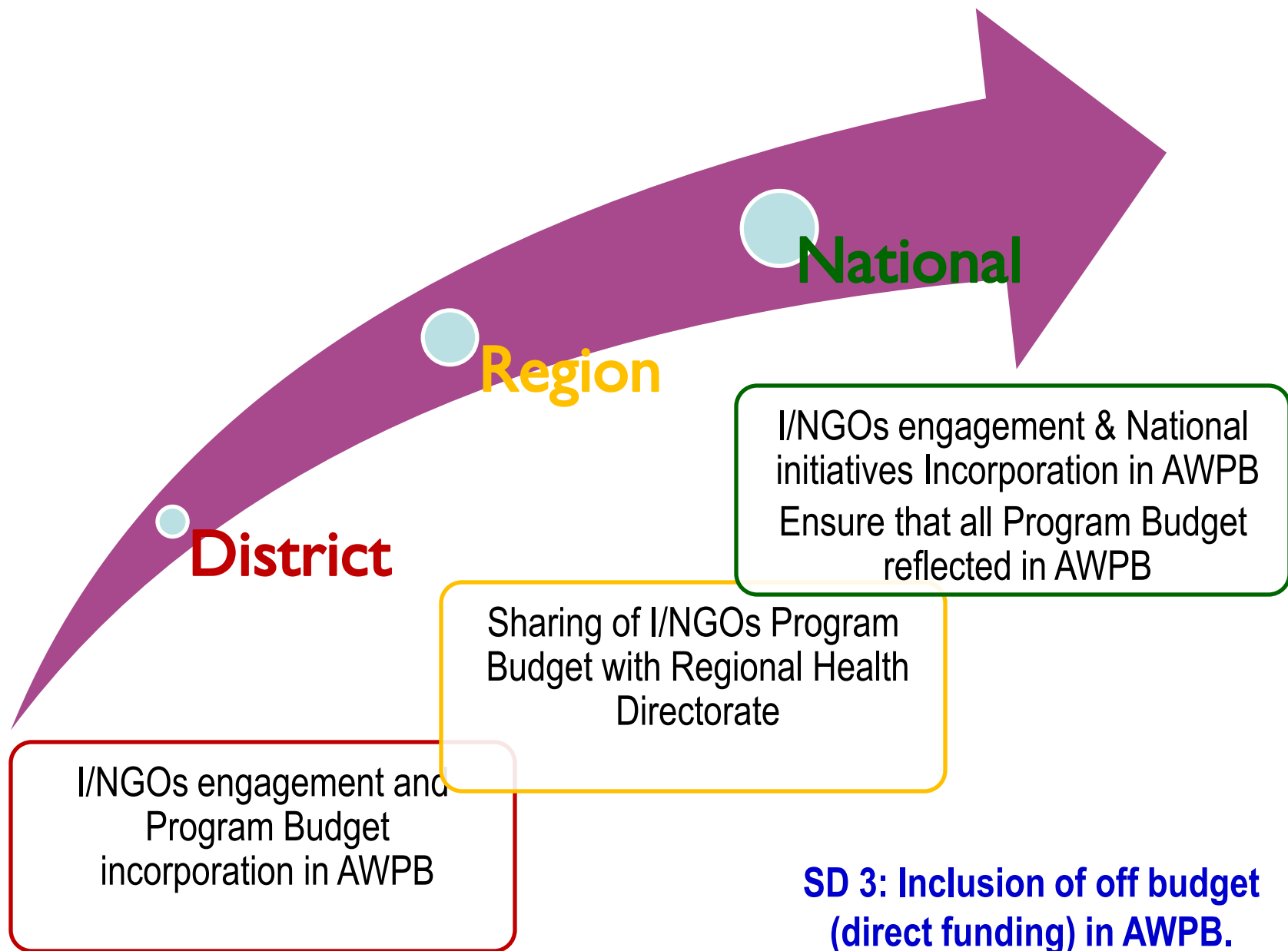
**Actually no idea to
whom & when
approach for
providing the
support.**

**Whether INGO's
financial support
should be included in
MoHP's AWPB?**

**Activities were not
directly included in
MoHP's AWPB but
supporting activities
were done.**

**What about demand
side interventions –
community
empowerment,
SBCC?**

I/NGOs Engagement in AWPB can be



Lessons Learnt

- Planning, implementation of the actions together with and for the government produces synergetic results.
- Planning together and putting budget in government system is good for taking ownership of the program activities by the government which is very crucial for the sustainability of the program
- Local governance system support reinforces continuity, ownership and sustainability of interventions and changes.
- Linkages of demand generation and one-stop service delivery for key population helps increase service utilization and make balance between demand & supply side.
- The interface between service providers and beneficiaries minimizes the gaps and misunderstanding between two parties which helps them become more responsible and accountable.
- Active involvement of the community in planning is important in identifying hard – to – reach population groups both in rural and urban areas to improve ‘equity with quality’ health service delivery.

Challenges Faced

AWPB

- The timely disbursement of the budget and timely receiving of the reports, which is very much crucial for donor reporting. (fund in red book case)
- Each intervention requires separate approval from the MOHP's line division in addition to SWC's approval.

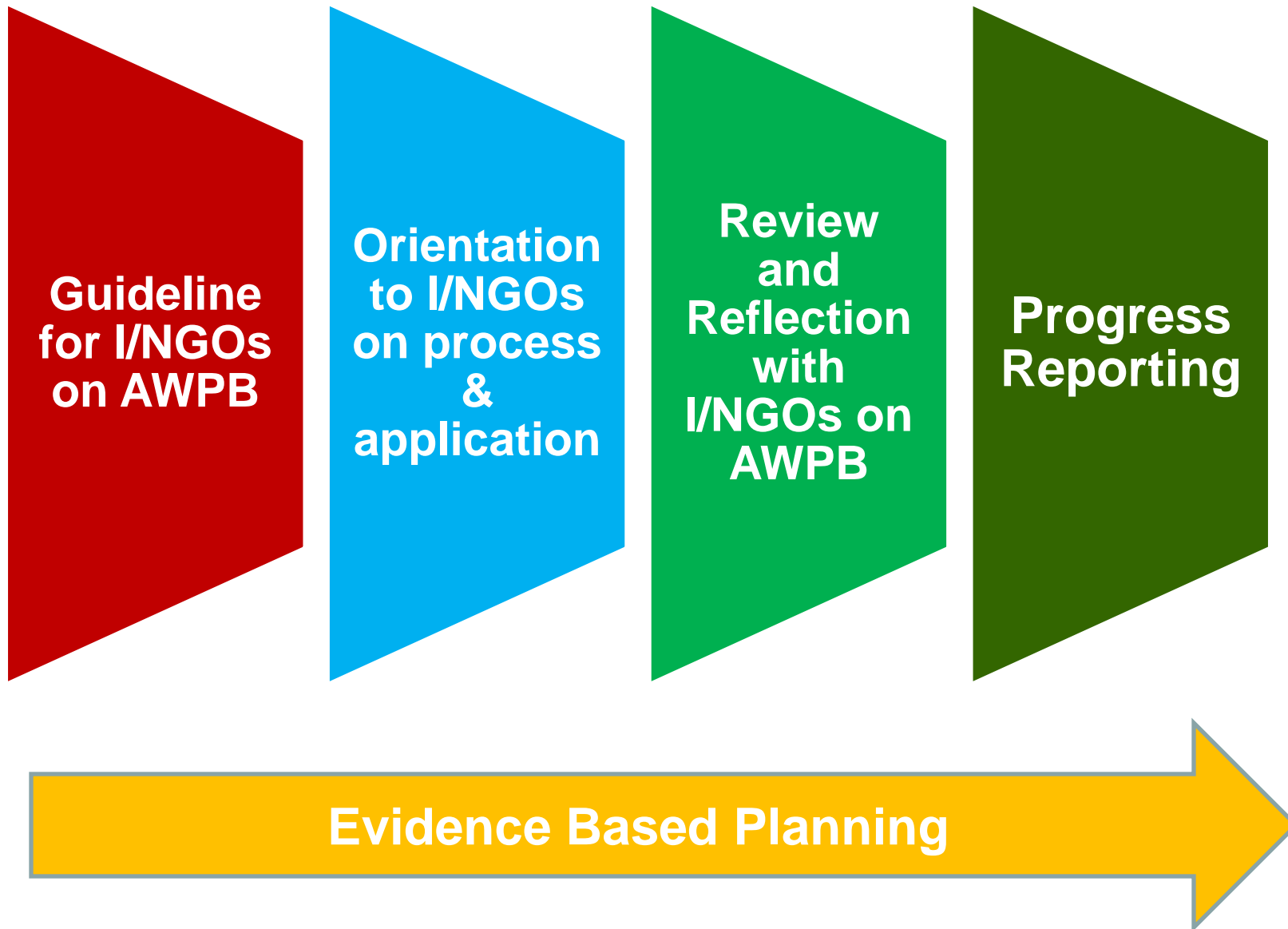
Programmatic

- Convergence of nutrition sensitive and specific interventions in district/VDC level planning
- Sustainability of the mental health program, until and unless psychotropic drugs are included in free list supply within essential drug list.
- Reaching hard to reach community a big challenge yet
- Frequent transfer of staff
- Adequate funding for continuity of the government's Nutrition and Food Security program
- Regular and timely supply of quality commodities

Issues that Need Attention

- Uniform norms for allowances in training, monitoring and supervision
- Ownership and scaling up of proven demand side cost effective interventions
- Recognition of community level demand side (empowerment, BCC) program activities in AWPB
- A guideline for providing support in the development of AWPB and orientation to all I/NGOs.
- The work done by I/NGOs should be closely tracked by government. This will help minimize gaps and maximize the resources.
- Redbook and Supplemental work plan
- Multi-sectoral collaboration and One door system
- Evidence based planning which is paid less attention while developing AWPB
- Strengthen and institutionalize MoHP engagement in SWC evaluation of INGOs

Way Forward on I/NGOs Engagement in AWPB



Thank You!