

## WAY FORWARD

### ***Fund release***

The evaluation has shown that the present mechanism of fund release from the Central Ministry of WCD to state Deptt of WCD is efficient so **this should be continued.**

### ***Food grain allocation***

**The present central mechanism of allocation of food grains on the basis of estimated number of undernourished persons requiring food grain supplements is a reasonable approximation and may be used for the first year. Thereafter the data from the district regarding the number of undernourished persons may be used to modify the requirement for the next year.** A similar procedure may be used at the district level instead of waiting for the anganwadi workers lists to be consolidated and used for procuring the food grains required for the district. This will avoid delays in getting the first and subsequent food grain releases.

### ***Implementation of NPAG by AWW***

The anganwadi workers have been able to communicate the paradigm shift from providing food supplements to all those who come to the anganwadi to universal weighing to identify undernourished persons and providing them with food grains. The communities and families have understood the rationale and have accepted the modified programme well. **The anganwadi workers have been able to get community cooperation in weighing and identification of undernourished persons. They are able to accurately weigh and identify undernourished persons according to cut off points. So they may be given this responsibility in future too.**

### ***Ration shops***

Food grain distribution to the undernourished women through the ration shops may be the most sustainable option, except in areas where there are no ration shops. **The problems in collecting food grains from the ration shop may get minimised if food grains are given on the monthly Health and nutrition days; this would also improve health coverage for the undernourished persons and their children. If for any reason they are unable to collect the food grains on that day they may collect it from the ration shop any day there after.**