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BENEFITS TO WOMEN

- Which women are unable to benefit from the scheme? (Disaggregated profile)
- What are the reasons?
  - Age or parity conditions
  - Lack of mobility/loss of wages to access the required services
  - Lack of services available/cost for services
  - Lack of support for breastfeeding at workplace

If women do/not receive the benefits, what is the gain/loss? (In terms of money spent on their nutrition, days of rest, period of breastfeeding, etc)
IMPACT OF C.C.T. ON NUTRITION

- What is the BMI & anaemia situation before women receive the cash benefit?
- Is anaemia and the BMI monitored during the pregnancy and post-partum phase? Does the AWC or the sub-centre regularly measure women’s weight?
- Is there a difference between women who are beneficiaries and those who are not?
- How many women have access to food security?
- What is the intra-household distribution of food?

IMPACT ON BREASTFEEDING

- How long do women usually practice exclusive breastfeeding?
- If they did not earlier give the baby only breast milk for 6 months, what was the cause?
- Is this problem removed by getting the CCT?
- How many workplaces provide a creche/nursery for breastfeeding? Are women allowed to take breaks, how often and for how long?
FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN MATERNITY

- Does the timing of the IGMSY disbursement help women to get better nutrition & rest?
- What about the gap during the months of childbirth- is there guarantee of JSY money?
- Does the IGMSY disbursement come regularly?
- What is the process to facilitate payments?
- Do women pay out commissions to AWC/ASHA or ANM - if yes, how much and for what?
- How many days’ wages do they get through IGMSY in terms of normal income?
- What do they spend IGMSY money on?

SPECIAL SITUATIONS

- What benefits are given to women who have a still-birth or a neo-natal death? (they do need the nutrition and rest)
- What happens if the woman has a 3rd or 4th pregnancy but there are not two surviving children?
- What benefits are given if women migrate to their natal home during pregnancy or post-partum, while they are registered in their marital home?
- Are women disqualified if the lack of government services compels women to use private Ante-natal care?
ACCOUNTABILITY AND GRIEVANCE REDRESS

- What are mechanisms for grievance redress? Can women access them easily?
- How many women report that they were unfairly excluded from the benefit?
- Are independent agencies monitoring the programme and its impact?
- Is there any community-based or social audit?
- What roles are being played by civil society groups? (PRI, SHG, NGOs, trade unions, coops etc)

THANK YOU!