

MoC between the Department of Health & Family Welfare and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

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The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister has given its ex-post-facto approval on the **Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC)** between the Department of Health & Family Welfare (DOHFW), Government of India and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) **on cooperation in the field of Health** signed in November 2019 during the visit of Mr. Bill Gates, Co-Chair, and Trustee of BMGF to Delhi.

Areas covered under the MoC

The Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) covers the following areas of cooperation:

- To reduce maternal, neonatal and child morbidity and mortality, improve key nutrition outcomes, by improving the reach, coverage, and quality of essential primary health, immunization and nutrition services.
- To increase the basket of choice and quality for family planning methods, specially for reversible methods, and increase access amongst younger women.
- To reduce the burden of selected infectious diseases [TB, Visceral Leishmaniasis (VL), Lymphatic Filariasis(LF)].
- To strengthen health systems, including aspects such as budget utilization, management, and skills of human resources for health, digital health, strengthening supply chains and monitoring systems.

A Program Action Committee (PAC) will be set up to further elaborate the details of cooperation and to oversee the implementation of this Memorandum of Cooperation.