(s) Mid-Day Meal Scheme: Tiruvarur

(i)	Name of the Monitoring Institution	IIT Madras
(ii)	Period of the report	2011
(iii)	Name of the District	Tiruvarur
(iv)	Date of visit to the Districts/EGS/Schools	Feb 14th 2011- March 5th 2011

		Students, Teachers &		
there for th	was interruption, what e same?	Parents		
Hot co	poked meal is provided in	100% schools.		
TREN	NDS:			School level registers, MDM
	• -	nool records vis-	à-vis	Registers Head Teachers, Schools level MDM
No.	Details	Day previous to date of visit	On the day of visit	functionaries / Observation of the monitoring team.
i.	Enrollment	100%]	
ii.	No. of children attending the school on the day of visit	98%	98%	
ii.	No. of children availing MDM as per MDM Register	73%	73%	
V.	No. of children actually availing MDM on the day of visit		71%	
REGULARITY IN DELIVERING FOOD GRAINS TO SCHOOL LEVEL: (i) Is school receiving food grain regularly? If there is delay in delivering food grains, what is the extent of				School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries.
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	The school is receiving food grains regularly in 100% schools				
	(ii) Is buffer stock of one-month's requirement is maintained?	School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries			
	A buffer stock of one-month's requirement is maintained in 95 inadequate stock in 2 schools out of 40 (5%) [This is a layman				
	(iii) Is the food grains delivered at the school?	School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries			
	The food grains are delivered at the school in 100% cases. As In case of delay, the organisers go to the godown to tell the Medelay.				
	REGULARITY IN DELIVERING COOKING COST TO SCHOOL LEVEL: (i) Is school receiving cooking cost in advance regularly? If there is delay in delivering cooking custom what is the extent of delay and reasons for it?	School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries.			
	In 90% cases, the schools are receiving cooking cost in advance. In the remaining cases it is not in advance, but reasonably on time.				
4.	(ii) In case of delay, how schools manage to ensure that there is no disruption in the feeding programme?	School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries.			
	In case of delay the organiser spends her own money to pay for the MDM.				
	(iii) Is cooking cost paid by Cash or through banking channel?	School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries.			
	Cooking cost is paid by Cash in 42.5% cases, and through ban	iking channel in 57.5% cases.			
	SOCIAL EQUITY:	Observations			
5.	Did you observe any gender or caste or community discrimination in cooking or serving or seating arrangements?				

	There was no gender or caste or community discrimin seating arrangements, though there were variations in MDM. The variations in seating arrangements of the community discrimination in the community discrimination disc	in the s	seating arrangements during the		
	Variations in seating arrangements	Perce	entage value		
	Seated inside classroom	2.5%			
	Seated outside classroom	15%			
	Seated in the verandah	82.5%	6		
	VARIETY OF MENU:	1	Observations and discussion		
6.	(i) Has the school displayed its weekly menu, and is it able to adhere to the menu displayed?		with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.		
	The school has displayed its weekly menu only in 5%	schools	5.		
	(ii) Is there variety in the food served or is t same food served daily?	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.			
7.	Rice, Dal, eggs and Vegetables are served daily. There is no variety observed in the food served. The organizers of most of the schools said that the government of Tamilnadu guide is followed to provide rice, sambar and egg for each on all days. The representatives of MI also found that it is followed in all schools.				
	(iii) Dose the daily menu include rice / whea preparation, dal and vegetables?	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.			
	Rice, Dal, eggs and Vegetables are served daily. There is no wheat preparation.				
	QUALITY & QUANTITY OF MEAL: Feedback from children on a) Quality of meal: Observations of Investigation during MDM service				
8.	About 72.5% children said that the quality of meal was	s good.			
	b) Quantity of meal:		Observations of Investigation during MDM service		
	About 67.5% children said that the quantity of meal was	as good	i.		

	c) {If children were not happy Please give reasons and suggestions to improve}					ons ion during	of MDM
	child	t children felt t lren expressed a mixed with tan	with tamari	ind) and Pul	i sadam		
		PLEMENTAR			Teachers, Record	Students,	School
	(i)		dren are given micron amin – A dosage) and o odically?	Record			
	Yes						
	(ii)	Who administ frequency?	ters these medicines a	nd at what	Teachers, Record	Students,	School
9.	The basis		dministered by the PHC				
,	(iii)	Is there schoo child?	l Health Card mainta	ined for each	Teachers, Record	Students,	School
		85% of the sch	ools visited in Tiruvaru	ır district maintain	health cards	for each chi	ld.
				No of schools	Percentage		
			Schools with health cards	34	85%		
			Schools without health cards	6	15%		
			Total	40	100%		
	STATUS OF COOKS: (i) Who cooks and serves the meal? (Cook/helper appointed by the Department or Self Help Group, or NGO or Contractor)				with cl	EC member	eachers, s, Gram
10.	Cool	x/helper appoint	ted by the Department of	cooks and serves th	ne meals.		
		Is the number requirement of	of cooks and helpers a the school?	with cl	EC member	eachers, s, Gram	

(iii)What	t is remuner	Observations and discuss with children teach parents, VEC members, C Panchayat members cooks.			
Organizers	were paid in	n the scale	of Rs 5000	-5500 pm. T	he Head cook had a pay scale in
range of R	as 2300-2800) pm whil	e the Helper	rs had a pay	scale in the range of Rs1200-
pm. Festiva	al allowance	s and insu	rance are als	so provided.	
(iv).Are the remuneration paid to cooks/helpers regularly?					Observations and discussivith children teach parents, VEC members, C Panchayat members cooks.
The remuneration is paid to cooks/helpers regularly in 100%					COOKS.
The remun	eration is pa	id to cook	s/helpers reg	gularly in 100	
(v) Social	eration is pa Composition BE/Minority	n of cooks		gularly in 100	Observations and discussions with children teach parents, VEC members, C Panchayat members
(v) Social (SC/ST/O	Composition BE/Minority	n of cooks y)	s/helpers?		Observations and discussions with children teach parents, VEC members, C
(v) Social (SC/ST/O	Composition BE/Minority The followi	n of cooks y) ng table p	s/helpers? provides the		Observations and discussions with children teach parents, VEC members, C Panchayat members cooks.
(v) Social (SC/ST/O	Composition BE/Minority The followi	n of cooks y) ng table p Total	orovides the		Observations and discussions with children teach parents, VEC members, C Panchayat members cooks.
(v) Social (SC/ST/O	Composition BE/Minority The followi Category SC/ST	n of cooks y) ng table p Total	orovides the Average 25%		Observations and discussions with children teach parents, VEC members, C Panchayat members cooks.
(v) Social (SC/ST/O	Composition BE/Minority The followi Category SC /ST BC	n of cooks y) ng table p Total 10 15	Average 25% 37.5%		Observations and discussions with children teach parents, VEC members, C Panchayat members cooks.
(v) Social (SC/ST/O	Composition BE/Minority The followi Category SC/ST	n of cooks y) ng table p Total	orovides the Average 25%		Observations and discussions with children teach parents, VEC members, C Panchayat members cooks.
(v) Social (SC/ST/O	Composition BE/Minority The followi Category SC /ST BC	n of cooks y) ng table p Total 10 15	Average 25% 37.5%		Observations and discussions with children teach parents, VEC members, C Panchayat members cooks.

	INFRASTRUCTURE:		School records, discussion		
	Is a puece kitchen shed cum store.		with head teacher, teacher, VEC, Gram Panchayat		
	Is a pucca kitchen shed-cum-store:		members.		
	(a) Constructed and in use		memoers.		
	(b) Constructed but not in use under				
	(c) Under construction				
11.	(d) Sanctioned, but constructed not started				
	(e) Not sanctioned				
	Any other (specify)				
	The following table illustrates the infrastructure	ı	kitchen shed-cum-store		
	Constructed and in use	77.5%			
	Constructed but not in use	12.5%			
	Under construction	2.5%			
	Sanctioned, but construction not started	2.5%			
	Not sanctioned	5%			
	In case the pucca kitchen shed is not available, w		Discussion with head		
12	the food being cooked and where the food grains	teacher, teacher, VEC,			
12.	ingredients are being stored?	Gram Panchayat members, Observation			
	In case the pucca kitchen shed is not available, the foo				
	the Samuthaya hall.	od is ocii	ing cooked in the classroom of in		
	Whether potable water is available for cooking	-do-			
12	drinking purpose?	-8			
13.	Potable water is available for cooking and drinking	purpose	in most schools. The source of		
	drinking water is through the panchayat water conne				
	include bore water (12.5%), hand pump (2.5%), and w				
	Whether utensils used for cooking food are adequa	Teachers/Organizer of MDM			
14.		Programme			
	Utensils used for cooking food were found adequate in	n 70% so	chools.		
15.	What is the kind of fuel used? (Gas based/firewood	l etc.)	Observation		
	The kind of fuel used for cooking is firewood in 100% schools.				
	SAFETY & HYGIENE:		Observation		
	i. General Impression of the environment, Safety	and			
	hygiene:				
16.					
	Because of firewood there is a lot of smoke and		2		
	conditions are definitely NOT healthy for the kitche		0 1 1		
	Izitahang and chitting to good based as alver a vivil	im	the cituation		
	kitchens and shifting to gas based cooking will surely	improve	e the situation.		

	i. Are children encouraged to wash hands before and after eating	observation			
	In 60% of the schools (24 out of 40) the MI found that children were explicitly encouraged wash hands. Usually, however, children rinse their plates before and after eating, which means hands too are automatically washed.				
	i. Do the children partake meals in an orderly manner?	observation			
	Children were observed to partake meals in an orderly manne	r in 85% cases.			
	v. Conservation of water?	Observation			
	No wasteful practices were observed during the MI team's visits.				
	vi. Is the cooking process and storage of fuel safe, not posing any fire hazard?	observation			
	No hazardous conditions were observed during the field trips.				
	COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:	Discussion with head			
	Extent of participation by	teacher, teacher, VEC,			
17.	Parents/VECs/Panchayats/Urban bodies in daily	Gram Panchayat members			
	supervision, monitoring, participation				
	Parents or community participation were reportedly unsatisfact				
	being maintained by the community members for supervision	School records, discussion			
	INSPECTION & SUPERVISION	with head teacher, teachers,			
	Has the mid day meal programme been inspected by any state/district/block level officers/officials?	VEC, Gram Panchayat members			
18.	members				
	IMPACT	School records, discussion with head teacher, teachers,			
19.	Has the mid day meal improved the enrollment, attendance of children in school, general well being (nutritional status) of children? Is there any other incidental benefit due to serving cooked meal in schools?	students, VEC, Gram Panchayat members.			
	The MDM is extremely beneficial to the children, especially scheme should be strengthened through allocation of more include ONE FRUIT and ONE GLASS MILK for every child	meals per school and should			

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Observations regarding individual schools / specific problems in Tiruvarur District:

PUMS Marakadai in Mannargudi block: In this school the number of allotted meals is 400. On the day of the MI visit 255 children availed the mid-day meal. It was reported by some staff members that generally about 300 children avail the MDM. The MI noted that the MDM register was not being filled by the organizer regularly. On the days of the visit as well as the previous day, entry had not been made in the MDM register.

In general it can be said that the problem of excess or inadequate allotment exists in a few schools in Thiruvarur district. Proper and regular monitoring by all stakeholders – the Block level officials, VEC/SMC members and parents – has to be ensured in order to deal with such issues.

Mid-Day Meal Scheme: Thanjavur

(i)	Name of the Monitoring Institution	IIT Madras
(ii)	Period of the report	2011
(iii)	Name of the District	Tanjavur
(iv)	Date of visit to the Districts/EGS/Schools	March 7 th 2011-March March 27th

	REGU	ULARITY IN SERVING	MEAL:		Students, Teachers &
		her the school is serving	Parents		
20.		was interruption, what e same?	was the extent a	and reasons	
		chool is serving hot cooked	d meals daily in 1	00% schools	S.
	TREN	NDS:			School level registers, MDM
		t of variation (As per sch ll on the day of visit)	nool records vis-	à-vis	Registers Head Teachers, Schools level MDM
	No. Details		Day previous to date of visit	On the day of visit	functionaries / Observation of the monitoring team.
	ii.	Enrollment	100%	100%	
	ii.	No. of children	97.5%	97.5%	
21.		attending the school on the day of visit			
	х.	No. of children availing MDM as per MDM Register	No. of children 92% 86% availing MDM as per		
	х.	No. of children actually availing MDM on the day of visit		88%	
22.	SCHO (iv) Is	ULARITY IN DELIVER DOL LEVEL: s school receiving food greelay in delivering greelay g	f there is	School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries.	
	d	elay and reasons for the	same?		

	The school is receiving food grains regularly in 97.5% cases. A stock for 45 days is maintained. In case of delay as in MPL Primary Pudupattinam, the organisers go to					
	the godown to tell the MDM Commissioner about the delay.					
	(v) Is buffer stock of one-month's requirement is maintained?	School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries				
	Yes. The buffer stock of one-month's requirement is maintain	ed in most schools.				
	(vi) Is the food grains delivered at the school?	School level registers, MDM Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries				
	Yes. The food grains are delivered at the school in 100% cases	S.				
	REGULARITY IN DELIVERING COOKING COST	School level registers, MDM				
	TO SCHOOL LEVEL:	Registers, Head Teacher,				
	(iv) Is school receiving cooking cost in advance regularly? If there is delay in delivering cooking custom what is the extent of delay and reasons for it?	School level MDM functionaries.				
23.	The school is receiving cooking cost in advance in 90% cas received not in advance but on time. (v) In case of delay, how schools manage to ensure that	School level registers, MDM				
	there is no disruption in the feeding programme?	Registers, Head Teacher, School level MDM functionaries.				
	In case of delay, the money of the organizer is used so as to ensure that there is no disruption in the feeding programme.					
	(vi) Is cooking cost paid by Cash or through banking	School level registers, MDM				
	channel?	Registers, Head Teacher,				
		School level MDM				
		functionaries.				
	The cooking cost is paid by cash in 25% cases and by banking	1				
	SOCIAL EQUITY:	Observations				
24.	Did you observe any gender or caste or community discrimination in cooking or serving or seating					
	arrangements?					
	No					
	VARIETY OF MENU:	Observations and discussion				
25.	(iv) Has the school displayed its weekly menu,	with children teachers,				
45.	and is it able to adhere to the menu	parents, VEC members, Gram				
	displayed?	Panchayat members and cooks.				

	The weekly menu is displayed only in 17.5 % cases Thirupurampiyam, PUMS Santhankudi, PUPS Katukurich Alathur, and PUMS Edaiyathikonartheru)				
	(v) Is there variety in the food served or is the same food served daily?	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.			
26.	In most cases, the same kind of food is served daily. The or said that the Government of Tamilnadu guide is followed to peach in all days. The representatives of MI also found that it is	provide rice, sambar and egg for s followed in all schools.			
	(vi) Dose the daily menu include rice / wheat preparation, dal and vegetables?	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.			
	The daily menu includes rice dal, eggs and vegetables. There	is no wheat preparation.			
	QUALITY & QUANTITY OF MEAL: Feedback from children on	Observations of Investigation during MDM service			
	c) Quality of meal:				
	About 90% children found the quality of food to be good.				
25	d) Quantity of meal:	Observations of Investigation during MDM service			
27.	About 95% children found the quantity of food to be adequate.				
	c) {If children were not happy Please give reasons and suggestions to improve}	Observations of Investigation during MDM service			
	Most children felt that they are given adequate food and the children expressed a desire for Puli Kuzhambu (curry made (rice mixed with tamarind) as part of MDM; This is because days.	with tamarind) and Puli sadam			
	SUPPLEMENTARY:	Teachers, Students, School			
28.	(iv) Whether children are given micronutrients (Iron, folic acid, vitamin – A dosage) and de-worming medicine periodically?	Record			
	Yes.				
	(v) Who administers these medicines and at what frequency?	Teachers, Students, School Record			
	The PHC administers the medicines. The medicines are administered twice a year (32.5%), once a year (52.5%), three times in a year (12.5%), or monthly (2.5%).				

	(vi) Is there scho child?	ol Health Card mainta	Teachers, Record	Students,	School		
	Around 78 % of the	ne schools visited in Tar	intain health ca	ards for eac	h child.		
			Percentage				
		Schools with health cards	32	80%			
		Schools without health cards	8	20%			
		Total	40	100%			
	, ,	and serves the meal? (C y the Department or Se	-	with ch	EC member	teachers, rs, Gram	
	The cook/helper appointed by the Department cooks and serves the meal.						
	(ii) Is the number the requirement o	r of cooks and helpers f the school?	with ch	EC member	teachers, rs, Gram		
	Yes, though the cooks and helpers are not appointed as per the GOI norms.						
29.	(iii)What is remu	neration paid to cooks	with ch	EC member	teachers, rs, Gram		
	Organizers were parange of Rs 2000-2 pm. Festival allowa						
	(iv).Are the remure regularly?	with ch	EC member	teachers, rs, Gram			
	Yes.						

	(SC/ST/OBE/Minority)			Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.	
	The remaining the provide			1	
		Category	Total	Averag	
		SC/ST	5	12.5%	_
		BC	24	60%	_
		OBC	0	0%	
		MBC	11	27.5%	
	INFRASTRUCTURE:				School records, discussion
30.	Is a pucca kitchen shed-cun		with head teacher, teacher, VEC, Gram Panchayat members.		
	 (f) Constructed and in u (g) Constructed but not i (h) Under construction (i) Sanctioned, but const (j) Not sanctioned Any other (specify)				
	The pucca kitchen shed-cum- the kitchen shed-cum-store PUPS Poolankollai, and PUP not in use in 5% school Senniyaviduthi, the construct	is under co S Mallipattings (PUPS Valion of the p g schools, the	nstruction nam). The l Vettikadu ucca kitche	(PUPS National (PUPS National PUP) Stand PUP Stand Pup	n 75% schools. In 10% schools, Neiveli South, GHS Ammapet, ned-cum-store is constructed but PS Senniyaviduthi). In PUPS um-store is finished and will be d-cum-store is not sanctioned or
31.	In case the pucca kitchen shed is not available, where is the food being cooked and where the foodgrains /other ingredients are being stored? Discussion with head teacher, teacher, VEC Gram Panchayat members Observation				
	South, PUPS Senniyaviduthi,	and GHS A	ammapet) v nganwadi c	vhile the	erathnadu Puthur, PUPS Neyveli stock is stored in classrooms. In PUPS Mallipattinam, and PUPS

	Whether potable water is available for cooking and drinking purpose?	-do-					
32.	Potable water for cooking and drinking is available is all schools except in ADWPS Pattukottai which doesn't have a pipe connection. The school children rely on the ADW higher secondary school Pattukottai for their water needs.						
	Whether utensils used for cooking food are adequate?	Teachers/Organizer of MDM Programme					
33.	The utensils used for cooking were not found adequate in 12 Puthupattinam voiced a need for a bigger vessel to cook rice easier.						
34.	What is the kind of fuel used? (Gas based/firewood etc.)	Observation					
	Firewood is used in 100% schools						
	SAFETY & HYGIENE: iv. General Impression of the environment, Safety and hygiene:	Observation					
	Because of firewood there is a lot of smoke and soot on walls a conditions are definitely NOT healthy for the kitchen staff. En kitchens and shifting to gas based cooking will surely improve	suring proper ventilation in					
	Are children encouraged to wash hands before and after eating	observation					
35.	In 67.5% of the schools (27 out of 40) the MI found that children wash hands. Usually, however, children rinse their plates be means hands too are automatically washed.						
	i. Do the children partake meals in an orderly manner?	observation					
	Yes						
	xi. Conservation of water?	Observation					
	No wasteful practices were observed during the MI team's visits.						
	ii. Is the cooking process and storage of fuel safe, not posing any fire hazard?	observation					

	No hazardous conditions observed.				
36.	COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: Extent of participation by Parents/VECs/Panchayats/Urban bodies in daily supervision, monitoring, participation Poor participation is reported from the parents/VECs/Panchayats/Urban bodies in daily supervision, monitoring, and participation. Discussion with head teacher, teacher, VEC, Gram Panchayat members				
25	INSPECTION & SUPERVISION Has the mid day meal programme been inspected by any state/district/block level officers/officials?	School records, discussion with head teacher, teachers, VEC, Gram Panchayat members			
37.	The mid day meal programme has been inspected by block level officers in most cases. In MPL Primary Pudupattinam and MPL Primary Co-optive colony, the mid day meal programme has been inspected by the District Collector.				
	IMPACT	School records, discussion with head teacher, teachers,			
38.	Has the mid day meal improved the enrollment, attendance of children in school, general well being (nutritional status) of children? Is there any other	students, VEC, Gram Panchayat members.			
	incidental benefit due to serving cooked meal in schools?				
	The MDM is extremely beneficial to the children, especially the rural and urban poor. The scheme should be strengthened through allocation of more meals per school and should include ONE FRUIT and ONE GLASS MILK for every child every day.				

Specific observations regarding individual schools/specific problems in Tanjavur District:

In PUMS Nanjikottai, the organizer was not present on the day of visit. The cook and helper were engaged in providing MDM. In a layman's estimate, the quality of food was poor. The HM and other teachers did not seem interested in MDM. When the MI representative asked the children for feedback, children said in the presence of the cook and helper that they were satisfied with the food. On being asked again when the cook and helper were not present, the children freely reported problems – such as finding worms in the food, tasteless food etc.

The MDM register and Visit note were not available in the school.

In PUMS Shenbakapuram, the organizer hurriedly came to the school on hearing about the MI's visit. In this school eggs are provided to children only for 3 days in a week though government of Tamilnadu has already issued orders to provide egg for each child on all working days. Children also reported that some days they get only half an egg each.

Mid-Day Meal Scheme: Nagapattinam District

(i)	Name of the Monitoring Institution	IIT Madras
(ii)	Period of the report	2011
(iii)	Name of the District	Nagapattinam
(iv)	Date of visit to the Districts/EGS/Schools	January 24 th to Feb 13th

	REGU	ULARITY IN SERVING	MEAL:		Students, Teachers
39.	there for th	her the school is serving was interruption, what we same?	& Parents		
	TREN	NDS:			School level
		t of variation (As per sch	ool records vis-	à-vis	registers, MDM
		l on the day of visit)			Registers Head Teachers, Schools
	No.	Details	Day previous	On the	level MDM
			to date of visit	day of visit	functionaries /
	ii.	Enrollment	100%	100%	Observation of the
40.	V.	No. of children attending the school	92%	92%	monitoring team.
		on the day of visit			
	V.	No. of children availing MDM as per MDM Register	87%	88%	
	vi.	No. of children actually availing		68%	
		MDM on the day of visit			

SCHOOL LEVEL: (vii) Is school receiving food grain regularly? If there is delay in delivering food grains, what is the extent of delay and reasons for the same? All the schools are receiving food grains regularly. A buffer stock of one month's requirement is maintained. The quantity of food grain supplied was as per the marked indicated weight in most schools though differences were noticed in PUPS Pudupattinam, PU Elem Panchanathikulam west (1-2 kg less), Chinna Erahalli Thiru, (1-5 kg less), and PUES Sithambur (1-4 kg less). In some cases the quality of rice is bad while the quality of dal is good (PUPS Seeyathamangai). 41. (viii) Is buffer stock of one-month's requirement is maintained?		REGULARITY IN DELIVERING FOOD GRAINS TO	School level						
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	ensure that there is no disruption in the feeding programme.					
	(ix) Is cooking cost paid by Cash or through banking channel? School level registers, MDM					
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		functionaries.				
	The cooking cost is usually paid by cash.					
	SOCIAL EQUITY:	Observations				
	Did you observe any gender or caste or community					
43.	discrimination in cooking or serving or seating					
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	VARIETY OF MENU:	Observations and				
	(vii) Has the school displayed its weekly menu,	discussion with				
	and is it able to adhere to the menu	children teachers,				
	displayed?	parents, VEC				
		members, Gram Panchayat members				
44.		and cooks.				
	Most schools do not have a weekly display of menu (except in PUMS Pirinjimullai,					
	APS Mayiladudurai, PUPS Eanangudi, and PUPS Thagattur). The organizer					
	decides on the menu. Sometimes the menu is decided by	the Union Panchayat				
	(PUPS Arur). In some cases the PDO decides	the menu (PUPS				
	Ramakrishnapuram).					
	(viii) Is there variety in the food served or is the	Observations and				
	same food served daily?	discussion with				
	·	children teachers,				
		parents, VEC				
		members, Gram				
45.		Panchayat members and cooks.				
	The same type of food is served daily. The food has rice, dal,					
	The vegetables are not sufficient. The organizers of most of	•				
	the Government of Tamilnadu guide is followed to provide					
	for each on all days. The representatives of MI also found that					
	schools.					

	(ix) Dose the daily menu include rice / wheat preparation, dal and vegetables? The daily menu includes rice dal, eggs and vegetables. preparation.	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks. There is no wheat			
	QUALITY & QUANTITY OF MEAL: Feedback from children on	Observations of Investigation during MDM service			
	Most children felt that the quality of meal is satisfactory. However, in Nangur half cooked rice and dal were being served to the children. The quantity of food provided to the children was inadequate. Poor quality rice and dal were being used. The MDM register was not available in the school and the organizer was absent.				
46.	f) Quantity of meal:	Observations of Investigation during MDM service			
	Most children felt that the quantity of meal is adequate.				
	c) {If children were not happy Please give reasons and suggestions to improve}	Observations of Investigation during MDM service			
	quality is satisfactory. made with tamarind) . This is because the				
	SUPPLEMENTARY:	Teachers, Students,			
	(vii) Whether children are given micronutrients (Iron, folic acid, vitamin – A dosage) and de-worming medicine periodically?	School Record			
	Yes.				
	(viii) Who administers these medicines and at what frequency?	Teachers, Students, School Record			

	Health check up happens yearly once in more than 90% schools. Micronutrients are provided once a year. PHC administers the medicines. In some cases the govt hospitals administers the medicine (PUPS Seeyathamangai). Medical camps are held yearly once (PUES Panchanathikulam west). In some cases the Municipal Health Department administers the medicines. In PUMS Nimmeli, the BDO administers the medicines while the Health Inspector or the VHN administers the medicines in the case of PUMS Puthur and PUMS Velanganni.	
	(ix) Is there school Health Card maintained for each child?	Teachers, Students, School Record
	35% schools in Nagapattinam District have maintained a healt	h card.
	STATUS OF COOKS: (iii) Who cooks and serves the meal? (Cook/helper appointed by the Department or Self Help Group, or NGO or Contractor)	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.
	The cook/helper appointed by the Department cooks and serve	
47.	(ii) Is the number of cooks and helpers adequate to meet the requirement of the school?	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.
	In more than 90% schools, the number is adequate. But PUPS an organiser while, AMS Kadavasal did not have a Kichankuppam did not have a cook.	Nangur did not have
	(iii)What is remuneration paid to cooks/helpers?	Observations and discussion with children teachers, parents, VEC members, Gram Panchayat members and cooks.

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	The pucca kitchen shed cum store is constructed and in use in most schools. Yet, there were some unsettling issues in the quality of the kitchen shed cum store in certain schools which are outlined below:			
	 In APS Aiyadimangalam, the pucca kitchen shed sanctioned. The school had a poorly constructed kit store. The food is being cooked in the SMC'S house. 			
	• In PUMS Sembianmadevi, the kitchen shed cum store is not pucca, and no sanctioned. The school has an unclean kitchen and store room.			
	 In the case of PUMS Vilundamavadi, the kitchen shed cum store is not pucca and is not sanctioned. The food is being cooked in the classroom. At the time of MI visit, the PDO and block revenue officer has apparently visited the school and inspected the MDM. In the case of PUPS Chinnathumpur (far flung area), the process of construction of a pucca kitchen shed-cum store is on. 			
	• In PUPS Seshamoolai, kitchen shed cum store is constructed but not in use because it is damaged. The cooking is done inside the school building.			
	PUPS Senniyellur, does not have a room for storing stock while the store room in Kadambadi was rat infested.			
49.	In case the pucca kitchen shed is not available, where is the food being cooked and where the foodgrains /other ingredients are being stored?	Discussion with head teacher, teacher, VEC, Gram Panchayat members,		
	In the event of non availability of a proper kitchen shed cum store, the food is cooked in the classroom (PUMS Vilundamavadi and PUPS Seshamoolai).			
50.	Whether potable water is available for cooking and drinking purpose?	-do-		

	Potable water is available for cooking and drinking purposes in most schools			
	Public water service for drinking purpose is supplied by the Panchayat union			
	(PUPS Seeyathamangai) or by the Corporation (MPS Chinna Erahalli Street). In			
	some schools, the bore water is used for drinking and cooking purposes (PUMS			
	Thevur, PUMS Sembianmadevi). The school in APS Aiyad			
	one hand pump and one panchayat tap for collecting water.			
	one hand pump and one panenayat tap for confecting water.			
	Whether utensils used for cooking food are adequate?	Teachers/Organizer		
51.		of MDM		
		Programme		
	Most schools reported that the utensils are adequate. Exceptions were reported in			
	the schools at PUMS Nimmeli and PUMS Vilundamavadi.			
	What is the kind of fuel used? (Gas based/firewood etc.)	Observation		
52.	Eiropy and There was no instance of any based gooling			
	Firewood. There was no instance of gas based cooking.			
	SAFETY & HYGIENE:	Observation		
	vii. General Impression of the environment, Safety and			
	hygiene:			
	Decays of firmwood there is a let of smalle and sort on walls and sailing. Working			
	Because of firewood there is a lot of smoke and soot on walls and ceiling. Working			
	conditions are definitely NOT healthy for the kitchen staff. Ensuring proper ventilation in kitchens and shifting to gas based cooking will surely improve the			
	situation.			
	i. Are children encouraged to wash hands before and	observation		
	after eating			
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	No prompts from the teachers/organisers were noticed during the field visits.			
53.	Usually children rinse their plates before and after the meal. This ensures that hands are also washed before and after eating.			
	Do the children partake meals in an orderly manner?	observation		
	bo the children partake means in an orderly manner.	observation		
	Yes			
	ii. Conservation of water?	Observation		
	ii. Conscivation of water.	Obscivation		
	No wasteful practices were observed during the MI team's			
	visits.			
	ii. Is the cooking process and storage of fuel safe, not	observation		
	posing any fire hazard?			
	No hazardous conditions observed.			
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54.	COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: Extent of participation by Parents/VECs/Panchayats/Urban bodies in daily supervision, monitoring, participation Parents or community participation was reportedly unsatisfied had no roster being maintained by the community members of MDM, exceptions being the schools at APS Aiyadimangalate Third street, where the VEC's and SMC's actively participate in the schools.	for supervision of the am, and Vedaranyam
55.	INSPECTION & SUPERVISION Has the mid day meal programme been inspected by any state/district/block level officers/officials? The mid day meal has been inspected by the block level office district level officer which includes AEO's, DEO, DEEO, CI Frequency of inspection is yearly in most schools. PUPS Publication of the properties of	EO, BRC'S BRTE'S. lupattinam and PUPS at all, while PUPS
56.	IMPACT Has the mid day meal improved the enrolment, attendance of children in school, general well being (nutritional status) of children? Is there any other incidental benefit due to serving cooked meal in schools? The MDM is extremely beneficial to the children, especially poor. The scheme should be strengthened through allocation school and should include ONE FRUIT and ONE GLASS Mevery day.	n of more meals per

Specific observations regarding individual schools/specific problems in Nagapattinam District:

MDM REGISTER NOT MATCHING:

PUMS, Vedaranyam 3rd street:

Actual present 134. MDM allotted and cooked was 100, while at the time of the MI visit only 75 out of 134 children present availed the meal.

SMH, MIDDLE SCHOOL, SOUTH CAR STREET: The organizer, cook and helper got the salary late every month. The MDM register does not match with the school register – in terms of children actually present on that day and those who availed the mid-day meal.

PUPS Arur, the MDM register not matching with the school register.

APS Neermulai, number of children counted 74, but the eggs were only 14.

PUPS Pudupattinam, MDM register was not matching with the school register.

General Problems:

In several cases the MI observed a discrepancy between the number of meals allotted to a school and the number of children actually availing the MDM. For example, in SMH Middle School, South Car Street, Sirkali, the allotment is for 390 children. It was observed by the MI (as well as reported by some staff members) that on any given day not more than 200 to 225 children avail the food. However stocks are received and food is apparently cooked for the entire allotment of 390.

On the other hand, in some schools the allotment and/or the food available is clearly inadequate – as reported above in the case of PUPS Neermulai.

On the whole it can be said that proper and regular monitoring by all stakeholders – the Block level officials, VEC/SMC members and parents – has to be ensured in order to deal with such issues.