During the past year, the MAA programme has been rolled out in many different states. BPNI as technical partner of the programme has been involved in contributing to the success of the programme. Under the programme, as a first step, the states were required to create a pool of Master trainers to conduct sensitisation trainings and 4 day IYCF trainings at the grass roots. In collaboration with various states, BPNI has successfully conducted and coordinated MAA Master Trainer trainings. A brief of the work undertaken by BPNI is shared further:

1. Bihar- MAA Master Trainer’s Training: The training was conducted from 27 Feb- 5 March ’17 in Patna, at Hotel Orange Inn and clinical practices were done at Nalanda Medical College and Hospital (NMCH) Patna. A pool of 21 trainers was created in the seven days workshop. 4 National trainers of BPNI namely: Dr. Mukesh Yadav, Dr. Parbati Sengupta, Ms. Sarat Acharya, and Ms. Ulka Jamal.

2. W. Bengal- MAA Master Trainer’s Training: The training was conducted from 7- 13 August’17. 23 faculty members from Department of Paediatrics, Gynae and Obstetrics, community medicine along with sister tutors were trained in the training held at Nil Ratan Sircar Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata. The training was facilitated by Dr. MMA Faridi as course director and 4 trainers, namely Dr. K.C. Aggarwal, Dr. Parbati Sengupta, Ms. Vibharika Chandola, and Ms. Ulka Jamal.

3. Haryana- National Trainer’s Training: BPNI was approached for the first time to create a pool of national trainers under the MAA programme, which builds the state capacity and does not make them dependent on the availability of external national trainers. Under Dr. K.P. Kushwaha as course director, 7 national trainers were created who are faculty members, medical officers, consultants and trainers under NHM Haryana. Further a batch of 27 medical officers and dental surgeons from different districts were trained as counselling specialists and Master trainers as well. The clinical practices were conducted at General hospital, Panchkula.

4. Tripura- MAA Master Trainer’s Training: The training was conducted from 23- 29 October’17 at Agartala Medical College and GBP Hospital, Agartala. 25 Medical Officers from all the districts of Tripura were trained during the seven day course facilitated by National Trainers of BPNI; Dr. Mukesh Yadav, Dr. Sunita Katyayan, Dr. Sandhya Agrawal, Dr. B.B. Gupta.

5. Orissa- Master Trainer’s Training: BPNI was approached for providing only a list of available national trainers for conducting the course. Two national trainers facilitated the two trainings conducted from 17 April- 1 marches’17. Total participants trained were 37 and 31 resp.