In 2018, the Government of India, as part of the POSHAN Abhiyaan, launched the Anemia Mukt Bharat (AMB) with an ambitious target of reducing anemia by 3% points per annum till 2022. Adopting a systems approach, ensuring adequate and efficient planning, allocation, disbursement, and utilisation of the budget is critical to the success of the programme. Each of these pillars requires evidence-based policy insights to support programme management for greater impact. In this context, it is important to understand how development partners and civil society organisations can come together to support States in enhancing programme financial efficiency.

Between July 2019 and June 2020, UNICEF through the Technical Support Unit, Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) developed a framework for comprehensively tracking AMB budgets across the financial cycle (planning, allocation, disbursement, and expenditure) and supported policy-makers for effective implementation.

With this backdrop, the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) in collaboration with Accountability Initiative (AI) at the Centre for Policy Research (CPR) are hosting a webinar to present preliminary insights from the analysis of the framework and elicit views from technical experts, development partners, and civil society organisations on priority issues for research and policy action across programmes in general and AMB in particular.