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Dear Shri

Soil Transmitted Helminths (STH) is a significant Public Health concern for India. Around 68% Children of 1-14 years of age (22 Crore) in the Country are estimated to be at the risk of parasitic intestinal worm infestation. GoI has launched National deworming day program during February 2015 based on School & Anganwadi Centre as a fixed day strategy.

Tripura with 60% prevalence of STH been taking up Bi-annual Deworming program to treat all Children aged 1-19 Years, both enrolled and non-enrolled in Schools and Anganwadi Centre in conjunction with awareness generation activities and adopting sanitation-hygiene practices.

Like other state of India, Anganwadi and School based mass deworming Day for Tripura is planned for February 10, 2017. NDD will be followed by a mop up day on February 15, 2017 to cover children who might be left out earlier and will ensure maximum coverage with optimal utilization of resources.

The key stakeholders for NDD implementation are Dept. of Health, Education and SW-SE. Other stakeholders are Dept. of Panchayati Raj, Tribal Welfare, Rural Development, Urban Development, Drinking Water and Sanitation. Evidence Action Deworm the World Initiative is the technical assistance partners to Government of Tripura.

Intersectoral collaboration and convergence is crucial for successful implementation of deworming program at various levels. We seek your support for the same through active participation of PRI bodies at District and Block level coordination committee meetings, orientation workshops and also in community mobilization activities, specifically being planned for deworming.

We are confident that with your support, we will collectively be able to reach out to all the children in the age group 1-19 years for improving their quality of life with improved health and educational outcomes.

In this regard you are requested to instruct your department to actively participate and support for implementing the NDD, 2017 programme effectively.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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