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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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M/o Health and Family Welfare

Ms. Leena Nair
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ANIL SWARUP
Secretary
D/o School Education & Literacy

Dear Sir,

The Government of India is committed towards a worm-free future for the children of India. In order to reduce the load of intestinal worms in the country, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with support from Ministry of Women and Child Development and Department of School Education and Literacy under Ministry of Human Resource and Development has initiated National Deworming Day (NDD) all over the country where all children from 1-19 years of age are given deworming tablet through the platform of schools and anganwadi centres. National Deworming Day, has become one of the successful public health interventions in recent times. We have been able to reach millions of children during February and August 2016 rounds.

Moving further, we need to continue this momentum for National Deworming Day rounds in 2017 also. The first round will be implemented on 10th February, 2017. A detailed NDD toolkit containing Operational Framework, monitoring checklists, FAQs and Factsheets is uploaded on NHM website. Concerted efforts from all the departments at the State, District and Block level are required to ensure effective implementation and increased coverage of the programme.

The following steps are suggested to strengthen the coordination amongst the three stakeholder departments for the NDD program:

1. All the key stakeholder departments to coordinate with Department of Health in effective rolling out of NDD.
2. The State and District level NDD coordination committees to be chaired by the Principal Secretary (Health) and District Collector respectively.
3. School Education and Women & Child Development departments to provide the Department of Health with the desired numbers of target age group to cover all children 1-19 years age group including private schools, so as to ensure adequate procurement and supply of Albendazole tablets are made for conducting NDD.
4. All the departments need to put National Deworming Day as one of the agenda in their periodic meetings to reinforce key messages for the program and facilitate high coverage.
5. Training of functionaries from Education and WCD Departments to be supported by Health Department at State and District level, while block

- level training of teachers and anganwadi workers to be led by respective departments.
6. State may issue similar joint directive to the districts for effective rolling out of NDD 2017 rounds.
 7. All stakeholder departments to disseminate the IEC material provided by the Department of Health to the schools, anganwadis and community as appropriate for increasing program awareness and facilitate greater coverage.
 8. Officials of all the stakeholder departments are mandated to undertake field visits for monitoring and supportive supervision on the NDD and mop up day.
 9. Reporting formats filled by schools and AWCs to be collected by ANMs from schools and anganwadis within the specified timelines.

We request you to issue directives as above to the concerned departments of the State Government. We also request you to write to all District Magistrates in the State to take a lead in implementing NDD on 10th February, 2017 and ensuring interdepartmental convergence for NDD. We look forward to your support and cooperation for the successful implementation of the programme.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


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