

**Minutes of the State Level Coordination Committee Meeting (SLCCM) on observance of upcoming National Deworming Day (NDD), February 2017 round, held on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 at 15:00 hrs in the Conference Hall No. 4 of Pragna Bhawan, Agartala, Tripura under the chairmanship of Dr. Rakesh Sarwal, IAS, Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Tripura.**

1. Special Secretary (SW-SE Dept), Chief Executive Officer (TTAADC), Mission Director (NHM), Director (FW&PM), Director (Panchayat Raj), Joint Director (School Education), District level official of Health, Education and Social Welfare and Social Education department participated in the meeting. Country Director, Associate Director, Program and other team members from Evidence Action, also participated in the meeting.
2. The list of participants is **annexed**. Agenda of the meeting was as follows:
  - Overview of NDD in terms of NDD August, 2016 round coverage analysis, challenges and findings, implementation plan and strategies for upcoming NDD February, 2017 round
  - Incorporation of hygienic hand washing practice & weekly nail clipping as a part of behavioural change & streamlining of existing Iron Folic Acid (IFA) supplementation programmes.
3. At the outset, Dr. N. Darlong, Director, Family Welfare & Preventive Medicines, Govt. of Tripura, welcomed the participants to the meeting, highlighting agenda of the meeting.
4. Dr. Rakesh Sarwal, Principal Secretary (HFW), Govt. of Tripura stressed on the importance of hygienic hand washing practice & weekly nail clipping as a part of behavioural change in preventing Worm infestation. As Worm infestation is one of the main causes of anaemia, Pr. Secy (HFW) explained how awareness of benefits of IFA supplementation can be reached amongst the children & adolescents at school & AWC utilizing NDD as a platform for streamlining of existing Iron Folic Acid (IFA) supplementation.
5. Dr. Sandeep Rathod, IAS, CEO, TTAADC shared his opinion regarding the essence of strengthening awareness on deworming in TTAADC areas where the community people are more panicky in terms of adverse effects. Emergency response team (AEM team) needs to be in placed in the area to tackle the problem. He requested all the concerned to be careful about the expiry date of Albendazole tablet.
6. Mr. C. Murty, IFS, Spl. Secretary, SW & SE said that the performance of SW & SE in the past round was quite encouraging but the dept. still has to do a lot. He stressed that he will look in to the matter to ensure that all the target groups under SW & SE dept. are covered fully in the coming round by involving all officials/workers at all levels of SW-SE dept. He emphasised that private schools particularly need to be targeted.
7. Mr. Nirmal Adhikary, Joint Director, School Education Dept. pointed out that the concerned District School authorities have to put extra effort to cover all the children enrolled under Govt/Govt aided/ Pvt. Schools/Madrasas and ensure that no children remain left out in the upcoming programme.
8. Mr. Rajendra Kr. Noatia, Director Panchayati Raj assured that he will take care on maximum PRIs participation in the District & Block level Coordination Committee Meeting.

9. Dr. Debasish Saha, State Nodal officer, Deworming Intervention then presented elaborately regarding State coverage analysis on NDD 2016, August round, overview of operational plan and strategies for upcoming round of NDD 2017.
10. Mr. Deepak Yadav, Associate Director, Program, Evidence Action, New Delhi presented overview of NDD and role of Evidence Action as a technical assistance partner of NDD at National level in general and Tripura in particular. He highlighted the findings of monitoring & evaluation in terms of training quality, rapid monitoring, process monitoring and coverage validation and talked in details on probable reasons behind inflation of coverage reporting.
11. Ms. Priya Jha, Country Director, Evidence Action, New Delhi shared overall experience on NDD of the States in the Country in terms of better coverage during NDD, August 2016 round. She also discussed on initiatives taken by Evidence Action supported states on involvement of private schools during NDD, August 2016 round.
12. In course of the discussion following key decisions were taken unanimously for smooth roll out of NDD February, 2017 round –

**i. Dates for NDD, February 2017 round:**

The state will observe National Deworming Day (NDD) on **February 10, 2017** followed by Mop up day (MUD) on **February 15, 2017** across 8 (eight) Districts in the state covering all blocks.

**ii. Additional Role and Responsibilities of Stakeholder Department:**

Beside the given role of stakeholder department during NDD, February round following additional responsibilities was assigned to the stakeholder department:

- Health department:
  - Intensive awareness on importance on hand washing and weekly nail trimming, significance of weekly IFA supplementation in convergence with NDD campaign.
- Tribal Welfare Department:
  - Ensure maximum coverage of tribal children age group from 1- 19 years (enrolled, unregistered & school dropout) under TTAADC areas
  - Ensure maximum involvement of Pvt. Schools under TTAADC area.
  - Ensure active participation through community mobilization activities by utilizing existing machineries.
- DWS Department
  - Ensure provision of potable Drinking water
  - Will take up IEC activities on sanitation
- ICA Department
  - Ensure proper dissemination of key messages on NDD utilizing media
- Department of Panchayat Raj
  - Ensure participation of PRI bodies at district & block level NDD coordination committee meeting and community mobilization
- Role of DM & Collector
  - Facilitate inter-departmental harmonization through organising district level meeting
  - Supervise quality implementation of proposed orientation training cascade at district level

- Encourage authority of private schools to participate in NDD implementation
- Oversee implementation and monitor the progress of NDD
- Resolve programmatic issues at District level and beyond
- **Role of SDM & BDO**
  - Assist inter-departmental synchronization through conducting Block level meeting
  - Supervise quality execution of proposed orientation training cascade at Block levels
  - Encourage use of common community based platforms like VHNDs, VHSNC meetings, Gram Panchayats for community mobilization and mass awareness
  - Supervise effective implementation of NDD programme at block level
  - Active involvement in monitoring of intervention during the NDD implementation
  - Manage programmatic issues at Block level and beyond.

**iii. Target for Feb.2017 NDD:**

It was decided that the respective District should freeze the target at the earliest for NDD Feb. 2017 round based on U-DISE data (2015-16) for School and Anganwadi children as per registration data available in ICDS. Un-registered children of age group 1-5 years and out of school children of age group 6-19 years shall be fixed based on the ASHA survey report which is expected to be received by end of December 2016. As per data available the tentative target for NDD, Feb'17 round is about **11, 73,967**.

**iv. Different level coordination committee Meeting:**

It was decided that District level coordination committee meetings (DLCCM) will be held between December 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 and Block level coordination committee meetings (BLCCM) will be held between December 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with all the members of stakeholder dept. including PRIs & private school representatives.

**v. Orientation Workshop:**

- State level orientation training workshop will be conducted on either 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> Dec'16 as per availability of venue.
- District level orientation training will be conducted between 2<sup>nd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. State Nodal Officer (Deworming Intervention) and State level IEC & HRD consultant of DWS dept. (if available) will remain present during District level orientation workshops.
- Block level workshops will be conducted during 13<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017. Participants per batch should preferably not exceed more than 50-55.
- Emphasis should be given on filling up of Monitoring & Supervision formats, Reporting formats, AE reporting format, and to ensure Community mobilization.

**vi. Integrated distribution of NDD Kit:**

- It was decided that District wise, block wise and department wise bundling of medicines, IEC (on NDD & Sanitation) & training materials will be done at State level. This will be ready prior to conduct of State level workshop.
- IFA tablets shall be bundled with IEC & training materials for replenishment.

