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Government of Tripura

Director of Family Welfare & P.M.

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Role of ASHAs in National Deworming Day August 2017

You are aware that the State is gearing up for the next NDD round on August 10, 2017, followed by a mop day on August 17 to reach more and more children to receive the benefits of deworming for improving their health and education outcomes. As per the NDD operational guidelines developed by MoHFW, the ASHAs/*Sahiya* has a critical role in the successful implementation of the NDD program those enlisted below:

1. Generating community awareness and mobilizing out-of-school children:

- As part of community mobilization and awareness campaign, ASHAs conduct village meetings with parents and disseminate information through local platforms such as Gram Panchayats and Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committee (VHSNC) meetings to ensure greater coverage. They inform community about harmful effects of worm infestation, benefits of deworming and Importance sanitation and hygiene practices viz, handwashing before taking food and after using toilet and regular nail trimming to reduce re-infection to beneficiaries. Additionally, *Importance of Iron Folic Acid (IFA) Supplementation has to be informed*. ASHA is also the main point of contact for out-of-school children, who are hard to reach and more heavily infected than school going children.
- ASHA is trained/ oriented on NDD during the monthly review meetings. A handout for ASHAs focusing on her role and responsibilities towards community mobilization is also available in the resources toolkit and is made available to her during trainings.
- After NDD, AWW will prepare a list of children who have missed the dose due to absence or sickness and share the list with ASHA/*Sahiya*. ASHA/*Sahiya* would then make an effort to inform children to be present on Mop Up Day for taking the Albendazole dose.

2. Supporting reporting with anganwadi worker:

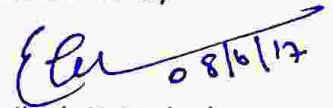
- ASHA while being present at the anganwadi centre, will separately record the details of out-of- school children as per the standard recording format and will submit it to the ANM (for receiving incentive). NDD financial guidelines has provision of Rs.100 as ASHA/*Sahiya* incentive for mobilizing and ensuring every eligible child (1-19 years out-of-school and non-enrolled) is administered Albendazole, which the ASHA/*Sahiya* can claim after submission of reporting form to the ANM as per the NDD guidelines.

Additionally, following steps are to be taken at Districts by department of health for strengthening ASHA engagement in the State and Districts for better coverage of unregistered and out of school children for upcoming NDD round:

- a) District has to share block wise updated contact details of ASHAs to State Nodal officer, NDD through State ASHA cell in a prescribed format attached in Annexure 'A' on or before 15 days from the date of notification for the purpose of sending training reinforcement messages on NDD.
- b) ASHA will enlist the name & number of un-registered 1-6 yrs children & 6-19 yrs children under her jurisdiction as per prescribed format attached in Annexure 'B' & submit to the SDAPM or DAPM keeping a copy to her. In turn SDAPM or DAPM will prepare a compiled statement & sent to the SAPM by 30th June'17 without any fail. CMO will issue necessary instruction.
- c) The NDD Financial guidelines has provision of ASHA incentives for mobilising unregistered/out of school children of 1-19 years for administration of the deworming drug. Timely disbursement of ASHA incentives should be ensured.

We look forward your timely support and cooperation on this.

Yours Sincerely



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To

All CMOs North/Unakoti/Dhalai/Khowai/West/Sepahijala/Gomati & South

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1. The Director of Family Welfare & PM for information
2. State Nodal Officer, NDD, DFWPM, Govt. of Tripura for kind information and necessary action.
3. State ASHA Program Manager, State ASHA Cell, SHFWS, Govt. of Tripura kind information and necessary action.
4. All District & Sub-divisional ASHA Program Manager kind information and necessary action.
5. State Program Coordinator, Evidence Action, Tripura for kind information



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