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GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA

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Dated, Agartala the 17th January 2020

To

All Chief Medical Officers - North, South, West, Khowai, Unakoti, Dhalai, Sepahijala & Gomati district

Sub: Regarding expected role of ASHAs for mobilization of unregistered (1-5 years) and Out of school children (6-19 years) in the upcoming NDD February 2020 round

Dear Sir/Madam,

As the state of Tripura moves towards the implementation of its tenth round of National Deworming Day (NDD) on February 17, 2020 followed by mop-up day on February 24, 2020. As per the NDD operational guidelines developed by MoHFW, the ASHAs have critical role to the success of the NDD program by generating community awareness and mobilization of unregistered children in *anganwadi* (1- 5 years) and Out of school children (6-19 years) to ensure maximum coverage. To reiterate, **role of ASHAs in NDD** is enclosed (**Annexure A**) for your reference.

During independent survey held on NDD August 2019, 153 ASHAs were interviewed, of those, 48% reported administering the deworming drug to children, which is not recommended as per NDD guidelines. of those interviewed, 68% reported preparing the list of unregistered preschool-age children and out-of-school children. On the positive side, 92% of ASHAs conducted meetings with parents to inform them about NDD. It shows a scope of improvement in involvement of ASHA as per the NDD guidelines and a possible reason for this could be gap in orientation of ASHA on their expected role in NDD during block-training.

NDD financial guidelines has provision of Rs.100 as ASHA incentive for mobilizing and ensuring every child (1-19 years) is administered albendazole which the ASHA can claim after submission of ASHA reporting form to the MPW/ANM. Timely payment of ASHA incentives is critical for their engagement in NDD program.

All CMOs are requested to instruct and sensitize all concerned officials of ASHA at district, health facility level and below the level for their active participation in the upcoming NDD February 2020 rounds in terms of attending meeting and training organize at district and block level.

Further, in order to extend deworming benefits to unregistered preschool-age children and out of school children (6-19 years) in community; regular orientation of ASHAs on their specific role in community mobilization through existing platforms like Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Committee, ASHA Varosa Divas and their monthly meetings at Cluster and Blocks should be capitalized during January 2020 to February 24, 2020

Again, ASHA should prepare a list of children mobilized in the prescribed format enclosed (**Annexure B**) and share the same with ASHA Nodal Officer at their respective health facility and a copy to *anganwadi centre* by **January 25, 2020**. Further, all CMOs are requested to provide copy of form to all ASHAs as required. ASHA Nodal Officer at health facility level should compiled ASHA survey report in the prescribed format enclosed (**Annexure C**) and share the same with District Nodal Officer (Health) by **January 31, 2020**

for coordination and logistic arrangement for drugs with Social Welfare and Social Education at district and below the level. Further ASHA Nodal Officer should closely monitor activities of ASHA's community mobilization efforts in NDD.

We look forward your timely support and cooperation for better engagement of ASHA in the upcoming NDD

Yours faithfully,



Mission Director, NHM
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1. Director, Family Welfare & PM, Government of Tripura for information
2. State Nodal Officer, NDD, DFWPM, Government of Tripura for information and necessary action.
3. All District Nodal Officer, NDD, Government of Tripura for information and necessary action
4. State ASHA Program Manager, State ASHA cell, SHFWS, Govt. of Tripura information and necessary action
5. All District ASHA Program Manager, Government of Tripura for information and necessary action.
6. All ASHA Nodal Officers, Government of Tripura for information and necessary action
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