OFFICE OF THE MISSION DIRECTOR NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION **GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA** No.F.13 (3-62)-DFWPM/PHS/DEWORM/2018/ (Sub-I)

Dated

16th January 2019

To

The Chief Medical Officer - West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura / Dhalai, Government of Tripura.

Subject: Regarding participation of Technical/degree colleges in National Deworming Day (NDD) February 2020 round and suggested action points.

Sir/Madam,

This is with reference to the preparations for upcoming National Deworming Day (NDD), to be held in February 2020 in the state.

With the aim to cover all children in the target age group (1 to 19 years), Department of Health has been issued letter to participate institutions affiliated to Higher Education, Industries and Commerce Department including private institutions such as degree colleges and technical institutes (ITIs, polytechnics, nursing colleges, and vocational training institutions etc.) in NDD February 2020. Similarly, separate letter has been issued to respective private colleges, NIT and professional degree colleges as well.

Coverage details from these institutions are reported under out-of-school category in the NDD app. However, to understand their specific contribution in the overall NDD coverage during the August 2019 NDD round, a separate reporting of these institutes was introduced by use of Google forms. Evidence Action provided support in compilation and analysis of this data. Following is a summary of the findings:

Key findings:

- 8 out of 8 districts issued letters regarding inclusion of technical institutes in the NDD trainings.
- 46 out of 49 technical institutes/colleges reported coverage in Google forms across 7 districts while Sepahijala did not report coverage data of these institutes in google form.
- 44 out of 49 technical institutes/colleges reported to have attended training for NDD August 2019 round.
- Out of 16,152 adolescents' students enrolled in 49 technical institutes/colleges etc., 12,875 adolescents were administered albendazole on NDD and mop-up day.

Suggested Action points for the upcoming NDD February 2020:

District Health department should continue engagement of institutes affiliated to Department of Higher Education and Industries and Commerce to ensure their participation in the district

- meeting. District-level meetings help in engaging the technical institutions in NDD program and also in the clarifying doubts and address concerns related to the program.
- District Health department may recommend the compilation of contact and enrolment database of these institutions to align district level target.
- Since drugs administration and reporting is being done directly by MPWs, hence in order to ensure
 coordination in terms of logistic arrangement of drugs, IEC and reporting among these institutes.
 District Health department should release directives to concerned officials for successful
 implementation of the program.
- As current NDD application has no separate column to capture data for these institutions, so to understand their specific contribution in the overall NDD coverage, Block Nodal Officers are required to fill in this information to google form during coverage reporting. (Google link will be shared in due course of time)
- Government of India has recently shared the revised reporting formats for NDD coverage reporting for these institutes. (enclosed). You are requested to share the revised reporting format to MPW/MPS for onwards reporting to respective Block Nodal Officers.

Following the learnings from August 2019 NDD round, we hope to enhance our engagement with all institutions affiliated to Higher Education and Industries and Commerce department including private institutions to streamline reporting and expand coverage in the upcoming NDD February 2020 rounds.

Yours faithfully,

Mission Director (NHM)
Government of Tripura

Enclosed as stated

Copy to:

- 1. The Director, Family Welfare & Preventive Medicine (DFWPM), Government of Tripura for information.
- 2. The State Nodal Officer, NDD, DFWPM, Government of Tripura for information and necessary action.
- 3. All District Nodal Officers West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura / Dhalai for information and necessary action
- 4. The State Program Manager, Evidence Action Deworm the world Initiative, Tripura for information.

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1. PS to the Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Tripura for kind information to the Secretary.

Mission Director (NHM)