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No.F.13 (3-62)-DFWPM/PHS/DEWORM/2018/ (Sub-II)

Dated, Agartala the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

To

The CMO, DISE and DEO - North, West, South, Unakoti, Dhalai, Gomati, Sepahijala and Khowai  
Government of Tripura.

Sir/Madam,

The COVID-19 pandemic has posed serious challenges for health systems across Tripura and as it is not yet feasible to define the end point of the pandemic. It is recognized that other ongoing public health programs including deworming program continue to be implemented in parallel.

With continued closure of schools and *anganwadis*, which are the usual platforms for implementation of the deworming program are being revisited in the state of Tripura for the forthcoming round of deworming.

State government has decided to conduct the second round of National deworming program from September 28 – October 5, 2020 over a span of 7 days.

Given the requirement of maintaining physical distancing norms which does not allow for following a fixed day approach of NDD, the state will conduct an extended (7 days) implementation schedule for Albendazole administration by undertaking community-based approach of Albendazole tablets through engaging frontline functionaries (ASHA and AWW) with door to door administration approach. However, in identified containment zones/ houses that are quarantined, NDD will be conducted after they are de-notified by district and/ or state administration. FLWs (AWWs/ASHAs/ANM) will follow prescribed safety measures in the context of COVID-19. Standard Operating Procedures for implementation of Community- based deworming program during COVID-19 is **enclosed in Annexure A** for your reference and necessary action.

You are requested to initiate the following action points for the upcoming community-based deworming program in your districts:

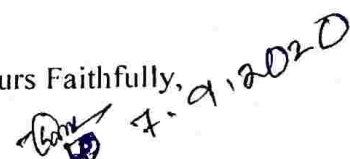
1. **Drug indent:** All districts health department are requested to indent drugs (Albendazole tablets 400 mg) through online as per district requirement (enclosed district-wise drug requirement) and district to collect drugs from NHM store section by September 9, 2020 for onwards distribution to health facility level and ASHA by third week of September 2020.
2. State has set program targets for all 8 districts which is same as the pre-NDD target set during NDD February 2020. **Block-wise target is enclosed in Annexure B.**
3. State level training for DNO, BNO, DPM and DAPM through virtual mode is scheduled on September 10, 2020 separate notification will be issued shortly.
4. State recommended all districts to conduct virtual training at all levels. This has to be completed by third week of September 2020. State will provide power-point presentation for the training.
5. Dissemination of IEC and training toolkits: state will share IEC and training toolkits (training video of frontline workers, ASHA/AWW handout, WhatsApp's messages, SMS, miking scripts, TVC, social media package, diary note etc.) by second week of September 2020 and districts officials of stakeholder departments to disseminate the same at all levels through digital platform only however printed reporting formats will be provided to all districts by

second week of September 2020 for further distribution to block (BNO) and below level (ASHA, ANM/MPW etc.)

6. All the stakeholder departments, Health, Social Welfare & Social Education/ ICDS, Education to work collectively for successful implementation of NDD in terms of creating awareness through their respective platforms for wider awareness and jointly review the program preparedness at all levels. **Stakeholder departments responsibilities is enclosed in Annexure C**
7. **All stakeholder department to release letter to all concerned officials of block/Health Facility level regarding deworming program preparedness at all levels.**
8. All concerned officials are to follow state's specific reporting cascade and timelines for upcoming deworming program (**enclosed in Annexure D**)
9. Fund for ASHA/AWW incentive and miking are provisioned for the upcoming deworming program. The same will be sanctioned shortly.

We look forward to your cooperation and support

Yours Faithfully,

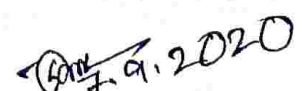
  
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Copy to: -

1. The Mission Director, NHM, Government of Tripura for kind information
2. The Director, Social Welfare and Social Education for information.
3. The Director, Elementary Education for information.
4. The Director, Secondary Education for information.
5. The Director, Higher Education for information.
6. The State Nodal Officer, NDD, DFWM, Tripura, for information and necessary action.
7. The Principal Officer, Social Welfare & Social Education, TTAADC for information.
8. The Principal Officer, Education, TTAADC for information.
9. The Principal Officer, Health, TTAADC for information
10. The DNO - North, West, South, Unakoti, Dhalai, Gomati, Sepahijala and Khowai for information and necessary action.
11. The State ASHA Program Manager, NHM for information.
12. The DPM -North, West, South, Unakoti, Dhalai, Gomati, Sepahijala and Khowai. For information
13. The DAPM - North, West, South, Unakoti, Dhalai, Gomati, Sepahijala and Khowai for information.
14. The State Program Manager, Evidence Action-Deworm the World initiative for information.

Copy also forwarded to:

1. PS to the Additional Chief Secretary, H&FW department for kind information to the ACS.
2. PS to the Secretary, Education for kind information to the Secretary.
3. PS to the Special Secretary, Social Welfare & Social Education department for kind information to the Special Secretary.
4. The District Magistrate Cum Collector - North, West, South, Unakoti, Dhalai, Gomati, Sepahijala and Khowai for kind information.
5. The CEO, TTAADC for kind information.

  
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