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GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
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To
The Director of Panchayat
Government of Tripura
P.N. Complex, Gurkhabasti
Agartala – 799006

Subject: Inclusion of National Deworming Day (NDD) agenda in regular meetings to be organized between January 2019 to NDD February 13, 2019

Sir,

This is with reference to the preparations for the upcoming eighth round of National Deworming Day (NDD) to be held on February 8, 2019 followed by a mop-up day on February 14, 2019 in all the schools and anganwadis centers in the state. First of all, State Health & Family Welfare department, Government of Tripura would like to thank Directorate of Panchayat for taking up community mobilization efforts during NDD August 2018 in Tripura.

As you are aware that deworming is significant for children as it improves their health (prevents anaemia, malnourishment, impaired mental and physical development) and leads to better education (improves attendance and retention of children in school and anganwadis) and livelihood opportunities (better adult outcomes and economic development) for them.

Further, for the successful roll-out of the NDD campaign in the State, community mobilization and awareness is an important component and the role of panchayats is very crucial in mobilizing and sensitizing community people on importance and benefits of deworming among children aged 1-19 years. Therefore, you are requested to support in the community mobilization activities of the program by inclusion of NDD as one of the agenda points and sensitize different functionaries during meetings/gram sabha which needs to be organized between January 2019 to February 13, 2019.

Additionally, we would like to involve elected panchayats functionaries for spreading awareness in the community about the NDD among the following –

- Parents who have children in the school going age group (both enrolled and out-of-school) and motivate them to send their children to schools (in case of enrolled children) and anganwadi centres (in case of out-of-school children 1-19 years) on NDD (February 08) and mop-up day (February 14)
- Parents of children above 1 and below the age of 6 for sending their children to anganwadi centres on NDD (February 08) and mop-up day (February 14).
- Participation in district, block level meetings and trainings of NDD planned from second to fourth week of January 2019.

In this regard you are requested to issue directions to your district/block level officers to support in community mobilization activities for NDD February 2019, and share a copy of the letter with State Nodal Officer, National Deworming Day program at the Department of Health (Email:
nddtripura@gmail.com, 9862670872). Your district/block representatives can coordinate with District Nodal Officers (Annexure 1: list with contact details) of respective district for participation.

Handbill on National Deworming Day (both English and Bengali version) is enclosed herewith for facilitation of the same.

I look forward to cooperation from your end.

Thanking you

Yours Faithfully,

(Dr. Shailesh Kumar Yadav, IAS)
Mission Director (NHM)
Govt. of Tripura

Enclo: As stated.

Copy to:

2. The Director, Elementary Education department, Government of Tripura for information.
3. The Director, Secondary Education department, Government of Tripura for information.
4. The Director, Higher Education department, Government of Tripura for information.
5. The Director, Social Welfare & Social Education, Government of Tripura for information.
6. The Director, Industries and Commerce department Government of Tripura for information.
7. The State Nodal Officer, NDD, DFWPM department, Government of Tripura for information and necessary action.
8. All Chief Medical Officers - West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura / Dhalai for information and necessary action.
9. All District Education Officers - West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura / Dhalai for information and necessary action.
10. All District Inspector of Social Education- West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura / Dhalai for information and necessary action.
11. All District Nodal Officers - West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura / Dhalai for information and necessary action.
12. The State Program Manager, Evidence Action, State Office, Tripura for information.

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1. PS to the Secretary, School Education department, Government of Tripura for kind information.
2. PS to the Secretary, Health & Family Welfare department, Government of Tripura for kind information.
3. PS to the Special Secretary, Education (Social Welfare & Social Education) department, Government of Tripura for kind information.

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