## 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 2020

To

The Director, Higher Education Department, Agartala, Government of Tripura

Subject: Request to continue support National Cadet Corps (NCC) in spreading awareness on National Deworming Day February 2020

#### Sir/Madam,

This is with reference to the preparations for the upcoming tenth round of National Deworming Day (NDD) to be held on February 17, 2020 followed by mop-up day on February 24, 2020 in *anganwadis* and Schools (Government and Private). Beyond schools and *anganwadis*, the program extended up to the level of degree and technical colleges/institutes, brickkilns and tea plantation sites etc. to cover up hard-to-reach areas in the age group of 1-19 years across the state.

2. As you 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.

3. Community mobilization and awareness generation is critical component for the successful implementation of NDD program. 13 Tripura Bn National Cadet Corps (NCC) can play a crucial role in sensitizing and spreading awareness on importance of NDD at schools and colleges. We would like to involve the NCC cadets in spreading awareness about the NDD program by organizing rally, motivate students to avail deworming benefits, support teacher on NDD and mop-up day etc.

4. Please note that NCC should not be engaged in administering deworming drug to children at schools and *anganwadis*.

5. In this regard you are requested to issue directions to concerned officials and NCC to support in community mobilization activities 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).

6. Community Handbill on National Deworming Day is enclosed (Annexure 1) herewith for facilitation of the same.

7. Further, we will be happy to receive an **action taken report** on the community mobilization and awareness activities on NDD under 13 Tripura Bn NCC as per template enclosed (**Annexure 2**) by **February 28, 2020** via email at <u>nddtripura@gmail.com</u>.

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8. We look forward to continue support and cooperation

Yours Faithfully,

Mission Director (NHM) Government of Tripura

#### Encl as stated:

Copy to:

- 1. The Director, Family Welfare and Preventive Medicine, Government of Tripura for information.
- 2. The State Nodal Officer, NDD Family Welfare & Preventive Medicine, Government of Tripura for information and necessary action.
- 3. All Chief Medical Officers West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura /Dhalai for information and necessary action
- 4. All District Education Officers West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura /Dhalai for information and necessary action
- 5. The Principal Officer, Education, TTAADC, Tripura for information and necessary action
- 6. All District Nodal Officers West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura /Dhalai for information and necessary action
- 7. The State Program Manager, Evidence Action, State Office, Tripura for information

### Copy forwarded to: -

- 1. PS to the Secretary, Health & Family Welfare department, Government of Tripura for kind information to the Secretary.
- 2. PS to the Secretary, Higher Education department, Government of Tripura for kind information to the Secretary.

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