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Dated 64th July 2019

To
The General Secretary,
Indian Medical Association
Tripura State Branch, Agartala

Subject: Request to support community mobilization efforts in the upcoming National Deworming Day (NDD) August 2019

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am to inform you that National Deworming Day (NDD) is organized with collaborative efforts of the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Social Welfare and Social Education and Education Department with technical assistance from Evidence Action since 2015.

2. NDD is a fixed single day approach initiated by the Government of India in February 2015 to ensure maximum coverage with optimal utilization of resources and by leveraging existing programs and infrastructure.

3. As you are aware 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 anganwadi) and livelihood opportunities (better adult outcomes and economic development) for them.

4. Tripura moves towards implementation of ninth round of National Deworming Day on August 8, 2019 followed by mop-up day on August 19, 2019 in all anganwadi centres and schools/colleges/technical/ITIs (both government and private) across the state.

5. Community mobilization and awareness generation is critical component for the successful implementation of NDD program. Functionaries and member of Indian Medical Association, Tripura State branch can play a vital role in sensitizing community people on importance of deworming among all children aged 1-19 years through regular activities/meeting held from July to August 18, 2019 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 (August 8) and mop-up day (August 19).
- Parents of children above 1 and below the age of 6 for sending their children to anganwadi centres on NDD (August 8) and mop-up day (August 19).
- Organize awareness program on NDD at school/community
- Dissemination of information to mass media (electronic and print) etc.

6. In this regard, you are kindly requested to release a directive to concerned IMA members to ensure they are actively participated in the upcoming National Deworming Day August 2019 and share a copy of the directive with State Nodal Officer, National Deworming Day program at the Department of Health (Email: nddtripura@gmail.com, 9862670872).

7. For ease of coordination we have enclosed contact details of district officials list (Annexure 1)

8. Community Handbill, National Deworming Day factsheet and WHO circular (Albendazole administration with food) are enclosed (Annexure 2) herewith for facilitation of the same.
8. Further, we will be happy to receive an action taken report on the community mobilization and awareness activities on NDD under IMA state branch as per template enclosed (Annexure 3) by August 30, 2019 via email at nddtripura@gmail.com

9. We look forward to support and cooperation

Thanking you

Yours Faithfully,

[Signature]

(Dr. Shailesh K Yadav, IAS)
Mission Director (NHM)
Government of Tripura

Enclosed as stated

Copy to:

1. The Director, Family Welfare and Preventive Medicine, Government of Tripura for information
2. The Director, Elementary Education, Government of Tripura for information
3. The Director, Secondary Education, Government of Tripura for information
4. The Director, Higher Education, Government of Tripura for information
5. The Director, Social Welfare and Social Education department, Government of Tripura for information
6. The Director, Industries and Commerce department, Government of Tripura for information
7. The State Nodal Officer, NDD, Family Welfare & Preventive Medicine, Government of Tripura for information
8. All Chief Medical Officers - North, South, West, Khowai, Unakoti, Dhalai, Sepahijala & Gomati Government of Tripura
9. The Principal Officer, Education TTAADC, Government of Tripura for information
10. The Principal Officer, Social Welfare & Social Education, TTAADC, Government of Tripura for information
11. All District Education Officers - North, South, West, Khowai, Unakoti, Dhalai, Sepahijala & Gomati Government of Tripura for information
12. All District Inspectors of Social Education - North, South, West, Khowai, Unakoti, Dhalai, Sepahijala & Gomati Government of Tripura
13. All District Nodal Officers (NDD) - North, South, West, Khowai, Unakoti, Dhalai, Sepahijala & Gomati Government of Tripura
14. State Program Manager, Evidence Action, Tripura for information

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1. PS to the Secretary, Heath and Family Welfare Department Government of Tripura for kind information to the Secretary
2. The Chief Executive Officer, TTAADC, Government of Tripura for kind information

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