

OFFICE OF THE MISSION DIRECTOR  
NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION  
GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA

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Dated 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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

**Subject: Request to continue support community mobilization efforts in the upcoming National Deworming Day (NDD) February 2020**

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 *anganwadis*) and livelihood opportunities (better adult outcomes and economic development) for them.

4. Tripura moves towards implementation of tenth round of National Deworming Day on February 17, 2020 followed by mop-up day on February 24, 2020 in all *anganwadis* 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 January to February 24, 2020 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 17) and mop-up day (February 24)
- Parents of children above 1 and below the age of 6 for sending their children to *anganwadi* centres on NDD (February 17) and mop-up day (February 24).
- 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 February 2020 and share a copy of the directive with State Nodal Officer, National Deworming Day program at the Department of Health (Email: [nddtripura@gmail.com](mailto: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 **February 28, 2020** via email at **nddtripura@gmail.com**.

9. We look forward to support and cooperation

Yours Faithfully,

  
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 State Nodal Officer, NDD, Family Welfare & Preventive Medicine, Government of Tripura for information.
3. All Chief Medical Officers - North, South, West, Khowai, Unakoti, Dhalai, Sepahijala & Gomati Government of Tripura.
4. All District Nodal Officers (NDD) - North, South, West, Khowai, Unakoti, Dhalai, Sepahijala & Gomati Government of Tripura.
5. State Program Manager, Evidence Action, Tripura for information.

Copy forwarded to:

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

  
Mission Director (NHM)