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GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
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To
The State National Social Service Officer
Shiksha Bhavan, Office Lane,
Agartala - 799001

Subject: Involvement of National Social Service Volunteers in National Deworming Day February 2019

Sir,

Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Tripura is going to implement eighth round of National Deworming Day (NDD) on February 08, 2019 followed by mop-up day on February 14, 2019 with joint efforts of Departments of Health, Education and Social Welfare & Social Education, Industries and Commerce department and technical assistance from Evidence Action. As per NDD operational guidelines, all children in age group of 1-19 years in all the districts through government and private schools, madrassa, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Navodaya Vidyalaya and Anganwadi centres will be covered.

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.

We would like to involve NSS volunteers from February 6 to 8, 2019 and February 12 to 14, 2019 for spreading awareness about the NDD program in schools, colleges and motivate - Parents who have children in the school going age group (both enrolled and out-of-school) 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).

Please note that NSS volunteers should not be engaged in administering deworming drug to children at schools and anganwadi centres.

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 in district & block level trainings and meeting of NDD planned from second to fourth week of January 2019. Also, kindly share the approximate number of NSS volunteers to be involved by you across the state for National Deworming Day in February 2019.

**Handbill on NDD (English and Bengali version)** is enclosed herewith which can be used by NSS volunteers for spreading awareness.

I look forward to cooperation from your end.

Thanking you

Yours Faithfully,

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

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. The Principal Officer, Education, TTAADC, Tripura for information and necessary action
12. The Principal Officer, Social Welfare & Social Education, TTAADC, Tripura for information and necessary action
13. All District Nodal Officers - West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura /Dhalai for information and necessary action
14. The State Program Manager, Evidence Action, State Office, Tripura for information

**Copy forwarded to:**

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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