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GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA  
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No.F.13 (3-62)-DFWPM/PHS/DEWORM/2018/ (Sub-II)  
Dated 26th December 2018

To

The State Director  
Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan  
Near Rajdhani Petroleum Bardowali  
Agartala, Tripura  
Pin: 799003

Subject: Involvement of NYKS in National Deworming Day February 2019

Sir,

This is with reference to the preparations for the upcoming National Deworming Day (NDD), to be held on February 8, 2019 in the state. First of all, State Health & Family Welfare department, Government of Tripura would like to thank NYKS for the community mobilization efforts taken up during NDD August 2018 in Tripura.

Like NDD August 2018 round, 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 Education, Social Welfare and Social Education (ICDS), 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 Schools, Private Schools, Madrassa, Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas, 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.

As discussed during state coordination committee meeting held on December 11, 2018 state has decided to continue involvement of NYKS volunteers from February 1 to 14, 2019 for spreading awareness about the NDD program among the following:

- *Panchayat* members and influential community members
- Parents who have children falling 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) 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 NYKS 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 youth coordinators detailing what is expected from them and share a copy of the letter with the State Nodal Officer, National Deworming Day program at the Department of Health (email: ndtripura@gmail.com). Your district youth coordinator can coordinate with Chief Medical Officer/ District Nodal Officer (health) (annexure 1: list with contact details) of respective districts for participation in district level trainings in first week of January 2019. Also, kindly share the approximate number of NYKS volunteers to be involved by you across the state for National Deworming Day in February 2019.

Community handbill (both English and Bengali version) on NDD has been enclosed which can be used by NYKS 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:

1. The Director, Family Welfare & Preventive Medicine department, Government of Tripura for kind information.
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.

(Dr. Shailesh Kumar Yadav, IAS)