

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTORATE OF  
FAMILY WELFARE AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE  
GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA

No.F.13 (3-62)-DFWPM/PHS/DEWORM/2018/ (Sub-I)

Dated 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019

To  
The Chief Executive Officer, Tripura Rural livelihood Mission,  
Government of Tripura

**Subject: Request to support community mobilization efforts in the upcoming National Deworming Day (NDD) August 2019 through Self Help Groups (SHGs) under Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission.**

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. 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. As the state moves towards implementation of National Deworming Day on August 8, 2019 followed by mop-up day on August 19, 2019 in all *anganwadi* centres and schools (both government and private) across the state.

5. Community mobilization and awareness generation is critical component for the successful implementation of NDD program. SHGs can play a crucial role in sensitizing community people on importance and benefits of deworming among all children aged 1-19 years through their regular meetings held from June to August 18, 2019. Specifically, they can support *anganwadi* workers and ASHA's community mobilization efforts for unregistered children in *anganwadi* centres (1-5 years) and Out-of-school children (6-19 years) in their community to avail deworming benefit at *anganwadi* centres.

6. Please note that SHG members should not be engaged in administering deworming drug to children at schools and *anganwadi* centres.

7. In this regard, you are kindly requested to release a directive to concerned district and block and cluster officials of Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission to ensure Self Help Groups 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](mailto:nddtripura@gmail.com), 9862670872). Our concerned officials (**enclosed contact details of district officials list Annexure 1**) can coordinate and reach out TRLM functionaries for participation in district and block level trainings of NDD planned from first to fourth week of July 2019.

8. **Community Handbill and poster** on National Deworming Day is enclosed (**Annexure 2**) herewith for facilitation of the same.

9. Further, we will be happy to receive a report on the community mobilization and awareness activities on NDD taken under TRLM as per template enclosed (**Annexure 3**) by **August 30, 2019** via email at [nddtripura@gmail.com](mailto:nddtripura@gmail.com)

10. We look forward to your kind support and cooperation

Thanking you

Yours Faithfully,

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*17-6-19*

(Dr. SK Chakma)

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**Enclosed: Annexures**

Copy to:

1. The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Government of Tripura for kind information
2. The State Nodal Officer, Family Welfare & Preventive Medicine Department Government of Tripura for information
3. All Chief Medical Officers - North, South, West, Khowai, Unakoti, Dhalai, Sepahijala & Gomati Government of Tripura
4. The Principal Officer, Education TTAADC, Government of Tripura for information
5. The Principal Officer, Social Welfare & Social Education, TTAADC, Government of Tripura for information
6. All District Education Officers - North, South, West, Khowai, Unakoti, Dhalai, Sepahijala & Gomati Government of Tripura for information
7. All District Inspectors of Social Education - North, South, West, Khowai, Unakoti, Dhalai, Sepahijala & Gomati Government of Tripura
8. All District Nodal Officers (NDD) - North, South, West, Khowai, Unakoti, Dhalai, Sepahijala & Gomati Government of Tripura
9. State Program Manager, Evidence Action, Tripura for information

Copy forwarded to:

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

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