

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

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Dated 18th June 2019

To
The Director, Urban Development Department,
Gurkha Basti, Agartala
Government of Tripura

Subject: Request to support in 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. 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. Urban local bodies like municipality 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. 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. Further, municipality can participate in the NDD meeting organize at their respective jurisdiction and disseminate the importance of National Deworming Day.

6. In this regard, you are kindly requested to release a letter to concerned municipality officials to ensure they are actively participated in the upcoming National Deworming Day August 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). Our concerned officials (enclosed contact details of district officials list Annexure 1) can coordinate and reach out functionaries of municipality for participation in district and block level meetings and trainings of NDD planned from June 2019 to July 2019.

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

8. Further, the department of Health and Family Welfare will be happy to receive an action taken report on the community mobilization and awareness activities on NDD taken under by municipality as per template enclosed (Annexure 3) by August 30, 2019 via email at nddtripura@gmail.com

9. We look forward to support and cooperation.

Yours faithfully

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(Dr. SK Chakma)

Director, Family Welfare and Preventive
Medicine, Agartala

Enclosed: Annexures

Copy to:

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

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