

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 18th June 2019

To

The Director of Panchayat
Government of Tripura
P.N. Complex, Gurkhabasti
Agartala – 799006

Subject: Inclusion of National Deworming Day (NDD) agenda in regular meetings to be organized between June 2019 to July 18, 2019

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, State Health and Family Welfare department, Government of Tripura would like to thank Directorate of Panchayat for continue support in community mobilization efforts during NDD February 2019 in Tripura.

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. 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. Functionaries of panchayats officials at district, block and village can play a crucial role in sensitizing community people on importance of deworming among all children aged 1-19 years through their regular meetings held from June to August 18, 2019. Additionally, we would like to involve elected panchayats functionaries 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 (August 8) and mop-up day (August 19)
- Parents of children above 1 and below the age of 6 for sending their children to *anganwadi* centres on NDD (August 8) and mop-up day (August 19).
- Participation in district, block level meetings and trainings of NDD planned from June to July 2019

6. In this regard, you are kindly requested to release a directive to concerned district and block and officials to ensure panchayats officials 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, 9862670872). Our concerned officials (**enclosed contact details of district officials list Annexure 1**) can coordinate and reach out panchayat's functionaries for participation in district and block level trainings of NDD planned from first to fourth week of July 2019.

7. Community Handbill and poster on National Deworming Day is 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 panchayats as per template enclosed (**Annexure 3**) by **August 30, 2019** via email at nddtripura@gmail.com

9. We look forward to continue support and cooperation

Thanking you

Yours Faithfully,



(Dr. SK Chakma)

Director, Family Welfare and Preventive
Medicine, Government of Tripura

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. The Principal Officer, Education TTAADC, Government of Tripura for information
4. The Principal Officer, Social Welfare & Social Education, TTAADC, Government of Tripura for information
5. All District Education Officers - North, South, West, Khowai, Unakoti, Dhalai, Sepahijala & Gomati Government of Tripura for information
6. All District Inspectors of Social Education - North, South, West, Khowai, Unakoti, Dhalai, Sepahijala & Gomati Government of Tripura
7. All District Nodal Officers (NDD) - North, South, West, Khowai, Unakoti, Dhalai, Sepahijala & Gomati Government of Tripura
8. 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
2. The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Government of Tripura for kind information
3. The Chief Executive Officer, TTAADC, Government of Tripura for kind information



(Dr. SK Chakma)