

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

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Dated 18th June 2019

To
The Executive Engineer
Public Works Department (DWS)
Government of Tripura
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Subject: Inclusion of National Deworming Day (NDD) August 2019 agenda in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA) activities at Schools, Anganwadi Centres and community

Sir,

This is with reference to leveraging the synergies between the National Deworming Day (NDD) and the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA) program for the common goal of improving child health status and educational outcomes.

2. The NDD is a fixed day program for treatment of intestinal parasitic worms Soil Transmitted Helminths (STH) held across the State through administration of albendazole tablet across schools and *anganwadis*. The Department of Health in joint collaboration with Departments of Education and Social Welfare & Social Education with technical assistance from Evidence Action will held NDD on August 8, 2019 followed by mop-up day on August 19, 2019.

3. The purpose of the NDD program is to reduce worm loads and keep them low but drug administration is a short-term route of addressing worm infections, improved sanitation, hygiene education and awareness is the long-term route. Both are complementary ways of addressing worm infections.

4. The NDD operational guidelines of MoHFW suggests long term interventions to minimize transmission of STH by improvement in water and sanitation and behavioural change in children of schools and *anganwadi* centers and community at large through focusing on the use of toilet, encouraging children to wear shoes/chappals, washing hands with soap before eating and after using toilet and clean water supply. It also encourages all states/UTs to identify synergies between NDD and SBA. This could include exploring available platforms and leveraging messages for cross-program strengthening.

5. We have enclosed SBM-NDD IEC Kit (**Annexure 1**) which was introduced officially by the Office of National Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission (U) on 25th January 2019 with all State Mission Directors (SBM) and other senior state officials for wider circulation by their state and district functionaries in all SBM-Urban areas. Further, Community handbill on National Deworming Day and behavior poster is enclosed herewith SBM-NDD IEC Kit for facilitation of the same.

6. Please note that SBM officials 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 officials of SBM to ensure for inclusion of National Deworming Day agenda in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan activities at Schools, *Anganwadi* centres and community at large and participate official of SBM in district and block level

meeting and trainings of NDD planned from June to July 2019 to synergize our common goal set towards improving child health status and educational outcomes in the state 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 in Annexure 2) can coordinate and reach out SBM officials for their participation.

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 SBM as per template enclosed (Annexure 3) by August 30, 2019 via email at nddtripura@gmail.com

9. I look forward to cooperation from your end.

Yours faithfully

Encl: As stated.

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17-6-2019

(Dr. SK Chakma)

Director, Family Welfare and Preventive
Medicine, Government of Tripura

Copy to:

1. The State Nodal Officer, NDD, Directorate of Family Welfare and Preventive Medicine, Government of Tripura for information and necessary action.
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 Principal Secretary, PWD, Government of Tripura, Agartala for kind information
2. PS to the Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Government of Tripura for kind information
3. The District Magistrate & Collector - West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/ South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura /Dhalai, Government of Tripura
4. The Chief Executive Officer, TTAADC, Government of Tripura for kind information
5. The Mission Director, NHM, Government of Tripura for kind information

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