

OFFICE OF THE MISSION DIRECTOR
NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION
GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA

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Dated 25th June 2019

To
The Labour Commissioner & Secretary,
Directorate of Labour,
1st floor, Old AMC building, Jacksongate Agartala

Sub: Request to support state initiative towards availing deworming benefits to brickkilns workers and tea plantation workers in the age group of 1-19 years in the upcoming August 2019 round of National Deworming Day (NDD)

Dear 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. 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.

3. The state government continues to be committed to include more out-of-school children and hard to reach populations of the state into the program. A strong example of this drive has been the inclusion of out-of-school children (1 - 19 years) living in brickkiln communities since February 2017. The main challenge was setting target group of beneficiaries due to seasonal activity migratory in nature and coordination with brickkilns sites.

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. As per decision taken in the NDD State Coordination Committee Meeting held on June 4, 2019 reiterated the need for support from Directorate of Labour department for effective coverage of brickkilns sites and tea plantation workers across the state in the age group of 1-19 years in the upcoming National Deworming Day.

6. In this regard, you are requested for Issuance of directives from state to District Labour Department for providing necessary support and coordination with Health department for mobilization of brickkilns and tea plantation workers and attending meeting and training organize at district level for NDD. Lists of district health officials are enclosed in **Annexure 1**

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

8. We look forward to cooperation and support.

Thanking you

Yours Faithfully,


(Dr. Shailesh K Yadav, IAS)
Mission Director (NHM)
Government of Tripura

Encl: As stated

Copy to:

1. The Director Family Welfare and Preventive Medicine, Government of Tripura for information
2. The State Nodal Officer, NDD, Directorate Family Welfare & Preventive Medicine, Government of Tripura for information and necessary action.
3. All District Labour Officer - West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura /Dhalai for information and necessary action
4. All Chief Medical Officers - West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura /Dhalai for information and necessary action
5. All District Nodal Officers - West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura /Dhalai for information and necessary action
6. The State Program Manager, Evidence Action, State Office, Tripura for information

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


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