### OFFICE OF THE MISSION DIRECTOR NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA

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

## Dated $25^{\text{th}}$ June 2019

To

The State National Social Service Officer Shiksha Bhavan, Office Lane, Agartala - 799001

# Subject: Involvement of National Social Service Volunteers in spreading awareness on National Deworming Day August 2019

### Sir,

This is with reference to the preparations for the upcoming mass National Deworming Day (NDD) to be held on August 8, 2019 followed by mop-up day on August 19, 2019 in *anganwadi* centres and Schools (Government and Private). Beyond schools and *anganwadi* centres, the program extended up to the level of degree and technical colleges/institutes to cover up to 19 years of age group across the state.

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. Community mobilization and awareness generation is critical component for the successful implementation of NDD program. National Social Service (NSS) volunteers can play a crucial role in sensitizing and spreading awareness on importance of NDD at schools and colleges from June to August 18, 2019 through organizing rally, school assembly/prayer, motivate students to avail deworming benefits, support teacher on NDD and mop-up day etc. Please note that National Social Service (NSS) volunteers should not be engaged in administering deworming drug to children at schools and *anganwadi* centres.

5. In this regard you are requested to issue directions to concerned officials and NSS volunteers to support in community mobilization activities 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). Your concerned officials can coordinate with District Nodal Officers (Annexure1) of respective district for ease of coordination at field level. Also, kindly share the approximate number of NSS voulnteers to be involved by you across the state for National Deworming Day in August 2019.

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

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7. Further, we will be happy to receive an **action taken report** on the community mobilization and awareness activities on NDD under NSS as per template enclosed (Annexure 3) by August 30, 2019 via email at nddtripura@gmail.com

8. We look forward to support and cooperation

Thanking you

Yours Faithfully,

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

Enl as stated:

Copy to:

- 1. The Director, Family Welfare and Preventive Medicine, Government of Tripura for information
- 2. The Director, Elementary Education, Government of Tripura for information.
- 3. The Director, Secondary Education, Government of Tripura for information.
- 4. The Director, Higher Education, Government of Tripura for information
- 5. The State Nodal Officer, NDD Family Welfare & Preventive Medicine, Government of Tripura for information and necessary action.
- 6. All Chief Medical Officers West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura /Dhalai for information and necessary action
- 7. All District Education Officers West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura /Dhalai for information and necessary action
- 8. The Principal Officer, Education, TTAADC, Tripura for information and necessary action
- 9. The Principal Officer, Social Welfare & Social Education, TTAADC, Tripura for information and necessary action
- 10. All District Nodal Officers West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura /Dhalai for information and necessary action
- 11. The State Program Manager, Evidence Action, State Office, Tripura for information

### Copy forwarded to: -

- 1. PS to the Secretary, Health & Family Welfare department, Government of Tripura for kind information.
- 2. PS to the Secretary, School Education department, Government of Tripura for kind information.
- 3. PS to the Chief Executive Officer, TTAADC, Government of Tripura for kind information.

(Dr. Shailesh K Yadav, IAS)