## OFFICE OF THE MISSION DIRECTOR NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA No.F.13 (3-62)-DFWPM/PHS/DEWORM/2018/ (Sub-I)

**Dated** 

25th June 2019

To

The State Director Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan Near Rajdhani Petrolium Bardowali Agartala, Tripura Pin: 799003

Subject: Request to support community mobilization efforts in the upcoming National Deworming Day (NDD) August 2019

Sir,

This is with reference to the preparations for the upcoming National Deworming Day (NDD), to be held on August 2019 in the state. State Health & Family Welfare department, Government of Tripura would like to thanks NYKS for the continued support in community mobilization efforts during NDD February 2019 in Tripura.

- 2. 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) in age group of 1-19 years in all the districts through Government Schools, Private Schools, Madrasa, Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas, and *Anganwadi* centres will be covered.
- 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. State coordination committee meeting held on June 4, 2019 decided to continue involvement of NYKS volunteers from July to August 18, 2019 for spreading awareness about the NDD program among the following:
  - Panchayat members and influential community members
  - Parents who have children falling 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) 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).
  - Organizing rally in coordination with schools and community.
- 5. Please note that NYKS volunteers should not be engaged in administering deworming drug to children at schools and *anganwadi* centres.
- 6. In this regard, you are requested to issue directions to your district youth coordinators detailing what is expected from them and share a copy of the letter with the State Nodal Officer, National Deworming Day program at the Department of Health (email: nddtripura@gmail.com). Your

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strict youth coordinator can coordinate with Chief Medical Officer/ District Nodal Officer (health) (Annexure 1: list with contact details) of respective districts for participation in district level meeting and training during June to July 2019. Also, kindly share the approximate number of NYKS volunteers to be involved by you across the state for National Deworming Day in Auguste 2019.

- 7. Community handbill (both English and Bengali version) on NDD has been enclosed (Annexure 2) which can be used by NYKS volunteers for spreading awareness.
- 8. Further, we will be happy to receive a report on the community mobilization and awareness activities on NDD taken under NYKS as per template enclosed (Annexure 3) by August 30, 2019 via email at nddtripura@gmail.com
- 9. We look forward to cooperation from your end.

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 Director, Elementary Education department, Government of Tripura for information.
- 3. The Director, Secondary Education department, Government of Tripura for information.
- 4. The Director, Higher Education department, Government of Tripura for information
- 5. The Director, Social Welfare & Social Education, Government of Tripura for information
- 6. The Director, Industries and Commerce department Government of Tripura for information
- 7. The State Nodal Officer, NDD, DFWPM department, Government of Tripura for information and necessary action.
- 8. All Chief Medical Officers West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura / Dhalai for information and necessary action
- All District Education Officers West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura / Dhalai for information and necessary action
- 10. All District Inspector of Social Education- West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura / Dhalai for information and necessary action
- 11. Principal Officer, Education, TTAADC, for information and necessary action
- 12. Principal Officer, Social Welfare and Social Education, TTAADC, for information and necessary action
- All District Nodal Officers West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura / Dhalai for information and necessary action
- 14. 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.
- 2. PS to the Secretary, School Education department, Government of Tripura for kind information.
- 3. PS to the Special Secretary, Education (Social Welfare & Social Education) department, Government of Tripura for kind information.
- 4. PS to the Chief Executive Officer, TTAADC, Government of Tripura for kind information.

(Dr. Shailesh K Yadav, IAS)