OFFICE OF THE MISSION DIRECTOR
NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION
GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA

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Dated 16th **January 2020**

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 February 2020

Sir,

This is with reference to the preparations for the upcoming mass National Deworming Day (NDD) to be held **on February 17, 2020** followed by mop-up day **on February 24, 2020** in *anganwadi*s and Schools (Government and Private). Beyond schools and *anganwadi* centres, the program extended up to the level of degree and technical colleges/institutes, brickkilns and tea plantation sites etc. to cover up hard to reach area 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 **January to February 25, 2020** 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 *anganwadis*.**

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 volunteers to be involved by you across the state for National Deworming Day in February 2020.**

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

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 **February 28, 2020** via email at **nddtripura@gmail.com**

8. We look forward to support and cooperation

Yours Faithfully,

14/1/2020

Mission Director (NHM)
Government of Tripura

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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.

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