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

Dated

16th January 2020

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

Subject: Request to continue support community mobilization efforts in the upcoming National Deworming Day (NDD) February 2020

Sir,

To

This is with reference to the preparations for the upcoming National Deworming Day (NDD), to be held on February 17, 2020 followed by mop-up day on February 24, 2020 in 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.

4. State coordination committee meeting held on December 27, 2019 at Secretariat decided to continue involvement of NYKS volunteers from January to February 24, 2020 in 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-ofschool) 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 (February 17) and mop-up day (February 24)
- Parents of children above 1 and below the age of 6 for sending their children to *anganwadi* centres on NDD (February 17) and mop-up day (February 24).
- 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 *anganwadis*.

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).

7. Community handbill (both English and Bengali version) on NDD has been enclosed (Annexure2) 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 February 28, 2020 via email at nddtripura@gmail.com

9. We look forward to cooperation from your end.

Yours Faithfully,

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, DFWPM department, Government of Tripura for information and necessary action.
- 3. All Chief Medical Officers West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura /Dhalai for information and necessary action
- 4. All District Education Officers West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura /Dhalai for information and necessary action
- 5. Principal Officer, Education, TTAADC, for information and necessary action
- 6. Principal Officer, Social Welfare and Social Education, TTAADC, for information and necessary action
- 7. All District Nodal Officers West Tripura / Khowai / Sepahijala / Gomati/South Tripura / Unakoti / North Tripura /Dhalai for information and necessary action
- 8. 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 to the Secretary.

Mission Director (NHM)