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Dated, Agartala the 23 September 2020

To

1. The Chief Medical Officer - North, West, South, Unakoti, Dhalai, Gomati, Sepahijala and Khowai, Government of Tripura.
2. The District Inspector of Social Education - North, West, South, Unakoti, Dhalai, Gomati, Sepahijala and Khowai, Government of Tripura.

Subject: Request to extend cooperation to Evidence Action for independent process monitoring of community-based National Deworming Program (September 28 to October 5, 2020) in Tripura

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, Tripura is observing the National Deworming program from September 28 to October 5, 2020 across all eight districts in which all children and adolescents in the age group 1-19 years will be dewormed at the household level by the ASHA/ AWW in the presence of the parent/guardian/caregiver maintaining adequate COVID- 19 safety precautions.

2. Given the requirement of maintaining social distancing norms due to COVID-19, field-based in-person surveying or monitoring is not feasible, therefore Evidence Action (the technical assistance partner NDD, government of Tripura) has hired the services of "Market Xcel Data Matrix Pvt. Ltd", an experienced survey agency to conduct phone-based independent process monitoring of program implementation in the state.

2. Process monitoring will help to track the preparedness and implementation gaps for real time corrective action. Till NDD February 2020 round there were two components of independent monitoring i.e. Process Monitoring and Coverage Validation; but as the state in this round is implementing community-based deworming; coverage validation is not feasible due to unavailability of parent/children contact database in the state and given the sensitivity of speaking to children without consent of parent which is difficult to ensure during phone-based survey.

The objectives of this independent process monitoring exercise are as follows:

1. To assess the preparedness of ASHAs and AWWs for community-based implementation of National Deworming Program.
2. To share gaps in program implementation in real time for required corrective measures.
3. For independent process monitoring, the hired agency will engage experienced tele callers to collect data from ASHAs and AWWs. As the community-based deworming will be implemented for a week period (September 28 to October 5, 2020) in the state, process monitoring data collection will be implemented on **September 28, 29 and October 5**. First two days of data will give insights on

gaps in implementation which will help the government to take corrective actions. Last day data will provide an idea of overall program implementation.

The detail of the process monitoring sample is presented in **Table A** below.

4. To ensure the quality and timeliness, tele-callers will be using a centralized tele-calling platform having inbuilt process monitoring tool with necessary skips and checks to ensure consistency in the data sets. Evidence Action will also conduct data quality assurance checks to ensure the quality and timeliness of the process monitoring data.

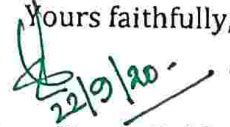
TABLE A: Total number of districts and block to be covered during process monitoring:

Number of districts, blocks to be covered during process monitoring	Numbers
Total number of districts in the state	8
Total number of districts to be covered during Process Monitoring	8
Total number of blocks to be covered during Process Monitoring	59
Total number of days for Process Monitoring data collection	3
Total ASHAs samples to be covered	177
Total AWWs samples to be covered	177

5. In the above context, you are requested to extend cooperation to Evidence Action for independent process monitoring of community-based National Deworming Program (September 28 to October 5, 2020) in Tripura

6. Look forward to extend your cooperation and directives to respective functionaries and frontline workers to carry out the successful independent process monitoring of the National Deworming Program activities in the state.

Yours faithfully,


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(Dr. Deep Kumar Debbarma)
State Nodal Officer, NDD
Family Welfare and Preventive Medicine
Government of Tripura

Copy to: -

1. The Mission Director, NHM, Government of Tripura for kind information
2. The Director, Family Welfare and Preventive Medicine, Government of Tripura for kind information.
3. The Director, Social Welfare and Social Education are requested to issue directives to line department.
4. The Principal Officer, Social Welfare & Social Education, TTAADC are requested to issue directives to line department.
5. The Principal Officer, Health, are requested to issue directives to line department.
6. The DNO - North, West, South, Unakoti, Dhalai, Gomati, Sepahijala and Khowai for information and necessary action.
7. The State ASHA Program Manager, NHM for information and necessary action.
8. The DPM - North, West, South, Unakoti, Dhalai, Gomati, Sepahijala and Khowai for information and necessary action.

9. The DAPM - North, West, South, Unakoti, Dhalai, Gomati, Sepahijala and Khowai for information and necessary action.
10. The State Program Manager, Evidence Action-Deworm the World initiative for information and facilitate the process.

Copy also forwarded to:

1. PS to the Additional Chief Secretary, H&FW department for kind information to the ACS.
2. PS to the Special Secretary, Social Welfare & Social Education department for kind information to the Special Secretary.
3. The District Magistrate Cum Collector, - North, West, South, Unakoti, Dhalai, Gomati, Sepahijala and Khowai for kind information.
4. The CEO, TTAADC for kind information.
5. The Country Director, Evidence Action, New Delhi for kind information


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