

Tripura-National Deworming Day August 8, 2019

Mop-Up Day: August 19, 2019

Districts/Blocks implemented NDD in August 2019 round- All 8 districts , all 59 blocks

Target for National Deworming Day, August 2019

Indicators	February 2019*		August 2019**	
	Target	Coverage	Target	Coverage
No. of children registered in AWCs (1-5 years)	3.34 lakh	3.09 lakh	3.2 lakh	3.01 lakh
No. of children unregistered at AWCs (1-5 years)	0.13 lakh	0.12 lakh	0.16 lakh	0.13 lakh
No. of children (classes 1-12) enrolled in government schools	6.55 lakh	6.19 lakh	6.39 lakh	5.99 lakh
No. of children (classes 1-12) enrolled in private schools	1.19 lakh	1.11 lakh	1.33 lakh	1.28 lakh
No. of out-of-school children (6-19 years)	0.96 lakh	0.89 lakh	0.98 lakh	0.84 lakh
Total targeted children 1-19 years	12.19 lakh	11.44 lakh	12.08 lakh	11.27 lakh

* As per coverage report submitted to Government of India, NDD February, 2019

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Policy and Advocacy:

Meetings/Directives	Date	Key pointers
State Coordination Committee Meeting	June 4, 2019	Chaired by Secretary- Health and Family Welfare Department. Key decisions: NDD and mop-up dates, finalization of target, STH follow up prevalence survey, strategy for mobilization of out-of-school and unregistered pre-school children, continue NDD coverage reporting through MDM platform and institutionalization of NDD
Program Directives	June 12, 2019	Signed by Mission Director, National Health Mission (MD, NHM)
Joint Directives	June 14, 2019	Signed by Secretary (Education), Secretary (Health and Family Welfare) and Special Secretary (Social Welfare and Social Education) department
District Coordination Committee Meeting in all eight districts	June 13 – 26, 2019	Chaired by District Magistrates/ ADM/SDM
National NDD Review Meeting	July 16, 2019	Participation by State NDD Nodal Officer, Tripura
District-level Private School Meetings in all eight districts	July 12- August 5, 2019	All conducted under the chairmanship of District Magistrates/ SDM/ CMO/ DEO

State level initiatives for expanding coverage and reaching hard-to-reach children:

1. Communication from MD, NHM to Drinking Water and Sanitation, *Swachh Bharat* Mission, *Panchayati Raj* Institutions, *Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan*, National Cadet Corps, National Social Service, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Urban development department, Tripura state unit of Indian Medical Association, Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission for inclusion of deworming agenda in their meetings and existing activities.
2. MD, NHM issued directives to all CMOs to strengthen ASHA engagement for NDD August 2019 round.
3. A separate letter was issued by Director, Family Welfare and Preventive Medicine to all District Magistrates for active participation of all private schools including pre-primary private school in NDD August 2019. Similarly, a directive was issued to Bishops of Agartala diocese to facilitate active participation of catholic schools in NDD August 2019.
4. Director, Family Welfare and Preventive Medicine issued directives to all CMOs, DEOs and DISE for increasing coverage of unregistered and out-of-school children.
5. NHM sought support from labour commissioner as well to enhance coverage among brick-kiln and tea plantation workers.
6. Leveraged NDD coverage reporting through MDM Automated Monitoring System platform for real-time coverage reporting and mid-course program improvement.

Trainings and Distribution Cascade:

State-level training of trainers was conducted on June 24, 2019 with 67 participants (district and block nodal officers from all eight districts). As per NDD operational plan, training cascade was implemented in all 59 blocks across 8 districts between July 9 to August 6, 2019.

Activity	Timeline	SMS sent from State NIC portal	No. of SMS sent (approx.)	SMS sent to officials and Functionaries
Training reinforcement SMS were sent through National Informatics Centre portal to all the functionaries of stakeholder departments	July 30 to September 11, 2019	Department of Health	2,66,186	CMOs, DNOs, BNOs, MOICs, MOs, ASHAs, ASHA Facilitators, MPWs/MPSS
		Department of Social Welfare and Social Education (ICDS)	4,57,906	DISEs, CDPOs, ICDS supervisors, AWWs
		Department of School Education	2,37,599	DEO, Inspector of School, HM/Principal/Nodal Teacher (Govt. & Private school)
		Total	9,61,691	

A total of 5,032 Headmasters of government and private schools; 1,738 Multi-Purpose Workers and 290 Multi-Purpose Supervisors, 9,911 AWWs, 255 ICDS Supervisors and 7,367 ASHAs were targeted for sensitization.

Drugs and IEC:

Drug	Procured quantity	Leftover from previous NDD round at district	Total Available for August 2019 round *	Timeline for receiving at State	Drug and IEC Bundling Plan
Albendazole 400 mg tablet	13.41 lakh*	89408	14.32 lakh	July 17, 2019	The state customized and printed the NDD IEC resource kit such as poster, banner and community handbill developed by Government of India. Integrated distribution of drugs, training and IEC material was facilitated by teachers and AWWs during sensitization meeting conducted at the block/sector level in all 8 NDD districts.

* 95 % of the census target and 10% buffer

Community Awareness and Mobilization:

Social media activity
July 18 till August 21, 2019



No. of Posts

103



Likes

1424



Shares

304

	Radio jingles (Big FM), TV Spots (local TV Channels) and Audio-visual message by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura relayed from August 4 - 18, 2019
	Public Announcements (miking) on August 6, 7 and 18, 2019
	Newspaper Advertisements -NDD positive news and NDD program implementation newspaper ad (NDD and mop-up day) August 7 and August 18
	State-level launch organised on August 7, 2019 District-level inauguration organised in all 8 districts

Press sensitization meeting with representatives from 33 leading publications and TV channels of Tripura was conducted on August 6, 2019 in presence of Mission Director, NHM, to sensitize media on importance of mass deworming of all children at schools and *anganwadis* and covered the event and messaging on the program.
A total of 24.01 lakh NDD awareness SMS were sent by Airtel and Vodafone to their respective subscribers across the state for the August 2019 round.

Monitoring:

Summary of visits conducted by Evidence Action Team and Independent Surveyors on August 8 (NDD) and on August 19 (mop-up day)

Number of Surveyors - 80 , Number of visits - 361

Monitoring Details	Indicators	
	Schools	Anganwadis
% of schools/ <i>anganwadis</i> conducted deworming on NDD	96% (88/92)	100% (88/88)
% of schools/ <i>anganwadis</i> conducted deworming on mop-up Day	88% (81/92)	80% (71/89)
Estimated NDD coverage in schools as per enrolment and attendance data (school attendance/school enrolment) *	78%(14,660/18,891)	Not Applicable
Approximate attendance at school on mop-up day (August 19, 2019) as per enrolment and attendance record available*	68%(16,192/23,844)	Not Applicable

*This attendance is estimated only for schools who conducted NDD and mop-up day. The coverage for NDD at schools is estimated to be therefore in the same range under assumption that all students present in school have consumed albendazole tablet.

Tele calling through Evidence Action

7,220 calls (83.6% successful) were made by Evidence Action supported by one tele-caller and one admin assistant to Health and Family Welfare department, Education department and social education and social welfare department at district, block and below levels (schools, AWCs, ASHAs) including follow up calls from **June 28, 2019 to September 9, 2019.**

Daily updates to all concerned department through tele-calling was pivotal during implementation of NDD program by taking corrective action on a day-to-day basis.

Coverage Reporting through MDM: State continued to leverage MDM platform for NDD reporting for real-time access on coverage/attendance from MDM schools on NDD and mid-course corrections before mop-up day.

Indicator	NDD (August 8, 2019)	Mop-up day (August 19, 2019)
Estimated NDD coverage in schools as per enrolment and number of children dewormed (only applicable for the schools that responded)	84.04%	44.81%

Action Points:

- It would be helpful for the program to put in place the drug procurement processes at least four months prior to the scheduled round to prevent any last minute delays.
- With revisions to the India pharmacopeia criteria the state may take appropriate steps for meeting all quality standards while initiating procurement for the upcoming round. That will facilitate timely availability of quality drugs as per the acceptable standard.
- District level private school meetings have helped in generating awareness and interest among the private schools on NDD. It would be effective to continue similar programmatic efforts with the private schools for improving their participation for the upcoming rounds.
- The NDD program will benefit from reaching to the unregistered and out-of-school children through enhanced involvement of ASHAs in mobilization and spreading awareness on the benefits of deworming.
- Mechanisms that allow deworming related key messages to reach the last level of implementation is a key challenge and also an opportunity for the program. As mobile penetration is more or less universal in the country, the availability of updated database can help and speed up NDD related messaging to reach the last mile at minimal costs.

Evidence Action will share the detailed program, process monitoring and coverage validation report with the state government to further inform program and suggest improvements for next rounds.