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Dear All,


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Government of Telangana has planned to implement the 7th round of Mass school and Anganwadi based National Deworming Day (NDD) Programme on 19.02.2019 followed by the mop-up-day on 23.02.2019.

Soil Transmitted Helminthes (STH), also called parasitic worms is a significant public health concern for India. Evidence shows detrimental impact of STH infestation on physical growth, anemia, under nutrition and cognitive development as well as poor attendance at school. Considering the prevalence of STH infections in Telangana is high at 60%, it is crucial for the NDD Programme to reach all children aged 1-19 years consistently over each NDD round. The previous round of NDD conducted on 10.08.2018 showed increased coverage to 95,92,861 children (97.34%).

To implement the 7th round of NDD, we seek your support for comprehensive outreach to all children in the State, through active participation of the Departments of Health, School Education and Women Development & Child Welfare in the upcoming NDD round at all Jr. Colleges, Schools and Anganwadis on 19.02.2019 in all 31 districts followed by mop-up-day on 23.02.2019. Concerted efforts from the three departments at the State, District, Division and Habitation level are requested to ensure effective implementation and increased coverage of the programme.

The specific steps to strengthen the coordination amongst the three Stakeholder Departments for the NDD Programme are given in the Annexure – I enclosed.

Looking forward to your support in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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To:-
The Commissioners / The Directors
All the District Collectors in the state
All the District Medical & Health Officers in the state
All the District Education Officers in the state

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All the Project Directors, Women & Child Development in the state
All the District Panchayat Officers
All the CEO Zilla Parishads in the State
All the MPDOs in the state
All the Mandal Education Officers in the state
All the CDPOs in the state
All the Gram Panchayats in the state
All the Private School Associations in the state
All the IMA Associations in the state

Copy to:-

The Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare, Telangana
The Commissioner & Director of School Education, Telangana
The Director, Women Development & Child Welfare, Telangana
The Commissioner, Panchayath Raj & Rural Development, Telangana.
Annexure – I

Specific steps to strengthen the coordination among the three stakeholder departments for the implementation of NDD February, 2019

1. All the key stakeholder departments must coordinate with the Department of Health in the effective rolling out of junior college, school and anganwadi based NDD scheduled on February 19, 2018 followed by mop-up day on February 23, 2019.
2. For LFMDA districts, NDD will be observed on 19th. On 20th & 21st, community based MDA will be observed. There will be no mop-up day for LF MDA districts.
3. Department of School and Higher Education, Women Development & Child Welfare to provide the Department of Health with the numbers of children (1-19 years) as per census population so that strategies may be formulated to cover all eligible children to receive deworming benefits.
4. State and District Level Coordination Committees (DCCM) to be chaired by the Principal Secretary and District Collector respectively to ensure all program components are planned and implemented as per NDD guidelines and timelines. DCCM’s must be planned from 3rd week of January, 2019.
5. Department of Health to ensure timely procurement, transportation and distribution of albendazole tablets and IEC material to all junior colleges, schools and anganwadi centres should be executed from 1st week to 4th of January, 2019.
6. NVBDCP will be responsible for distribution of Albendazole in LF MDA districts. NHM will provide school and anganwadi reporting forms for recording the coverage
7. All Junior colleges, schools and anganwadis to receive NDD kit, including required number of albendazole chewable 400 mg tablets, IEC material (poster/ banner), handouts and reporting forms for conducting NDD and mop-up day efficiently by fourth week of January, 2019.
8. All district level trainings should facilitate on ground coordination and preparedness for program implementation including aligning and training arrangements as per the training cascade. The trainings must be scheduled from 2nd to 4th week of January, 2019.
9. All PHC level trainings should be organized by the health department, for effective roll out and for maximum reach of the children in junior colleges, schools and anganwadi’s. Participation of block level functionaries shall be ensured by the respective line departments. Training to be conducted from 3rd week to 4th week of January, 2019.
10. School and Higher Education Department to engage private schools and junior colleges through participation of their representatives in State Taskforce Meeting and District Level Coordination Committee meetings, and special meetings called by district, division and mandal education officers. Special sensitization sessions to be held with the parents in schools during PTMs and SMC meetings prior to NDD for ensuring support from parents
11. All ASHAs must prepare and share the list and mobilize out-of-school and unregistered Anganwadi children to the anganwadi centers for deworming on NDD and MUD.
12. All anganwadi teachers must administer albendazole tablets to children aged 1-5 years covering both anganwadi registered/unregistered and out-of-school children aged 6-19 years at AWC as per drug dosage protocols. At anganwadi, the drug administration should be carried out by anganwadi teachers only. No drug administration is to be done by ASHAs.
13. The teachers must administer albendazole tablets to children enrolled in colleges and schools. No drug administration is to be done by ANM’s.
14. Junior colleges, schools and anganwadi teachers should ensure that the children properly chew the tablet. For children aged 1 to 2 years half tablet to be crushed between two spoons and administered with water.
15. Reporting formats should be filled by the Jr. Colleges, Schools, Anganwadi teachers as per the reporting cascade in the NDD guidelines. The completed forms should be given to ANM within the specified timelines. All the Jr. Colleges, Schools Anganawadis must retain a copy of reporting formats after submission of the same to the ANM.
16. On NDD and mop-up-day, all stakeholders along with Jr.college & school principals, teachers and Anganwadi teachers must be vigilant for any adverse events if any by ensuring that 104/108 emergency helpline services is accessed, the adverse event management protocols are handy and must elevate the same immediately through ANM to District Medical and Health Officer (DM&HO).
17. Department of Health to issue necessary instructions to all the teaching hospitals, district hospitals, area hospitals, CHCs and UPHCs/ PHCs to follow the adverse event management protocols in case of any adverse event.
18. Monitoring visits must be undertaken by state and district officials of all the stakeholder departments to supportive supervision on NDD and mop-up-day. All the officials must ensure to fill the online monitoring form during their visits.
19. All stakeholder departments to extend support to the technical support partner Evidence Action for successful roll out of NDD.