

Letter No. SHSB/G.A./1375/2015/.....8260

To,

All District Magistrates,
Bihar.

Patna, Date:.....16/12/2015

Sub: Involvement of Kendriya Vidhyalayas (KVs) and Navodaya Vidhyalaya in the NDD program.

Ref: D. O. No. 13-3/2012—E.E.5 (MDM-1-2), D.O. No. 28020/237/2013-CH, Dt: 04.02.2015.

Dear Madam/Sir,

The National Deworming Day (NDD) was launched by the Child Health Division of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, in February 2015. It is a fixed day approach to intensify efforts towards control of Soil Transmitted Helminths (STHs) among children in India. Evidence shows that mass deworming leads to significant improvement in outcomes related to education, career choice, earnings and long-term well-being of children. The state of Bihar is carrying out the Bihar Mass deworming program since 2011.

2. Coverage of all school age children is important so as to ensure that children lead healthier and worm free lives. As communicated (letters enclosed) by Government of India at the time of NDD Feb 2015, we are planning to engage Kendriya Vidhyalayas and Navodaya Vidhyalaya of Bihar in deworming round (NDD 2016) of February 2016. Kindly communicate to the concerned schools in your respective district for further participation.

3. It will be very kind of you if the given schools can share the current enrolment data along with contact details with e-mail ID to SHS-Bihar (spochildhealth@gmail.com) at earliest so that the information related to trainings and reporting can be communicated on time.

4. The exact details of the program would be communicated to you in third week of December 2015. We look forward to cooperation from your end.

Yours Sincerely,



(Jitendra Srivastava)

Encl: As above.

Errata - 04-02-15



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Dated: 04th February, 2015

Handwritten notes:
Please
ensure
implementation
of
NDD
in
all
schools
of
the
State

Soil transmitted helminths (STH) are significant public health concern for India. An estimated 241 million (20%) children are estimated to be at risk of parasitic, intestinal worm infestation. Evidence has shown detrimental impact of STH infestation on physical growth - anaemia, undernutrition and cognitive development. Children with the highest intensity STH infestations are most at risk. It is time to concentrate at school or unaided school at all. High intensity STH infestation is a major public health problem affecting performance of school. Periodic deworming is the most effective transmission control strategy.

With an aim to narrow errors towards STH control, it has been decided to conduct National Deworming Day (NDD) on 10th February, 2015 (Tuesday) followed by a Map-Up round on 13th February, 2015 (Friday). On the NDD i.e. on 10th February 2015, all children enrolled in schools in classes 1st to 12th standard would be provided Albendazole tablet and un-ssed children would be covered on the Map-Up day i.e. 13th February, 2015. The initiative is being launched in 12 States namely Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Dadar & Nagar Haveli, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Union NCTs and Tripura in the first phase. On NDD all the children of age 1 - 19 years will be provided Albendazole through the platform of school and Anganwadi centers except in identified Lymphatic Filariasis endemic districts.

A detailed NDD Toolkit containing operational framework, monitoring checklists, FAQs and Fact sheets is uploaded on NDM website. Health Department would ensure supply of Albendazole tablets, free distribution of tablets and reporting forms at each school and impart orientation to school teachers to generate awareness prior to 10th February through assembly sessions, Prashna Charcha, Bal Panchayats, parent-teacher meetings etc. for consistent roll-out of messages on the benefits of deworming and co-sourcing Albendazole tablet on the NDD.

The activities required to be undertaken at the State level in convergence between the two departments would be as under:


- 1. Union Education Departments to coordinate with Department of Health in effective roll-out of NDD.


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2. School Education Department to provide the Department of Health with the figures of enrolment so as to ensure the adequate supply of Albendazole tablets is made available.
3. Schools to disseminate the H.C material provided by the Department of Health to the school management committee members and parents.
4. The Department of Health officials/team to administer deworming tablets in schools to students.
5. Officials of both the Departments be encouraged to undertake field visits for monitoring and supportive supervision on the NDD.
6. Reporting formats filled by schools to be collected by ANMs from schools within specified timelines.

We jointly request that the State Departments of both Health and Education collectively converge together for effective implementation of NDD through platform of schools. You are also requested to hold a meeting with the departments of Health, School Education, Woman and Child Development and Panchayati Raj for effective implementation and coverage of children on National Deworming Day in Schools and Anganwadi centres.

Yours sincerely,


(Vrisada Sarup)


(B. Sharma)

To

The Chief Secretary

(Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Dadar & Nagar Haveli, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Tripura)

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 3. Director, Central Tibetan Schools Administration