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സൂചന-1.07.2016-ലെ 258452/FW2/16/H&FWD നമ്പർ സർക്കാർ കത്ത്.

വിരജന്യ രോഗങ്ങളെ പ്രതിരോധിക്കുന്നതിന് ആരോഗ്യവകുപ്പും വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ  
വകുപ്പും ഏകോപിച്ച്, 'National de worming day' 10/08/2016 & 10/2/2017 എന്നീ  
തീയതികളിൽ ആചരിക്കുവാൻ സൂചന പ്രകാരം തീരുമാനിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

ഉചിതമായ നടപടികൾ സ്വീകരിച്ച് പ്രസ്തുത പദ്ധതി വിജയകരമായി  
നടപ്പിലാക്കാൻ എല്ലാ പ്രിൻസിപ്പൽമാരും സഹകരിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. പദ്ധതി  
നടത്തിപ്പിനാവശ്യമായ 'Programme Note' ഇതോടൊപ്പം ഉള്ളടക്കം  
ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നു.

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### Programme Note

Soil Transmitted Helminthes (STH) are of significant public health concern for India. Around 68% of children estimated to be at risk of parasitic intestinal worm infestation. Evidence has shown detrimental impact of STH infestation on physical growth-anemia, under nutrition and cognitive development as well as school attendance. Periodic deworming can reduce the transmission of worm infections. During 2015, mass deworming was conducted across 11 states covering more than 89 million children.

Based on this experience, Government of India has decided to conduct annual mass deworming by observing National Deworming Day (NDD) across the country through schools and anganwadi centers. STH prevalence in Kerala is 47.4 and hence bi-annual deworming is recommended by WHO (10<sup>th</sup> August 2016 and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017). This will be accompanied by intensive awareness generation activities focusing benefits of consuming Albendazole and adopting sanitation and hygiene practices.

Concerted efforts from the four departments at the State, District and Block level are required to ensure effective implementation and increased coverage of the program. We seek your support for the same through active participation of the Departments of Health, Public Instructions, Vocassional Higher Secondary Education, Higher Secondary Education, social Justice and tribal welfare in the upcoming NDD 2016.

The following steps are suggested to strengthen the coordination amongst the four stakeholder departments at State, District and block levels for the NDD program:

1. All the key stakeholder departments to coordinate with Department of Health in effective rolling out of NDD.
2. Establishment of District level coordination committees to be chaired by the District Collector/ Jilla Panchayath President respectively.
3. DPI, DHSE DVHSE and Director Social Justice Department to provide the Department of Health with the desired numbers of target age group to cover all children 1-19 years age group, so as to ensure adequate procurement and supply of Albendazole tablets is made available for conducting NDD.
4. All the departments will put National Deworming Day as one of the agenda in their periodic meetings to reinforce key messages for the program and facilitate high coverage.

5. Training of functionaries from General Education, Higher Education, HSE, VHSE and Social Justice Department to be supported by Health department at State and District level, while block level training of teachers and anganwadi workers to be led by respective departments.

6. All stakeholder departments to disseminate the IEC material provided by the Department of Health to the schools, anganwadis and community as appropriate for increasing program awareness and facilitate greater coverage.

7. Officials of all the stakeholder departments are mandated to undertake field visits for monitoring and supportive supervision on the NDD and mop up day.

9. Reporting formats filled by schools and Anganwadi centers to be collected by Junior Public Health Nurses from schools and anganwadis within the specified timelines.

We are confident that with your support for the NDD program, we will collectively be able to reach out to all the children in the age group 1-19 years and help improve their quality of life with improved health and educational outcomes.