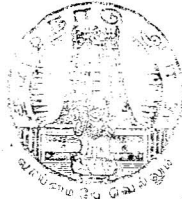0 9094

ABSTRACT

State Health Society – Tamil Nadu – Operationalisation of Community Monitoring Frame Work – Designation of Nodal Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) – orders – issued.

Health and Family Welfare [EAP-II(2)] Department

G.O.(Ms.)No.411

Dated : 17.12.2009
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Read again :

1. G.O.(D) No.1393 / Health and Family Welfare [EAP-II(2) Department, dated : 16.11.2007.
2. From the Mission Director, State Health Society letter No.6968 / P3 / SHS / 09, dated : 9.11.09.

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ORDER :

     The Government of India have informed that the Advisory Group on Community Action (AGCA) is a standing group under National Rural Health Mission mandated to spearhead the community related initiatives under National Rural Health Mission. The Group comprises eminent representatives from major NGOs and regularly to handhold activities relating to Community action. The Government of India have therefore requested to designate a nodal officer in the State with whom the Advisory Group on Community Action can co-ordinate for drawing up a pilot initiative of Community Monitoring and Planning. Based on the interactions with AGCA and the recommendations submitted by a civil society meeting in the presence of the representatives of AGCA, Population Foundation of India and other major NGOs, the Government of Tamil Nadu have issued orders to implement the Community Monitoring and Planning Pilot Project in five districts (three blocks in each district). The Government have also constituted a State Mentoring Team under the Chairmanship of the Mission Director, State Health Society, Tamil Nadu and appointed a Nodal NGO, the Tamil Nadu Science Forum to implement the Community Monitoring Project in this state. Funding for this phase of the Project was directly received from the Central Government through the nodal NGO.

2.   The Pilot Phase of the Community Monitoring and Planning project wa, reviewed by a committee appointed by the AGCA headed by Mr. Ramanathan, Public Health Consultant.   Both a national as well as state specific report was submitted to AGCA and GOI. The review report has recommended as follows :

i)   The Government of India should continue to support for institutionalizing community action within the National Rural Health Mission framework.

ii) Government of India / Ministry of Health and Family Welfare should to ensure that it is scaled up in the pilot states and initiated in the remaining states.

iii) The review report recommends a three-year cycle for the process.

Based on the recommendations and the dissemination of State wide results that showed the potential, it has been decided to upscale the Community Monitoring and Planning Programme (now termed as Community Action for Health) to the entire pilot blocks in the pilot phase districts.

3.   The Mission Director, State Health Society has stated that the above activity has been included for one year in the PIP 2009 – 10 and the Government of India NPCC has also approved the activity to the outlay of Rs.127.41 lakhs for the first year. The same has been placed in the Executive Committee meeting held on 10.6.2009 and approved by the Committee. The Community Health Cell (CHC) team played a major role both at the National level (as member of the AGCA and ASHA mentoring group as well as the Technical Advisory Group of the Pilot Project) and at the State level where they mentored and contributed to the implementation of the process of the pilot phase. Based on this contribution of the CHC team, a meeting of the representatives of the NGOs constituting the State Mentoring Committee Meeting held on 13.9.2009 in Balamandir Research Foundation was convened by Prof. Rajamanickam, Convenor of the State Mentoring Committee. At this meeting, it was unanimously resolved that CHC be the State Nodal NGO in the post-pilot phase. In addition, both members of the AGCA and the population Foundation of India have recognized the contributions of the CHC team and recommended their suitability as the State Nodal NGO for the next phase of the project.

4.   The review of the pilot project has proposed that the process be initiated in stages all over the State. As already stated, in the first year for which this proposal is submitted, all the panchayats in the pilot blocks will be covered. In the second year, all the blocks in the pilot district will be covered. Simultaneously, steps will be taken to identify a few more districts where capable civil society groups exist who can take the process forward. The necessary funds will be provided for this expansion of the Community Monitoring and Planning Project in the PIP 2010-2011. A joint paper co-authored by the Mission Director, Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine and

Civil Society representatives and presented at the Dissemination Workshop titled on "Community Action for Health : Towards a Tamil Nadu Model" held in Chennai on 27th and 28th of August 2009 which will form the basis of future expansion and implementation of the project. Every year reviews will be conducted in September of each financial year which will enable the detailed plan for the Community Monitoring project of the next year to be drawn up and detailed requirement of funds placed in the next year's PIP for National Rural Health Mission.

5. The Mission Director, State Health Society has requested to issue orders to carryout the activity.

6. The Government have carefully examined the proposal of the Mission Director, State Health Society sent to the Government based on the Executive Committee approval and issue the following orders.

(i) The Mission Director, State Health Society is permitted to continue the process of Community Monitoring and planning in the pilot phase districts as the "Community Action for Health" project

a. Kanniyakumari

b. Perambalur

c. Vellore

d. Thiruvallur

e. Dharmapuri

(ii) The project be expanded to cover the entire three blocks in each of the above five districts and all the Primary Health Centres of those Blocks and the Village Panchayats under these Primary Health Centres be taken up for Community Action for Health project.

(iii) The Chairman and members of the State Mentoring Team constituted in the pilot phase be continued for this period and the convenor be appointed from among the participating NGOs by the Mission Director.

(iv) Community Health Cell (CHC), the functional unit of Society for Community Health Awareness Research and Action (SOCHARA) is designated as a Nodal Non-governmental Organisation (NGO) for this phase of the Project as this agency has been nominated by the NGO members of the State mentoring committee and recommended by member of the AGCA (Advisory group on Community Action) and the Population Foundation of India which play an important role in mentoring this project at the national level.

(v) The results of the Community Action for Health project should be shared with the Programme Officers and the State Health Society on a regular basis and a report on the progress of the activities shall be submitted to the Mission Director, State Health Society every month.

(vi) The Mission Director, State Health Society is permitted to release the funds for the activities approved by the NPCC / Executive Committee of National Rural Health Mission through the Nodal NGO

<div align="center">(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)</div>

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