Dear All,

As you are aware, the key to TB control services in Urban areas will be synergy with existing health service delivery mechanism under National Urban Health Mission (NUHM). RNTCP and NUHM have jointly developed a framework for integration of TB care services into NUHM mechanism. The framework was shared with all States vide D.O. No. T-18011/01/2014-TB; dated 24.07.2017.

A Joint Video conference was held with Mission Directors, State TB Officers and State NUHM Nodal officers on 11th October 2018 and was followed by a communication D.O.No. 18011/01/2014-TB dated 28.11.2018.

During the regional meetings of RNTCP the NUHM-RNTCP integration status was also reviewed and subsequently a detailed checklist was sent to NUHM Nodal officers of all States/UTs in May 2019 to do a situational gap analysis and to understand TB services being provided in UPHCs.

Based on the findings following areas need to be focused for preparing action plan and strengthening UPHCs for delivering TB services:
1. All UPHCs to be Microscopy Centres with LTs and Treatment Support centres
2. Establishing referral mechanisms from UPHC to UCHC and then to Tertiary care facility (District Hospital/Medical College etc)
3. Training of Medical/Paramedics/Line workers
4. Sensitization of ULBs and Private practitioners
5. Active TB case finding in vulnerable pockets/populations following vulnerability mapping
6. Development and dissemination of Urban TB specific IEC material up to community level.
7. Convergence with Urban Development (Swachh Bharat Mission, DAY-NULM, WCD-AWW etc) or any other line ministry for addressing wider determinants of health
8. Reporting through Nikshay portal from all UPHCs to be ensured.

Your, kind support is besought for accelerating TB care services in Urban areas. Necessary instructions to the concerned officials to come up with action plans is desirable.

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