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Dear *Mission Directors,*

Please refer to this Ministry's recent letter No.T-18011/01/2014-TB, dated 24.7.2018 from Addl. Secretary & DG, NACO & RNTCP for accelerating TB diagnosis and treatment services in urban areas through the urban PHCs and CHCs. In this background a Joint Video Conference was held with the Mission Directors, State TB Officers and State NUHM Nodal Officers on 11th October, 2018. In line with the discussions held, the States/UTs are requested that gap analysis of TB services in the urban areas, be carried out and plan of action with timelines for completion of activities be prepared for the following suggested priority activities: -

1. TB Diagnosis and Treatment Services in the urban health facilities and its reporting through NIKSHAY portal.
2. Training and Capacity Building of NUHM and RNTCP staff.
3. Monthly meetings between NUHM and RNTCP officials
4. Developing IEC material to address the urban slum areas.
5. Active TB Case Finding in urban slums and such other areas with support of ASHA, MAS and other field personnel under NUHM.
6. Engage private providers for notification and develop linkages

The requirements may be proposed in the supplementary PIP either under NUHM or RNTCP as per the available resources with the States/UTs. The minutes of VC are enclosed at Annexure-I.

You may also recall to the earlier shared Joint Framework for Integration of RNTCP activities with Urban Health Mission developed by NUHM & RNTCP division vide letter No. T-18011/01/2014-TB, dated 24.07.2017.

Your kind support is solicited for accelerating TB care services in urban areas and also for monitoring the implementation aspects of the Programme. Regular monitoring and evaluation will strengthen early detection and treatment of TB cases under the programme and work towards achieving the 2025 TB elimination target.

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Joint Secretary (NUHM)

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1. State TB Officers - All States/UTs
2. State Nodal Officers NUHM - All States/UTs

Annexure I

Minutes of Joint Video Conference meeting with the Mission Directors NHM of States/UTs chaired by Joint Secretary (RNTCP) & Joint Secretary (NUHM) on 11th Oct 2018

A joint VC was held with the MDs, NHM, State Nodal Officers of RNTCP & NUHM on 11th October 2018 to focus on the implementation of RNTCP and Framework of collaboration of TB services in urban areas under NUHM. The VC was Chaired by Shri Vikas Sheel, Joint Secretary (RNTCP) & Ms. Preeti Pant, Joint Secretary (NUHM). List of participants from MoHFW is at **Annexure**.

The main points addressed during the VC are as follows: -

1. All facilities established under NUHM to provide RNTCP services: -
 - a. Urban PHCs/CHCs to have Designated Microscopy Centers (DMCs) established and made operational as Treatment Centres of RNTCP
 - b. Train staff under NUHM on TB services and train RNTCP staff for covering urban areas.
 - c. Urban facilities to be registered and mapped as urban PHC/CHCs in the Nikshay Portal.
 - d. Developing IEC material to address the slum areas and similar habitations.
2. All States/UTs to carry out gap analysis and requirements for effective integration of TB services in urban facilities and share an action plan with timelines with the CTD and UH Division.
3. Active Case Finding to be taken up in the urban slums and such other vulnerable areas with joint monitoring by both TB and UH field officials with involvement of MAS. Leverage the MAS for Active Case Finding activities in the slums and slum like areas.
4. In such cases where X-ray facilities are limited in public sector setup, National Free Diagnostics Scheme may be used to increase access to radiology services.
5. Regular monthly meetings to review the progress of the implementation of activities to be jointly held the State TB Cell and NUHM at state and district levels. Monthly reports to be shared with RNTCP and NUHM on quarterly basis.
6. Regional workshops will be conducted for sensitization of STOs and NUHM officials.

II. Some of the state wise issues which were discussed are as follows:

- a. Uttar Pradesh - suggested to establish diagnosis and treatment centres at all urban health facilities and requested for IEC materials.
- b. Andhra Pradesh - was requested to share the deployment plan of TruNat (RT-PCR) for diagnosis of TB with CTD for sharing the same with all states.
- c. Telangana - Informed about low functioning of the NIKSHAY portal which will be looked into.
- d. Rajasthan - In view of the LT shortage, it was suggested to prioritize the provision of TB services at the facilities near slum areas.
- e. Chhattisgarh - requested for PPSA under JEET project.
- f. Maharashtra - shared that one district of Mumbai has reported about 20% positivity on CBNAAT among presumptive TB cases. In view of this, the State proposed for testing of all presumptive TB cases with CBNAAT in Mumbai. A communication on this matter received from Mumbai is being examined.
- g. Karnataka - Requirement of LTs, X-Ray technician and other staff for its Hi-tech Laboratory. It can be taken up subject to functionality of the Hi-Tech Labs in the state.
- h. Tamil Nadu - Informed that all PHCs are TB detection centres.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to all the participants.

Annexure

List of participants from MoHFW for Joint VC of RNTCP & NUHM held on 11th Oct 2018.

1. Dr. Basab Gupta, DC (NUHM), MoHFW, GoI
2. Dr Sanjay Kumar Mattoo, JD CTD, MoHFW, GoI
3. Dr Raghuram Rao, DADG (TB), CTD, MoHFW, GoI
4. Dr Ranjani Ramachandran, NPO-WHO Country office for India
5. Dr Kiran Rade, NPO-WHO Country office for India
6. Dr Bhavin Vadera, Consultant (CTD), MoHFW, GoI
7. Dr Amit Karad, Consultant (CTD), MoHFW, GoI
8. Dr. Honey Arora, Consultant, NUHM, MoHFW, GoI
9. Dr. Adil Shafie, Senior Consultant, NUHM, MoHFW, GoI
10. Ms. Shilpy Malra, Consultant, NUHM, MoHFW, GoI
11. Ms. Seema Pati, Consultant, NUHM, MoHFW, GoI