Worm infection in children can spread through:
- Playing outside barefoot
- Eating food without washing hands
- Defecating in the open
- Unclean surroundings

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- Loss of appetite
- Weakness and anxiety
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- Helps improve work potential and livelihood opportunity
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Albendazole tablet helps control worm infection

10 August 2017
National Deworming Day
On this day, all children aged 1-19 will be administered the deworming tablet free-of-cost in schools and Anganwadis.

Teacher, why does Swati keep complaining of stomach ache?
Swati might be suffering from worm infection.

What are worms?
Worms are parasites that thrive on nutrition from the human intestine.

Worm transmission cycle:
1. An infected child contaminates soil with faeces containing worm eggs. These eggs develop into larvae in the soil.
2. Other children are infected by eggs ingested through food or dirty hands, or by larvae penetrating the skin.
3. In an infected child, eggs and larvae develop into adult worms, which produce eggs and have an ill effect on the child's health.

Key Points About Worm Infection

What are worms?

Three types of worms most commonly found in children:
- Round worms
- Whip worms
- Hook worms

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Your role as a teacher on National Deworming Day

**Before National Deworming Day**

**Checklist of necessary material**
- Sufficient drugs
- Train other teachers in your school on deworming and hand over required tablets and other resources to them
- Keep the ANM’s and nearest healthcare centre’s contact number handy
- National Deworming Day reporting form
- Generate awareness about National Deworming Day among children, parents, and community members
- Inform children about National Deworming Day during morning assembly and in class
- Inform parents about the date of National Deworming Day to ensure maximum attendance
- Display posters and other IEC properly for maximum visibility

**On National Deworming Day**

Ensure availability of following:
- Clean drinking water and glasses
- Sufficient tablets
- Spoons to crush the tablets
- Emergency phone numbers
- Attendance register
- Encourage all children who did not receive deworming tablet on National Deworming Day to attend school on mop-up day

**After National Deworming Day**

- Teachers should compile all records of deworming and mop-up days in the attached reporting form and share with the headmaster
- Headmasters should compile the reported numbers from all classes into the School Reporting Form and submit it to the ANM by 22 August 2017
- Encourage parents and children to keep their surroundings clean to prevent further worm infection
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   • Children can carry worms for a long time and not have visible symptoms. But it has long-term impact on the health, education, and overall well-being of the child. The deworming tablet helps control worm infection
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   • The deworming tablet helps in overall physical and cognitive development

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Important Information:

- Ensure that you receive all material in the National Deworming Day kit at the time of training:
  Tablets + This handout + IEC + Reporting Form = National Deworming Day Kit

- After your training, share what you learnt and the training material with other teachers in your school

Fulfil your role in this program with enthusiasm and play a part in giving children a brighter future
Did you know that children who have worms:

- Always feel tired because of malnutrition and anemia
- Can have impaired physical and cognitive development

Worm infection is easy to control. All children aged 1-19 will be given the deworming tablet at all schools and Anganwadis free-of-cost. Unregistered and out-of-school children will be dewormed at Anganwadis.

10 August 2017

Children who could not be dewormed on National Deworming Day must be given the tablet on mop-up day 17 August 2017.

On National Deworming Day, Swati goes to school and is given the deworming tablet.

It is your responsibility to keep Swati free from worms.

Swati now feels healthy and tells her friends about the importance of deworming.

In addition to deworming, there are other practices that help to reduce worm infections:

- Keep your nails clean and short
- Always drink clean water
- Keep food covered
- Wash fruits and vegetables with clean water
- Wash your hands with soap, especially before eating and after using the toilet
- Always drink clean water
- Keep your surroundings clean
- Wear shoes
- Do not defecate in the open. Always use a toilet

Talk to your community about these preventive measures.
**NATIONAL DEWORMING DAY AUGUST 2017**  
**SCHOOL REPORTING FORMAT**

* Please fill in all the details below and do not leave any box unfilled.  
** Please add number of children below class 1 (if any) in the category of "class 1-5"

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**GRAND TOTAL of number of children who were administered Albendazole (B = 1 + 2)**

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You may call up the State Office (Name: _____________ / Phone:__________) for any assistance required

**Note:** The headmaster will fill and keep this copy of the reporting form in the school for record and verification purposes.
Reporting Guidelines for School

**Note:**

1. Behind this page is the National Deworming Day reporting form
2. Separate the reporting form from the handout
3. Ensure that the headmaster compiles the correct data into the reporting form and submits it in time to the ANM

**Reporting Guidelines for School**

**Recording:**
- On National Deworming Day, along with administering the tablet, every teacher will mark a single tick (✓) next to each dewormed child’s name in the class register.
- On mop-up day, along with administering the tablet, every teacher will mark a double tick (✓✓) next to each dewormed child’s name in the class register.

**Reporting:**
- Every teacher will count the number of ticks on the form after deworming and mop-up day separately and report this number to the headmaster.
- The headmaster must ensure the accuracy of the reported data before filling it into the form. Designate teachers to ensure correct counting.
- The headmaster will compile the reported data from all classes into the School Reporting Form and submit it to the ANM on time along with the leftover tablets.
- Keep one copy of the form in your school for records and verification purposes.

**Remember:**

National Deworming Day: **10 August 2017**
Mop-up day: **17 August 2017**
Date of submission of school reporting form: **22 August 2017**