

Sub: NRHM – Village Health Sanitation Committee (VHSC) – Inclusion of “Nutrition” within the ambit – renamed as “Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committee (VHSNC)” – Reg.

- Ref: 1) Rc.No.755/DSO/RCH-II/2008, Dt.05.03.2011 of CFW, A.P., Hyderabad.
2) G.O.Ms.No.471, HM&FW (D1), Dt.24.08.2005.
3) Govt. Memo No. 12787/D2/2011-1, Dt.17.08.2011.

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The Government of India has decided to expand the role of Village Health & Sanitation Committee (VHSC) by inclusion of “Nutrition” within its ambit with the active participation of Anganwadi Workers, ANMs and ASHAs. The Committee henceforth will be named as Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Committee (VHSNC). In addition to the defined activities of VHSC as per NRHM framework of implementation, VHSNC will also engage with and monitor status, issues and action pertaining to nutrition. **The broadened mandate of VHSNC will include the following activities in addition to the existing mandate of VHSC.**

- Create awareness about nutritional issues and significance of nutrition as an important determinant of health.
- Carry out survey on nutritional status and nutritional deficiencies in the village especially among women and children
- Identify locally available food stuff of high nutrient value as well as disseminate and promote best practices (traditional wisdom) congruent with local culture, capabilities and physical environment through a process of community consultation
- Inclusion of Nutritional needs in the Village Health Plan. The VHSNC committee will do an in-depth analysis of causes of malnutrition at the community and household levels, by involving the ANM, AWW, ASHA and ICDS Supervisors.
- Monitoring and Supervision of Village Health and Nutrition Day to ensure that it is organized every month in the village with the active participation of the whole village.

- Facilitate early detection of malnourished children in the community, tie up referral to the nearest Nutritional Rehabilitation Centre (NRC) as well as follow up for sustained outcome.
- Supervise the functioning of Anganwadi Centre (AWC) in the village and facilitate its working in improving nutritional status of women and children
- Act as a grievance redressal forum on health and nutrition issues.

The above mentioned committee will act as sub-committee of Grampanchayat and work under overall supervision of Grampanchayat.

Hence, all the concerned are requested to reconstitute the Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Committees accordingly and ensure to adhere to the functionalities / activities of the committee.

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All the DM&HOs in the State
All the District Magistrate and Collector in the State.

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