



GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM,
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (A) DEPARTMENT
DISPUR, GUWAHATI- 781006
ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR OF ASSAM

NOTIFICATION

No. HLA 249/2012/6

Dated: 2nd March, 2012

In partial modification of the earlier letter No: MD/NRHM/Pt-238/2006-07/6697-6719 dated Guwahati the 8th February, 2007 and in pursuance of Order no. Z.18015/8/2011-NRHM-II Dated 25th July 2011 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, National Rural Health Mission, it is hereby notified that the role of Village Health & Sanitation Committee(VHSC) will henceforth include '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)**.

It is also hereby notified that it will include the President and Secretary of the "Matri Sahayak Got" (MSG) as the ex-officio members of the VHSNC.

The VHSNC would be formed at the level of the revenue village. It would consist of the following members.

1. President—Gaon Panchayat member/ VCDC member of that village.
2. Member Secretary /Convenor – ASHA
3. Member- M&HO of the PHC covering the village concerned, Gaon Burah, ANM, AWW, ASHA Supervisor, MPW, one representative of Civil Society, Women's group, NGOs, SHG members, school teachers.
4. Ex-Officio members- President and Secretary of the MSG. The President and Secretary of the MSG will be elected on the first of April every year on a rotational basis from amongst the seven mothers of the Matri Mandal (mothers of children registered in each Anganwadi centre. The new President and Secretary of the MSG should be notified to the VHSNC in the first week of April every year.

While forming the VHSNC, the following must be taken into consideration:

1. Representatives from SC/ST/ OBC/Minority Communities must be given due representation to ensure that the needs of the weaker sections are fully reflected in the activities of the committee.
2. Due representation of women, the poor and marginalized.
3. At least 50% members should be women.
4. Every hamlet within a revenue village must be given due representation in the VHSNC.

Again in continuation of Oder No: Z.18015/8/2011-NRHM-II, the VHSNC will function as a Sub Committee of the Gram Panchayat under the overall supervision of the Gram Panchayat to achieve the below stated objectives in addition to the defined activities of VHSC as per NRHM framework of implementation notified as per MD/NRHM/Pt-238/2006-07/6697-6719 dated Guwahati the 8th February, 2007. The VHSNC will also engage with and monitor status, issues and action pertaining to nutrition. The broadened mandate of VHSNC will include the activities as enumerated below:

New activities of VHSNC in addition to the already mandated activities of VHSC:

- Create awareness about nutritional issues and significance of nutrition as an important

- Identify locally available food stuffs 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 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 grievances redressal forum on health and nutrition issues.

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Commissioner & Secretary to Govt. of Assam
Health & Family Welfare Dept.

Dated the 2nd March, 2012

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Copy to :-

1. The Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Health & Family Welfare Department and Social Welfare department for favour of information.
2. The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Health & Family Welfare Department, Dispur for favour of information.
3. The Principal Secretary, BTAD, Kokrajhar.
4. The Principal Secretary, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Diphu.
5. The Principal Secretary, Dima Hasao Autonomous Council, Haflong.
6. The Commissioner & Secretary to GoA, (Sri Younus), Health & Family Welfare Department, Dispur, Guwahati for information.
7. The Commissioner & Secretary to GOA, Panchayat and Rural Development.
8. The Commissioner & Secretary to GOA, Social Welfare Development.
9. The Commissioner & Secretary to CM, Women and Child Development.
10. The Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Health & Family Welfare Department, Dispur for information.
11. The Director, Medical Education, GoA, Six Mile, Guwahati for information.
12. The Director of Health Services, Assam, Hengerabari, Guwahati for information.
13. The Director of Health Services (FW), Hengerabari, Guwahati for information.
14. The Director, RRC (NE), Six Mile for information.
15. The Regional Director, MoHFW, Govt. of India, Regional Office, Sixmile, Guwahati for information.
16. The Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Health & FW (A) Department, Dispur, Guwahati.
17. The P.S. to Minister, Health & Family Welfare with a request to bring it to the notice of the Hon'ble Minister.

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