

Mission Directorate
National Rural Health Mission (Haryana)
Bays No. 55-58, Sector-2, Panchkula

No. NRHM/VHSC-VLC/GoI-VHSNC/2011-12/CP-149

Date: 21/10/2011

Office Order

Reference to the Order No. Z.18015/8/2011-NRHM-2; Dated 25 July 2011 received from the Special Secretary & Mission Director (NRHM), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (Government of India), New Delhi; vide which it has been intimated that the GoI has decided to expand the role of Village Health Sanitation Committee (VHSNC) so as to include 'Nutrition' within its ambit with the active participation of Aangawadi Workers, ANMs and ASHAs.

As you are aware that the said Committee is known as Village Health Sanitation Committee-cum-VLC (VHSC-cum-VLC) in the State of Haryana. The Committee henceforth will be named at Village Health Sanitation Nutrition Committee (VHSNC) at the national level. In addition to the defined activities of VHSC-cum-VLC as per the NRHM framework implementation, the 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-cum-VLC:

- 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 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 Nutrition Day (VHND) 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.

The Committee is already acting as a sub-committee of the Gram Panchayat in the State and functional under the overall supervision of the Gram Panchayat. Therefore, the districts are accordingly advised to issue necessary notifications and guidelines regarding the expansion of the existing the VHSC-cum-VLC to each and every concerned in the field by 01 November 2011.

The Districts are also informed that Revised Guidelines are being prepared for effective functioning of the Committee at village level; since time being you are advised to start doing the expanded activities as per the GoI mandate.

This is for strict compliance and action taken report in this matter may kindly be sent to this office by 01 November 2011.

**Sd/-
Mission Director
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