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Health & Family Welfare Department - Regional Certification - Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis in Kollam and Kottayam during 2019-2020 - Programme sanctioned - Orders issued

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt) No.241/2019/H&FWD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 31/01/2019

Read:- Letter Number CA(PH)-1/19/DHS dated 05/01/2019

ORDER

Kerala is committed to elimination of Malaria and Lymphatic Filariasis as a part of achieving sustainable Development Goals. The districts of Pathanamthitta, Kottayam and Ernakulam are eligible for regional certification of Malaria elimination as these districts have not reported any indigenous malaria cases since 2009. The vector data also supports eligibility of these districts.

2) Regarding Lymphatic Filariasis, the first Transmission Assessment Survey (TAS) in 9 out of 11 endemic districts of Lymphatic filariasis (Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Kozhikode, Kannur, Kasargod) and Second Transmission Assessment Survey (TAS) in seven districts (Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Kottayam, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Kozhikode, Kannur) were successfully conducted. The second TAS is planned in Alappuzha and Kasargod districts during February/March 2019 subject to availability of filaria test strip/Brugia rapid test kit from NVBDCP Delhi. Third Transmission Assessment Survey is planned in Kottayam and Kollam districts during February/March 2019 again subject to availability of Kits from NVBDCP.

3) For the certification of the elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis to be done, three Transmission Assessment Survey need to be conducted successfully at an interval of two years, Post MDA surveillance to be done during October/November months and disability prevention programme need to be implemented fully for all hydrocelectomy.

4) In this circumstances, as part of achieving elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis in Kollam and Kottayam Districts, in the first instance and other districts in due course the following directions are issued for strict compliance.

- i. The MDA and TAS remaining to be completed will be done expeditiously.
- ii. The MMDP clinics shall be made fully functional in all Taluk and District Hospitals by the end of June 2019, with periodic mop up training for new entrants to these hospitals.
- iii. Adequate Training should be imparted to staff at CHC and PHC level and Community Health Workers up to ASHA level using TOT members who have already been trained for home based morbidity management. This training should be completed during this year itself. MMDP training should also become part of FHC training module.

5) As the state does not have adequate capacity for documentation required for certification of elimination Government shall provide technical support for the effort with the support of WHO and other technical agencies.

(By order of the Governor),
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To

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