

Government of Odisha
School and Mass Education Department
State Project Management Unit, Mid-Day Meal

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From

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State Nodal Officer (MDM)

To

All District Collectors

Sub: Distribution of Iron Folic Acid tablets to the students under National Iron Plus Initiative (NIPI) programme due to COVID 19 pandemic_ Rgd.

Madam/Sir,

You must be aware that the closure of schools has been extended to 31st August, 2020 on account of COVID 19 pandemic. In this trying situation, the nutrition of school going children is challenged and their immunity adversely affected. In order to address the hidden hunger among school going children, it is necessary that they continue the consumption of weekly Iron Folic Acid tablets supplementation under National Iron Plus Initiative (NIPI) programme.

Taking into account that the school teachers will be distributing the stock of unutilized MDM dry rice in schools and coupons to the students, they should also be instructed to distribute IFA tablets for the month of July and August (Ten tablets) for each student to their parents/guardians along with distribution of MDM dry rice/coupons at one go. The IFA tablets should be distributed as per the applicability (Pink or Blue). IFA (Pink) tablet is meant for the students of class I to V and IFA (Blue) tablet for the students of class VI to X. The tablets must be handed over to the parents after verifying the expiry dates of the tablets and under no circumstance expired tablets should be given to them. The modality of consumption at home by the student has been communicated earlier vide **Letter no 269/SPMU, dtd 30.4.2020** of S&ME department. The COVID 19 protocols must be scrupulously followed during distribution of IFA tablets by the teachers. Where ever possible, the SMC should monitor the consumption of IFA tablets by the school children at home and also guide them if necessary.

You are, therefore, requested to ensure distribution of IFA tablets to the parents/guardians of the students during the distribution of MDM dry rice/coupons.

Yours faithfully,

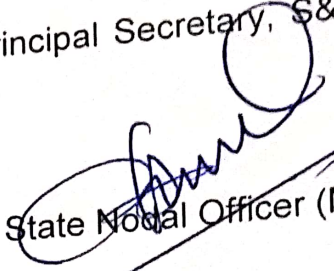

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