

Government of Odisha

Department of Women & Child Development and Mission Shakti

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From

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Joint Secretary to Government

To

All Collectors

Sub: COVID19: Extension of closure of AWCs for a period of one month i.e. 1st September, 2020 to 30th September, 2020 and delivery of Take Home Ration (THR) and ration in lieu of Hot Cooked Meal (HCM) at the doorsteps of beneficiaries covered under Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP).

Ref: This Department letter No.8434 dated 22.07.2020

Madam/Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am to say that, in view of continuance of the lockdown due to COVID19, it has been decided to continue closure of AWCs beyond 31st August, 2020 for a period of one month i.e. 1st September, 2020 to 30th September, 2020 and to ensure delivery of THR and ration for HCM, as per entitlement, at doorsteps of beneficiaries covered under SNP.

2. The modalities for ensuring doorstep delivery of entitlements, in form of THR and ration for HCM, for the period from 1st September, 2020 to 30th September, 2020, to beneficiaries, covered under SNP, are delineated as below,

2.1 For children(6 months-3 years) and pregnant & nursing women:

The entitlements may be provided as follows,

- a. Entitlements, in form of chhatua, dry ration, ladoos/chikkis etc., is to be given to the children(6 months-3 years) and pregnant & nursing women at one go by 1st of September, 2020 for the month of September, 2020. The system of mothers/pregnant women coming to Anganwadi Centres(AWCs) on the 1st of the month to pick up THR is to be discontinued for the month. Anganwadi Workers (AWWs)/ Helpers (AWHs) will ensure door to door delivery of the entitlement.
- b. While doing so, AWWs/AWHs must maintain all standards of hygiene (use of masks, gloves, sanitizers and proper washing of hands with soap) and protocols of social distancing.
- c. Similarly, the THR producing SHGs, are to be sensitized about the standards of hygiene (use of masks, gloves, caps etc. as provided in guidelines and use of sanitizers & proper washing of hands with soap) and protocols of social distancing.

2.2 For pre-school children(3-6 years):

The entitlements may be provided as follows,

- a. AWWs/AWHs are to supply dry ration such as rice, pulses, oil, condiments, salt etc. in lieu of HCM, for the month of September, 2020 by 1st September, 2020 at the doorsteps of the households.

b. The AWWs/AWHs, however, are to maintain standards of hygiene (use of masks, gloves, caps etc. and use of sanitizers & proper washing of hands with soap) and protocols of social distancing.

2.3 In both the above cases, eggs, as per entitlement, are to be distributed on a weekly basis at household level. In case of issues in availability of eggs, substitutes, such as soya nodules, are to be provided without compromising with the nutrition norms.

2.4 Distribution of THR, ration for HCM, eggs etc. are to be monitored by members of Mothers and Jaanch Committees. The concerned Supervisors/CDPOs will be responsible for smooth conduct of the task. DSWOs, at the end of the month, are to furnish a certificate to the effect that, all beneficiaries, covered under SNP, have been provided their entitlements for 25 days of the month of September, 2020.

3. Mixing of ingredients of chhatua, to be distributed for September, 2020, is to take place on the fixed day i.e., 23rd of August, 2020.

3.1 The concerned Supervisors/CDPOs will be responsible for smooth conduct of the task.

3.2 In COVID19 containment area, however, the quota of the SHGs, engaged for preparation and distribution of THR, may be tagged to a SHG of adjoining area before 23rd August, 2020 in order to avoid disruption.

You are, therefore, requested to ensure that, nutrition, as per entitlement, is received by the beneficiary households in the above manner and to ensure that, in these trying times, special focus is given to pregnant & nursing women and children, SAM & MAM in general and those in TMCs/camps, in particular.

DSWOs have been advised to adopt SAM, MAM, severely underweight children and red flag pregnancy cases either themselves or through PO, ICDS; CDPOs; Supervisors; DPC MAMATA; DPC, Mission Shakti; NOP Managers and such other senior officers with her and monitor them telephonically at least, intervening where required.

Yours faithfully,

D. K. Singh
Joint Secretary to Government
25.08.2020

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Copy forwarded to all DSWOs/CDPOs for information & necessary action. DSWOs, at the end of the month, are to furnish a certificate to the effect that, all beneficiaries, covered under SNP, have been provided their entitlements for 25 days of the month of September, 2020.

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