

Government of Odisha
Department of Women & Child Development and Mission Shakti
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From

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To

All Collectors

Madam/Sir,

Sub:- COVID-19:Extension of closure of AWCs for a period of one month i.e.1st April,2020 to 30th April,2020 and delivery of Take Home Ration(THR) and ration for Hot Cooked Meal(HCM) at the doorsteps of beneficiaries covered under Supplementary Nutrition Programme(SNP).

Ref :- This Department letter No 4638/WCDMS dated 13.03.2020

Madam/Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject above, I am directed to say that, in view of apprehension of spread of COVID-19, it has been decided to continue closure of AWCs beyond 31st March,2020 for a period of one month i.e.1st April,2020 to 30th April,2020 and to ensure delivery of Take Home Ration(THR) and ration for Hot Cooked Meal(HCM),as per entitlement, at doorsteps of beneficiaries covered under Supplementary Nutrition Programme(SNP).

2.The modalities for ensuring doorstep delivery of entitlements. in form of THR and ration for HCM, for the period from 1st April,2020 to 30th April,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 April,2020 for the month of April,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, sanitisers and proper washing of hands with soap) and protocols of social distancing(maintaining more than one meter distance with co-workers, beneficiary etc and not to congregate more than seven persons at one point of time).Hygiene kits, containing hand washing soaps, sanitisers, gloves, masks etc, may be procured out of funds made available under flexi-pool and medicine kits.
 - c) Similarly, the THR producing SHGs, are to be sensitised about the standards of hygiene (use of masks, gloves, caps etc as provided in guidelines and use of sanitisers & proper washing of hands with soap) and protocols of social distancing(maintaining more than one meter distance with co-workers and not more than seven persons at the point of production).

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

The entitlements may be provided as follows,

- a)As has been detailed in this Department letter No 4638/WCDMS dated 13.03.2020, AWWs/AWHs are to supply dry ration such as rice, pulses, oil, condiments, salt etc, in lieu of HCM, for the month of April,2020 by 1st April,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 sanitisers & proper washing of hands with soap) and protocols of social distancing(maintaining more than one meter distance with beneficiaries etc and not allow more than seven persons during distribution).

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 April,2020.

3. Funds. required for the purpose for the month of April,2020 will be met out of unutilised funds under SNP in FY 2019-20. In case of deficiency, however, expenditure may be met from either the revolving fund of Rs 10.000/- retained

in the joint account of the AWW & Ward Member/Councilor or from interest amount accruing out of unutilised funds under SNP. Funds, under any other head, lying unutilised with DSWOs or CDPOs, may be availed as the last option.

4. You are, therefore, requested that, nutrition, as per entitlement, is received by the beneficiary households in the above manner.

Yours faithfully,

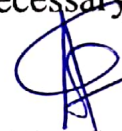

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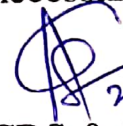
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