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Dated Dispur the 1st June, 2021

From : Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam.
Social Welfare Department, Dispur

To : 1. The Deputy Commissioner (All Districts)
2. The District Social Welfare Officer (All Districts)

Sub : Intensifying Remote Sensitization and Supportive Supervision for Continuity
of Essential Nutrition Services in context of COVID-19

Madam/ Sir,

I am directed to state that in the context of the ongoing impact of COVID-19 and challenges, there is need to intensify supportive supervision at district, project, and sector level for ensuring continued service delivery of essential nutrition interventions through alternative mechanisms. The service delivery for nutrition interventions has become even more relevant in the current situation. Districts are therefore requested to ensure following essential services are delivered to beneficiaries using available opportunities in form of home visits, VHND/RI sessions and THR distribution contact points:

- Monthly growth monitoring and screening for SAM: **Children with SAM and** accompanying medical complications should be referred to **NRC/ Health Facility**. Children with SAM, without any accompanying medical complications **should be** enrolled under Community based programme (CMAM).
- Weekly Iron Folic Acid supplementation among adolescent girls
- Counselling on Nutrition behaviours for Pregnant women, lactating mothers and mothers of children under two years

Further, acknowledging the unprecedented challenges posed by the ongoing pandemic, telephonic sensitization and supportive supervision at project, sector and AWW levels has been deemed essential. UNICEF, Assam, with support from AMCH Dibrugarh and NCARE Centre, Tezpur University, has identified a State level team of 'Mentors for Nutrition' to lead this exercise.

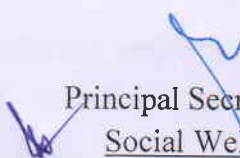
Between 3rd and 10th June, the Mentors Group (Faculty members and Research assistants from MCH Cell, AMCH, Dibrugarh) will reach out to all CDPOs and Supervisors across the State telephonically. Through these telephonic interactions, sensitization on continuity of essential services would be undertaken for all CDPOs and Supervisors.

Further, it is expected that all CDPOs and Supervisors conduct similar sensitization for all AWWs under their respective sectors through brief in-person/ telephonic interactions before 15th June. In addition, about 3000 AWWs would also be reached over phone, by UNICEF's extended team to understand progress and challenges in service delivery at the ground level.

This exercise is planned with an aim to support continuity of services through feasible platforms in current COVID-19 situation and would be continued for the next few months. Three rounds of telephonic sensitization and supportive supervision are planned. As mentioned above, the first round is planned for Jun-Jul. Similarly, second round would be held during Aug-Sep and third round in Oct-Nov.

The District officials and functionaries from block level are requested to join this campaign and benefit from continued guidance from the team of 'Mentors for Nutrition' so that the State continues to deliver essential nutrition interventions with good coverage, even in these difficult times.

Yours faithfully


Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Social Welfare Department, Dispur

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1. The Director, Social Welfare, Assam, Uzanbazar, Ghy-1 with a request to co-ordinate the programme.
2. The Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF Assam
3. The Nodal Officer, MCH Cell, AMCH, Dibrugarh
4. The Head, NCARe Centre Tezpur University

By order etc.,


Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
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