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Note for record on State Response Team Meeting at NHM and DHS Conference Room chaired by Shri. Sampath Kumar, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Meghalaya

Opening Remarks by Shri. Ram Kumar, MD,NHM

- It was brought to the notice of all members present that around **50%** of the people arriving from outside the state of Meghalaya to Garo Hills, especially in **Tikrikilla Block** of West Garo Hills District were found to have not been pre-registered through the online NIC registration portal.
- Therefore, a new mechanism of registering on entry points have been developed through an application based system of registering contact information and necessary details of persons arriving to the state here after. The feeding of such data has already started in entry points of all districts.
- This system will enable the surveillance team at districts to track the location of such individuals till they reach their respective locations.
- This will also enable the district administration to have a clear idea on the number of people in quarantine at a particular location and supply of ration and essential commodities required to be provided can be taken care of.
- **RATI app** will also be placed along with this app which will allow information on the number of people been tested and number of home visits made. If somebody is being sampled will also be highlighted through this system. The same application will be used by Magistrate and other district teams for home visit as well. If someone turns COVID-19 positive, the same app can be used for contact tracing also.
- In terms of **surveillance and status of entry**, these data once received will be shared with all districts by 11 p.m on 5th May 2020. However, the new data received post 5th May 2020 will be shared twice on a daily basis at 5a.m and 5p.m respectively.
- It was informed that for asymptomatic people **Rapid Test Kits** can be used on 10% of the people arriving from outside the state whereas RT-PCR test will be used for symptomatic patients. This data also will also be consolidated.
The Commissioner & Secretary suggested that the same sampling method of testing can be done for pre-registered people arriving from red zone states or areas) Mapping a zone and sampling of those people arriving from particular area to be conducted)
- For **RTK**, DSO to identify a village which does not have any contact with residents of Shillong and to see whether any false positive case arises during the process. This will be an important data was mentioned.
- Requested for officially conveying usage of **Hospital Management System (Electronic Health Records)** by all private and government hospitals.
- **Tele-counselling**- one firm have volunteered for receiving calls and only filtered calls will be transferred to doctors. District doctors or RBSK doctors can be requested to spare some time to do the counseling and acquiring data on symptoms which then can be directed to DSO for collection of samples. The first pilot will be done by EGH and WGH district initially. Dr. Giri will be the nodal person for contact and will train the volunteers.

Remarks by Dr. M. Marbaniang, SSO, IDSP

- Mentioned that all task of contact tracing has been completed by 4 teams consisting of 13 members. This was done by door to door visit post self registration of people visiting Bethany.
- The three locations where active surveillance has been completed are Bethany, Pomlakrai and Mawprem and a total of 91900 hh has been visited till date. 4 people have reported symptoms , samples has been taken for the same. Percentage of coverage is good as some of them have completed 80-90% of the total hh and is still ongoing.
- Active surveillance has been completed and report on the same will be shared with the State Response Team members.

Remarks by Dr. Aman War, DHS

- Speaking on training ASHAs for doing ECG test and other activities related to COVID-19, it was suggested that involving private technicians/lab technicians/ANMs/staff nurses could be a better option at the current situation.
- Commended private hospitals and mission hospitals like Nazareth Hospital, Robert Hospital, Holy Cross amongst others for extending support, providing medical support.
- Informed that MHIS is paying Rs 4200/day to patients in private hospitals.

Remarks by Shri. Sampath Kumar, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare

- It was clarified to all members about the idea of having ASHAs trained to build the capacity of frontline workers at the grass root in case of an outbreak or surge.
- Given the prediction rate of transmission to over 2 crore people by August 2020 across India, Meghalaya would have 60,000-70,000 positive cases. 80% of the cases do not require hospitalization but can be treated at home while strictly following the protocols of home isolation. In addition, the hospitals will be used only for those who need Oxygen and ICU support. A mobile unit who can take samples and can also be used to administer medicines at different locations.
- Briefed on Random Samplings to be conducted along with feeding data into the application; which should start from 6th May onwards.
- RTK and random sampling can be done at Entry Points and a mandatory test after 7 days for individuals visiting from outside the state needs to be completed.
- Suggested that a questionnaire for acquiring data on high risk individuals can be made for all those who are coming from outside the state after following the process of pre registration.
- Possibility of people visiting liquor stores could be generated as post lock down many people have visited wine stores violating all physical distancing norms.

Key Decisions Taken-

1. It was decided that Rapid Test Kits can be used on 10% of the people arriving from outside the state RT-PCR test will be done for all those who are found positive in the RTKs and also all the symptomatic cases. Mandatory test for all individuals after 7 days to be conducted.

2. Surveillance and status of entry data to be shared with all districts by 11 p.m on 5th May 2020. New data received post 5th May 2020 to be shared twice on a daily basis at 5a.m and 5p.m respectively.
3. Selecting one pilot village with no contact or travel history to check on false positive case needs to be identified.
4. Official order to all hospitals for setting up of Hospital Management System application to be issued.
5. No sign board of any kind should be allowed for putting up at houses of people under home quarantine as this will only create fear and stigma among people.
6. Village Head Man should be given full power to restrict movement of people under home quarantine.
7. It was decided that training for sample collection and ECG tests can be done starting with ANM level but also stated that training of ASHAs to be encouraged at a later stage to meet surge capacity in case of the ongoing pandemic.
8. Active surveillance report conducted in the three locations- Bethany, Pomlakrai and Mawprem to be shared with State Response Team.

(Sd/-Sampath Kumar, IAS)

Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Health & Family Welfare Department

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5. The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Meghalaya, Shillong.
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By Order etc.,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Health & Family Welfare Department