

Resolutions of 10th Fortnightly Coordination Meeting of TI, STI, ICTC and CST Components of NACP-IV dated 08.01.16 :

Venue : Conference Room, WBSAP&CS, Swasthya Bhawan, Salt Lake, Kolkata-91

Date : 08.01.16

Time : 2 p.m.

Attended by :

- Shri Biplab Das, Joint Secretary in Dept. Of H&FW, Govt. of West Bengal and Addl. Project Director, WBSAP&CS
- Dr. D.N. Goswami, Joint Director (TI) and Chief Coordinator (TI, STI & CST), WBSAP&CS
- Dr. N. K. Halder, Joint Director (BSD), WBSAP&CS
- Dr. P.K. Mandal, Joint Director (CST), WBSAP&CS and State Nodal Officer, DAPCU, Kolkata
- Dr. S. Saren, Deputy Director (STI & ICTC) and DNO, DAPCU, WB (except DAPCU, Kolkata)
- Dr. Anindya Sen, Regional Coordinator (CST) for WB, Jharkhand & Odisha, NACO, Ministry of H&FW, Govt. of India
- Ms. Papia Dastidar, Asst. Director (Nursing), WBSAP&CS
- Ms. Tina Mitra, Asst. Director (TI) and Nodal Asst. Director (TI, STI & CST), WBSAP&CS
- Mr. Soumya Mondal, Asst. Director (M&E & ICTC), WBSAP&CS
- Mr. Saibal Maiti, Asst. Director (PPTCT), WBSAP&CS
- Mr. Saptarshi Ghosh, HR Officer, WBSAP&CS

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The tenth fortnightly coordination meeting of TI, STI, CST and ICTC components was held on 08.01.16 at 2 p.m. at the Conference Room, WBSAP&CS, Swasthya Bhawan, Salt Lake, Kolkata-91 as prescheduled. The same was convened and chaired by the Joint Secretary in Dept. Of H&FW, Govt. of West Bengal and Addl. Project Director, WBSAP&CS.

The meeting begun with sharing of the resolutions of the last i.e., 9th fortnightly coordination meeting by the Joint Director (TI) and Chief Coordinator (TI, STI & CST), WBSAP&CS and acceptance of the same by the house. After detailed discussion on different agenda items, the following resolutions were adopted :

- The Joint Director (CST), WBSAP&CS informed the house that currently there was no dearth of CD4 kits/reagents and/or ARV drugs. He informed that the BD FACS CD4 Calibur machine that got relocated from Berhampore, Odisha to COE, STM, Kolkata was

yet to get functional as the required UPS of the same had not yet supplied alongwith the said machine owing to some dismantling issue for the same. However, the matter would likely to be addressed by Mar,'16 as informed by NACO. He also updated about the resumption of functioning of the FD FACS CD4 Calibur machine at ART Centre, BMC&H, Burdwan on and from 07.01.16 after it got repaired. The same at ART Centre, R.G.Kar MC&H, Kolkata would likely to be restored for functioning by 08.01.16. However, the non-functional CD4 machine at ART Centre, NBMC&H, Darjeeling was in need of replacement of some spare parts as informed by the JD (CST), WBSAP&CS.

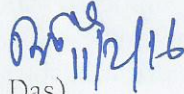
- The HR Officer, WBSAP&CS updated the house about the decentralized recruitment status for various categories of staff on contract under different components of NACP-IV viz., Blood Safety, BSD (ICTC), STI and DAPCU. He informed that the recruitment process got completed in the districts of Jalpaiguri, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur, Malda, Birbhum, Nadia, 24 Parganas (S), Midnapore (E), Midnapore (W) and Howrah. The proposed panels were in pipeline for necessary approval of the competent authority for the districts of Murshidabad, Darjeeling and 24 Parganas (N). However, for Bankura, Purulia, Cochbehar, Hooghly and Burdwan districts, the recruitment process had been started off already with publishing of open advertisements and in some of the cases even conduction of written test and the interview scheduled. The APD, WBSAP&CS asked to pursue with the lag behind districts requesting the concerned authorities to expedite the recruitment process.
- The JD (CST), WBSAP&CS further came up with the suggestion to explore provision, if any for inclusion of single component generic ARV drugs in the CMS list for local level procurement in future, if needed keeping in mind the irregular supply chain management of NACO for ARV drugs. However, stringent follow up so far was consistently being done by the CST division, WBSAP&CS for ARV drugs/CD4 kits/reagents with NACO.
- The Asst. Director (M&E & ICTC), WBSAP&CS updated the members present about the notable improvisation of STI-ICTC linkage to 70% from the earlier 32%. The AD (M&E), WBSAP&CS however, shared that the TI-ICTC referral-linkage – more specifically the FSW TI-ICTC was not yet satisfactory till date as per the reports received. The ICTC-ART referral-linkage remains to be 87%. The Joint Director (CST), WBSAP&CS explained the possible cause for the gap was the tendency of some clients to go for double testing while intentional concealing their identity at different ICTCs out of their denial to their seropositive status already diagnosed. The APD, WBSAP&CS shared with the house about the plan of launching of push back sms system shortly by SACS similarly like the already successfully rolled out one for PPTCT programme to keep in track with the seropositive pregnant women and also those seropositive women with their living exposed babies. The said system was likely to ensure even more strong referral-linkage of services for the PLHIVs by push back sms services connecting every tier of service delivery with the end beneficiary (i.e., the PLHIV/CLHIV) – thus, addressing the referral gap, linkage loss, LFU issues etc.

- The Asst. Director (M&E), WBSAP&CS shared with the house the so far received report of the Intensive Health Camps and Communication Campaigns focusing on the Returnee Migrants and their spouses that were organized in the current FY, i.e., 2015-'16 across the state. He updated that out of the total 136 camps organized in all 18 districts (except Kolkata) in the months of Oct. And Nov., '15, the total footfall reported was 54,000 – out of which 42,000 was migrants and/or their spouses which accounted for 67% of the total footfall. The total number of HIV screening happened in those IHCs was 25,000 including 19,000 migrant testing, The total HIV positives cases got detected in the IHCs was 66. The AD (M&E) also shared about official acknowledgement of efforts of the districts to make the IHCs and Communication Campaigns a success as decided by the competent authority. In respect of achievements under different parameters, maximum number of footfall happened at IHCs at West Midnapore, maximum number of HIV screening happened at IHCs in Murshidabad, maximum number of seropositives got detected in Dakshin Dinajpur, Malda came out to be highest scorer in terms of maximum number of migrant testing. However, he also informed that till date reports of 5 IHCs organized in Nadia district was still awaited.
- The Joint Secretary in Dept. Of H&FW, Govt. of West Bengal and Addl. Project Director, WBSAP&CS emphasized upon achieving the individual NACP-IV componentwise physical targets as mentioned in the Administrative Calendar for 2015-'16 positively by Mar., '16.
- The APD, WBSAP&CS raised his serious concern about the coverage of maximum numbers of targeted beneficiaries (i.e., PLHIVs) by the PLHIV fixed allowance as a state specific scheme and requested the JD (CST), WBSAP&CS to ensure expedition of disbursement of the said grant to reach all the enlisted/registered PLHIVs – alive and on ART in the state.
- The APD, WBSAP&CS also expressed his concern regarding obtaining of SOE/UC for the fund/grant-in-aid already released by WBSAP&CS to periphery although the current FY for different NACP-IV components. He asked all the divisional heads present in the meeting to look into the same. He also shared about the possible appointment of audit firm M/s. O.P. Tulsyan for collection of SOE/UC as was done in the previous FY.
- The Joint Secretary in Dept. Of H&FW, Govt. of West Bengal and Addl. Project Director, WBSAP&CS asked all the divisional heads to put up proposals for additional fund requirement from state provision, if any for further enhancement of services that might not have been approved by NACO. The Regional Coordinator (CST) for WB, Jharkhand & Odisha, NACO came up with the recommendation of state grant for local level procurement of second line ARV drugs by COE, STRM, Kolkata as the fund approved for the said purpose is insufficient.
- The Chief Coordinator (TI, STI & CST), WBSAP&CS suggested about organizing sensitization programme at MC&H capacity level. It was proposed and seconded by the

house that Rs. 5000/- only per institution might be provided by SACS for organizing the same.

- Both Joint Director (CST) and Deputy Director (STI), WBSAP&CS requested the Addl. Project Director, WBSAP&CS to kindly consider one additional manpower viz., one DD (CST) for CST division and one AD (STI) for STI Division of WBSAP&CS keeping in mind the heavy workload of both of the divisions.

The meeting got concluded with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.


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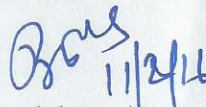
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