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Dear Shri Khatri,

At the outset, I would like to convey my sincere appreciation for your support to the HIV/AIDS prevention activities. In recent years, evidence has indicated that migration is one of the significant drivers of HIV epidemic in the State. Last HIV Sentinel Surveillance data indicates that there is an increasing prevalence among ANC Attendees which is a reflection of general population of the state. It has increased from 0.19 % in the year 2008 to 0.32% in the year 2013-14. It is estimated that about 103148 HIV people are living with HIV in our State. Rajasthan (As per India HIV estimations 2015, technical report) published by NACO. Rajasthan is considered to be a low prevalence state, but is highly vulnerable due to high source and destination migrants and presence of large number high risk behavior groups including Female Sex Workers, Men who have Sex with Men, Transgender and Injecting Drug Users, besides other regional and state specific factors.

In this regard for migrants and their family members a comprehensive health and communication campaigns are being suggested by National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) during upcoming festival seasons. This activity planned by Rajasthan State AIDS Control Society in collaboration with Department of Medical and Health Services, Department of Women and Child Development/ICDS, District Health Society and other stakeholders, at predetermined blocks/ villages in high priority districts between Dussherra and Deepawali.

These health camps are to be implemented in 10 districts, where the migrant mobility is high. These districts are; Jodhpur, Bhilwara, Chittorgarh, Dungarpur, Jalore, Pali, Rajsamand, Sirohi, Banswara, and Udaipur.

During Oct 2017, migrants would be returning to their villages for celebrating Diwali in festival seasons, therefore, this would be the most suitable time to approach them with intensive communication messages combined with holistic health services. Along with general health check up facilities, there would be facility offered for counseling and testing for HIV as well. In case persons are found to be reactive in HIV screening, would be linked to nearest ART centers. These services would be for general public including for the spouses of the Migrants.

I look forward to your personal support to this campaign and together we may be able to cater to this important but vulnerable group in a manner which is friendly and accessible, creating optimal use of services.

We seek your support & cooperation in the following areas:

- Youth Coordinators and volunteers of NYKS to provide support in household profiling of migrants and their spouses at village level and undertaking grassroots level activities to motivate the families to ensure uptake of services at the identified health camp site.
- The volunteers can also support the camp team by providing IEC message to the migrant families.
- The staff and volunteers to participate during the camp days to ensure care taking and BCC sessions.

It is requested that necessary instructions may kindly be issued under intimation to this department. Moreover should any assistance be required then Joint Director (TI) Mr. Sunil Kumar - 9414592426 can be contacted.

Best wishes


(Veenu Gupta)

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