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Dear Bhagwati,

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.

Considering this importance, Deputy Director General (TI), National AIDS Control Organization, Government of India had suggested for initiating activities through Health Department and State AIDS Control Society in close association with District Administration, to provide health services, keeping in view the importance of provision of prevention services for migrants and their spouses.

The proposed health and communication campaigns are being 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 your district during the upcoming festival seasons 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.

**We seek your support & cooperation in the following areas:**

A planning and coordination meeting may held under your chairmanship with Medical & health, WCD, PRI, Administrative officers and other key stakeholders like NYK and Civil societies for coordinating and mobilizing the local resource .

Directives to the district Medical Health department, Revenue and administrative officials from different block HQ for monitoring and support, Deputy Directors, Block Development Officers, CDPOs to ensure uptake of services at the identified health camp site.

State AIDS Control Society official will visit to your district for successful implementation of these camps. 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.

*Bert wishes*

Yours' Sincerely

  
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