



## **ABSTRACT**

Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program – Conducting State and District Health Assemblies in Tamil Nadu an amount of an Rs.30,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty lakh only) – Sanctioned - Orders- Issued.

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### **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (EAP1-1) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(D.)No. 376**

**Dated: 26.02.2021  
Sarvari, Masi- 14  
Thiruvalluvar Aandu – 2052**

#### **Read**

1. G.O.(2D) No.17, Health and Family Welfare (EAP1-1) Department, Dated: 14.02.2019.
2. G.O.(2D) No.141, Health and Family Welfare (EAP1-1) Department, Dated: 05.09.2019.
3. G.O.(2D) No.19, Health and Family Welfare (EAP1-1) Department, Dated: 04.02.2020.

#### **Read also:**

4. From the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program, Letter Ref: No.2881/TNH SRP/2019, Dated: 19.01.2021.

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#### **ORDER:**

The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program has informed that Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program is a World Bank supported project implemented by Department of Health and Family Welfare (DoH&FW) of Tamil Nadu Government on Program for Results (P for R) basis. The program claims at achieving SDG 3 target by ensuring health lives and promising wellbeing for all at all ages in Tamil Nadu. The total budget of the program is 287 million US\$ over a period of 5 years which will supplement the overall budget of Government of Tamil Nadu in health department of 4,990 million US\$ in next 5 years to achieve the results. The loan agreement was signed on 04.06.2019 and the effectiveness date is declared as 29.07.2019. The Administrative Sanction of the project was accorded in the Government Order second read above. The Goal of the Project is to improve quality of care, strengthen management of non-communicable diseases and injuries, and reduce inequities in reproductive and child health services in Tamil Nadu. The project is being implemented and the first-year activity carried out from July 2019 to March 2020. In first year, all the disbursement linked results were achieved and disbursement claimed to the World Bank of USD 5,20,23,500 and the budget allotted for the first year activity was sanctioned in the Government Order third read above.

2. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program has forwarded the proposal approved by the State Empowered Committee headed by the Chief Secretary for Conducting State and District Health Assemblies in Tamil Nadu as detailed below:-

Public administrations around the world, not only in health but in a variety of sectors, have embarked on sharing performance data and indicators to communicate progress toward previously-stated standards and benchmarks. In the health sector, the Government of India (GoI) introduced this idea with the disclosure of select Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) data by states in an online portal. To increase citizen empowerment and social accountability of the health sector to its citizens, the Program will support the convening of district and state health assemblies using the Panchayat Raj system. This will improve voice and agency of citizens through collective action while also raising the visibility of the health concerns and needs of communities.

The main activities of increased transparency and accountability through citizen engagement (voice, agency, and social accountability) are, to prepare guidelines to conduct Health Assembly and to annually conduct State and District Health Assemblies.

- (i) Guidelines on District and State Health Assemblies have been developed and adopted
- (ii) At least 10%, 20%, 40%, 60% of all districts shall conduct health assembly during 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th year of the project respectively.
- (iii) Tamil Nadu shall conduct State Health Assembly during each year of the project.

Increased transparency and accountability through citizen engagement (voice, agency, and social accountability) otherwise known as Health Assembly is one of the Disbursement Linked Indicators of Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program when achieved will lead to yearly disbursement until the project period. The guidelines have been prepared and the Operational Plan for Health Assemblies is in its preparatory stage.

The Health Assemblies are to be piloted and further conducted annually. The districts selected for piloting the District Health Assemblies during this year (2020 – 2021) are Salem, Pudukottai, Sivagangai and Cuddalore. The following Committees have been formed to govern, organize and conduct the Health Assemblies.

#### **I. Health Assembly Steering Committee:**

1	Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department	Chairperson
2	Representative from Finance Department	Member
3	Additional Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department	Member
4	Mission Director, National Health Mission	Member
5	Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd.	Member

6	Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program	Member
7	Project Director, Tamil Nadu Urban Health Care Project	Member
8	Director of Medical Education	Member
9	Director of Medical and Rural Health Services	Member
10	Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine	Member

### II. State Organizing Committee:

1	Project Director, TNHSRP	Chairperson
2	State Program Manager, NHM	Member Secretary
3	Program Management Unit, TNHSRP	Member
4	Director of Medical Education (DME)	Member
5	Director of Medical and Rural Health Services (DM&RHS)	Member
6	Director of Public Health and preventive Medicine (DPH&PM)	Member
7	Director of Family Welfare (DFW)	Member
8	State NGO	Member/ Convener

### III. District Organizing Committee:

1	District Collector	Chairperson
2	Deputy Director of Health services (DDHS)	Member Secretary
3	Dean of Medical College	Member
4	Joint Director of Health services (JDHS)	Member
5	Deputy Director of Family Welfare (DDFW)	Member
6	District NGO	Member/ convener

### IV. Working Group:

S.No.	Members	Designation
1	Program Management Unit	Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program
2	Prof. T. Sundararaman	Global coordinator - People's Health Movement (PHM)
3	Dr. Thelma Narayanan	Sochara
4	Dr..Harsha Joshi	NHSRC, Gol
5	Mr. Daman Ahuja	AGCA
6	Dr. Bijit Roy	AGCA
7	Mr. Ameer	Sochara
8	Mr. M. Alwas	NGO-NAWA (Nilgiris Adivasi Welfare Association)
9	Dr.Adhithyan	Consultant-NHM
10	Dr Viduthalai Virumbi	Health Officer, DPH&PM
11	Dr K Vinay Kumar,	JD Immunization
12	Dr Jerard M Selvam	JD HEB
13	Members	State/National Universities

It is proposed,

- i. To conduct health assembly in at least 10% of all districts during this year.
- ii. To conduct a state health assembly during this year.

The districts selected for piloting the District Health Assemblies during this year (2020 – 2021) are Salem, Pudukottai, Sivagangai and Cuddalore.

**Cost:**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Cost (INR Lakhs)</b>	<b>Total (INR Lakhs)</b>
Conduct a State Health Assembly	10,00,000	10,00,000
Conduct 10% District Health Assembly (4 districts)	20,00,000 (@ Rs. 5 lakhs per district for 4 districts)	20,00,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,00,000</b>	<b>30,00,000</b>

Reimbursement by World Bank:

The World Bank has disbursed USD 40,00,000 for the development and adoption of Guidelines on State and District Health Assemblies. They may further disburse USD 10,00,000 and USD 2,50,000 for conducting 10% District and a State Health Assembly respectively.

3. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program has stated that this proposal had been approved by the Project Steering Committee during meeting on 19.12.2020 and also duly approved by the state Empowered Committee and requested the Government to issue necessary orders for conducting the Health Assemblies.

4. The Government after careful consideration of the proposal of the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program have decided to accept the same and accordingly issue the following orders:-

- i. Sanction is accorded for an amount of Rs.30,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty lakh only) to the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program towards conducting the Health Assemblies.
- ii. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program is permitted to draw the funds.
- iii. The expenditure sanctioned in para 4 (i) above shall be debited in the following Head of Account:-

"2210 – Medical and Public Health – 01 Urban Health Services – Allopathy – 110 Hospitals and Dispensaries – Externally Aided Projects – PG – Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Project – 309 Grants in Aid – 03 Grants for Specific Schemes".

iv. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program is permitted to re-allot the funds across the components without exceeding the total amount sanctioned in para 4(i) above.

5. Necessary funds have been provided in Revised Estimate 2020-2021.

6. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No. 10329/Health-II/2021, dated: 26.02.2021.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

**J.RADHAKRISHNAN  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

~~The~~ Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program, Chennai-6.  
The Mission Director, State Health Society, Chennai-6.  
The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd, Egmore,  
Chennai-8.

The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Urban Health Project, Chennai-6.

The Director of Medical Education, Chennai-10.

The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services, Chennai-6.

The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai-6.

The Accountant General (A&E), Chennai- 18.

The Pay and Accounts Officer (south), Chennai-35.

The Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts, Nandhanam, Chennai-35.

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The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Health and Family Welfare),  
Chennai-9.

The Finance (Health-II) Department, Chennai-9.

The Health and Family Welfare (Data Cell) Department, Chennai-9.

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**//FORWARDED BY ORDER //**

*B. Jayabharathi*  
**SECTION OFFICER**  
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