



ABSTRACT

Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program – State and District Health Assemblies – Approved and Adopted – orders - Issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (EAPI-1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No. 157

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Vihari, Panguni – 11

Read :

From the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program, letter No.2881/TNHSRP/2018, dated: 20.03.2020.

ORDER:

In the reference read above, the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program has stated that Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program is being implemented by Government of Tamil Nadu with funding support from World Bank. As per the loan agreement the project will be funded under Program for Results mode, that is, the funds will be disbursed based on the achievement of pre-defined Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLI) in respect of the project activities. The following are the activities which are linked to disbursement for year one of the Project.

- i. To carryout Gap Analysis and to work out the Facility Improvement Plan for 300 Primary Health Centres, 75 Secondary care Health facilities and 7 Medical College Hospitals for obtaining NQAS/NABH accreditation.
(Disbursement eligible US\$ 7,125,000)
- ii. To develop and adopt a "TN State Health Policy/ Strategy for Vision 2030" Document
(Disbursement eligible US\$ 4,000,000)
- iii. To develop a "Quality of Care Strategy" for Government Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Care institutions.
(Disbursement eligible US\$ 4,000,000)
- iv. "TN Non-Communicable Diseases Strategy" - to be developed and adopted.
(Disbursement eligible US\$ 4,000,000)
- v. Tamil Nadu - Quality Enhancing Structured Training (TAN-QuEST)
(Disbursement eligible US\$ 3,000,000)
- vi. To develop a conceptual Note and Operational plan for Strengthened HMIS
(Disbursement eligible US\$ 6,000,000)

vii. Conceptual Model and operational plan for strengthened HMIS
(Disbursement eligible US\$ 6,000,000)

2. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program has stated that Right to health is integral to the right to life and the Government has a constitutional obligation to provide healthcare to all citizens of the country. In order to achieve Universal Health Care (UHC), we need a process and platform for developing participatory public policy such that it facilitates organized community effort and systematic social action. To increase citizen's voice and develop participatory public policy, the Government of Tamil Nadu is proposing to convene district and state health assemblies.

Need for Health Assemblies in Tamil Nadu:

- ✓ To increase citizen empowerment and social accountability of the health sector to its citizens.
- ✓ To improve the interactions between all the stakeholders involved so that healthcare become more universal.
- ✓ Health assemblies ensure blessings of public over the policies and program to increase the likelihood of continuity of policies and programs despite political changes.

Vision

To actively involve communities, civil society, academia and other partners in making informed, participatory and strategic decisions to promote health and well-being through an integrated, people-centered health system in Tamil Nadu.

Goals & Objectives

- To discuss health challenges and establish a dialogue between different stakeholders at the community level.
- To develop, formulate, and implement health-related policies, through multi-sectoral collaboration and stakeholder's participation.
- To empower the community with knowledge of their rights on health and healthcare.
- To improve strategic decision-making capacity of the health department and bring necessary changes at local, district and state level.

Multi stakeholder's involvement: A Key to Success for Health Assembly - Tamil Nadu values the interaction of those in the People's sector, Knowledge sector and Government sector with roles and responsibilities.

Committees for supporting District and State Health Assembly

- a) **Working Groups** – are responsible for conducting the health assemblies.
- b) **Organizing Committee** – will organize and synthesize the resolutions at State and District Level.
- c) **Health Assembly Steering Committee** - functions at the State level to adopt resolutions into policy.

Framework for implementation of District Health Assembly (DHA)

District Health Assembly (DHA) will be built on foundation of community linkages and conducted by collaborative activities of three committees in following steps:

- A) Creating foundation for District Health Assembly
- B) Agenda setting for District Health assembly
- C) Organizing the District Health assembly
- D) Dissemination and Follow-up of reports

Framework for implementation of State Health Assembly (SHA)

State Health Assembly (SHA) will be built on recommendations from DHAs and conducted by collaborative activities of three committees in following steps:

- A) **Creating foundation for State Health Assembly**
- B) **Agenda setting for State Health assembly**
- C) **Organizing the State Health Assembly**
- D) **Dissemination of reports**

Implementation Plan for District and State Health Assemblies

Health Assemblies in Tamil Nadu will be implemented in multiple Phases. The first phase will be from the year 2020–21 by organizing 4 District Health Assemblies. The next phase will be scaled up based on the gained experience of the initial phase, which will be slowly incorporated in all other districts with specified duration of time. State Health assemblies will be conducted annually. The broader framework and plan of action remains same as the district health assembly. The State Health assembly will take up specific agendas common to the districts and other themes/agendas important at the State level through a consultative process by multi-stakeholder engagement.

Future Implications

The Health Assemblies will improve civic consciousness and amplify citizen's voice leading to increased understanding and a more balanced perspective on health issues for a better health outcome of the State.

3. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program has therefore requested the Government to issue orders for approving and adopting the draft State and District Health Assemblies.

4. The Government after careful examination have decided to approve and adopt the State and District Health Assemblies as annexed to this Government Order.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**BEELA RAJESH
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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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,
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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 Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, Chennai-9.

The Private Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department Chennai-9.

The Private Secretary to Secretary (Expenditure), Finance Department Chennai-9.

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.

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