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National AIDS Control Organisation
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Government of India

C-11011/10/2020-NACO (TI)

19th October 2020

Dear Project Director,

As you may be aware, the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide their judgement dated 29th Sep 2020 in the matter of Criminal Appeal No(s).135/2010. has directed all States/UTs to provide dry ration and financial assistance to Sex workers who are identified by National ADS Control Organization (NACO).

2. The relevant extracts from the order of Hon'ble Apex Court is given below:

"Starving sex workers are entitled to be provided with dry rations. Therefore, we direct the State Governments and the Union Territories to provide dry rations to the sex workers who are identified by National Aids Control Organization (NACO) without insisting on proof of identity".

3. NACO is in receipt of communications from State AIDS Control Societies (SACS) and line departments requesting clarity in respect of sharing the details of sex workers in order to implement the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

4. In this regard, NACO, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has developed Standard Operative Procedures (SOP) for facilitating identification and linkage of sex workers by SACS/ Non Governmental Organizations (NGO)/Community Based Organizations (CBO) to avail the facilities of dry ration and financial assistance being provided through respective State Governments, which is attached herewith.

5. You are requested to follow and disseminate the SOP to all the NGO/CBO implementing Targeted Intervention/ Link Worker schemes and also coordinate with all concerned line departments for facilitating that the benefits reach the Sex Workers for compliance to the directives of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The district wise list of NGO/CBO may also be shared with all District Collectors/District Magistrates/Deputy Commissioners for necessary action.

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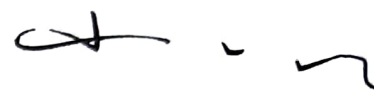
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अपनी एचआईवी अवस्था जानें, निकटतम सरकारी अस्पताल में मुफ्त सलाह व जाँच पाएँ
Know your HIV status, go to the nearest Government Hospital for free Voluntary Counselling and Testing

6. Should any further assistance needed, you may contact Dr Shobini Rajan, Deputy Director General, NACO at shobini@naco.gov.in.

Best wishes,

Yours Sincerely,



(Alok Saxena)

Encl: Annexure – A. Standard Operating Procedures as mentioned.

To,
The Project Director/s,
All State/UT/District AIDS control Societies.