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**Directorate of Medical, Health and Family Welfare**  
**Swasthya Bhawan, Tilak Marg, Jaipur**

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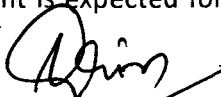
**Subject: Inclusion of Private schools for the National Deworming Day 2016**

Government of Rajasthan is committed to improve the nutritional status of the community. To address the issue of worm infestation in children of age 1 – 19 years, state of Rajasthan is carrying out the Rajasthan Anganwadi and School based mass deworming program since 2012 as a fixed day approach when all children between 1-19 years of age will be targeted to receive treatment for parasitic intestinal worms through the platform of schools and anganwadi centers. Further, State is planning to implement National Deworming Day on February 10, 2016 followed by mop-up day on February 15, 2016 in all the districts.

Evidence shows that mass deworming leads to significant improvement in outcomes related to education, career choice, earnings and long-term well-being of children. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends “deworming of all school age and pre-school age children”, with the global target aiming to eliminate morbidity due to worms (soil-transmitted helminths) in children by 2020. This will be obtained by regularly treating at least 75% of all children in endemic areas.

In Rajasthan about 42% (ASER 2014) of children are enrolled in private schools. According to DISE 2014, there are 34,056 private schools in the state with enrolment of 80,73,369 children. With such a significant proportion of children attending private schools, it is imperative that these children are not left out. The National Deworming Day guidelines recommend leveraging the existing infrastructure of schools and *anganwadi* centers for implementation of the deworming program.

You are requested to encourage the private schools in your network to participate in National Deworming Day 2016. The trainings of private schools would be conducted at office of Block Education Officers from January 19 to 29, 2016. Kindly encourage the schools to attend these trainings as integrated distribution of drugs, IEC and reporting material will done through the medium of these trainings. Your active involvement is expected for successful implementation of the program.

  
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