

THE GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Strengthening the Public Health System in the Tribal-Sub Plan Areas of the State – Release of Funds for strengthening the Health Care Services and Effective Control of Infectious Diseases in the ITDA Areas – Orders – Issued.

MEDICAL, HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (D1) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No.953,

Dated: 26. 07 - 2010

ORDER:

1. The tribal sub-plan areas (TSP) of the state have had disproportionately high burden of infectious diseases and have remained significantly behind rest of the state in achieving health related millennium development goals (MDGs). The Scheduled Tribe population, especially those living in the TSP areas, have substantially higher infant mortality (IMR) and maternal mortality rates (MMR). Moreover, during the current year, the ITDA areas have been reporting high incidence of Malaria, Gastro-enteritis and other infectious diseases. The situation is compounded by the shortage of human resources, lack of effective communication infrastructure, and inadequate facilities for quality health care in the PHCs and CHCs.

2. In this context, the Government have decided to launch a comprehensive programme of action for strengthening the health care system in the tribal areas of the state. While a number of measures are being taken in this direction, the Hon'ble Chief Minister in the meeting held on 27-6-2010 and the Group of Ministers who met on 15-7-2010 have decided to immediately release funds to the ITDAs to enable them to take measures for effective prevention, containment and control of infectious diseases and such measures that would contribute to sustainable strengthening of health care delivery system, especially maternal and child health services, in these areas.

3. Accordingly, the Government hereby accord administrative sanction for release of funds to the ten ITDAs in the state – as indicated in the table below.

| S.N. | ITDA | Amount per ITDA |
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| 1. | Utnoor (Adilabad), Paderu (Visakhapatnam), Bhadrachalam (Khammam), and Rampachodavaram (East Godavari) | Rs.30.00 lakhs |
| 2. | Parvathipuram (Vizianagaram), Seethampet (Srikakulam) Eturungaram (Warangal) and Srisailam | Rs.15.00 lakhs |
| 3. | K.R. Puram (West Godavari) | Rs.10.00 lakhs |
| 4. | Nellore (ITDA – Yanadi Development | Rs. 5.00 lakhs |
| | Total : | Rs.195.00 lakhs |

4. The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare is authorized to release the above amounts to the ITDAs from the funds available under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and Andhra Pradesh State Health Sector Reforms Project (APSHSRP) on 50:50 basis. The funds shall be released to the Project Officer of the concerned ITDA.

5. The Project Officer of ITDAs concerned shall utilise the amount duly following the guidelines below:

- a) The PO of ITDA is responsible for the proper use of funds released in this order. The PO shall utilize this amount - with the concurrence of the District Collector - for any activity that would contribute to sustainable strengthening of the health care services, strengthening of maternal and child health services, and prevention, control and effective containment of infectious diseases.
 - b) This money shall not be utilised for any activity for which financing is available from the regular budgetary sources. In this regard, all Heads of Departments (HoDs) of Medical, Health and Family Welfare Department and the DMHOs are instructed to keep the Project Officer of ITDA informed of Plan and non-Plan budget releases by marking a copy of budget release orders.
 - c) The PO of ITDA shall not utilise this money for hiring staff, payment of wages and salaries, purchase of vehicles or equipment, construction of new buildings, organising shandy clinics and general feel-good health camps (specialist screening camps however are permitted), etc.
 - d) This amount shall not be adjusted against the expenditure incurred, if any by the ITDA, in the past for providing health services to the tribals. The expenditure shall strictly be for prospective activities and not for retrospective expenditure.
 - e) If there is a need for purchase of equipment or medicines, the same shall be undertaken in consultation with the Managing Director of AP Health and Medical Housing and Infrastructure Development Corporation (APMHIDC).
 - f) The PO ITDA shall open a separate account titled 'ITDA Health Society Account' for depositing this amount, which shall be jointly operated by the PO of ITDA and the Additional / Deputy DMHO concerned. All funds shall be released through cheques or through online transfer.
 - g) The ITDA shall maintain separate ledgers (double entry system) for the funds released and follow the standard accounting procedures and adhere to the prudent financial management system.
 - h) The PO ITDA is required to submit detailed Statement of Expenditure (SoE) along with the Utilisation Certificate to the Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare – with a copy to the Commissioner of Tribal Welfare – every month on or before 5th day of the following month.
6. The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare shall take immediate necessary action for release of funds from NRHM and APHSRP, to the ITDAs.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT

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The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, Government of AP,
Hyderabad.

Copy to :
Special Chief Secretary to the Government, Tribal Welfare Department

The Commissioner of Tribal Welfare, Samkshema Bhavan, Hyderabad
The Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister (DK)
Director of Public Health and Family Welfare
Commissioner of APVVP
Director of Medical Education
Managing Director of APHMHIDC
Director of Institute of Preventive Medicine
Director of IHH & FW
Director of SPMU / SPIU
The District Collector of the Districts concerned.
The Project Officer of ITDAs in the State.
The DM&HO and DCHS of the Districts concerned
The Regional Directors of Health Services
OSD to Minister (H&FW)
OSD to Minister (ME)
OSD to Minister (108,104, Arogyasri)
OSD to Minister (PR)
OSD to Minister, Tribal Welfare.
OSD to Minister for Municipal Admn.
PS to Special Chief Secretary, HM&FW Dept.
PS to Secretary, HM&FW
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