



ABSTRACT

Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society (TANSACS) - Elimination of Mother To Child Transmission of HIV and Syphilis (EMTCT) by 2020 in India – Constitution of State Core Committee - Orders – Issued

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (EAPI-2) DEPARTMENT

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Read :

- 1) From the Additional Secretary & PG (NACO & RRNTCP) Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare) New Delhi, D.O.No. T. 11025/ 10 /2016 - NACO/ BSD/ PPTCT, dated: 06.06.2018.
- 2) From the Project Director, TANSACS letter No. 2911/TANSACS/BS-ICTC/E1/2017, dated: 09.07.2018.

ORDER:

The Additional Secretary & PG (NACO & RNTCP) Government of India in the letter first read above has stated that Government of India is committed to achieving the global goal of dual Elimination of Mother To Child Transmission (EMTCT) of HIV and Syphilis by 2020. Although, India has made substantive progress, there are still gaps in the Elimination of Mother To Child Transmission (EMTCT) cascade, as highlighted in the process and impact indicators, across all States/ Union Territories in the country. It is also clearly noted that gaps in Elimination of Mother To Child Transmission (EMTCT) cascade are not uniform union Territories vary across States among districts within States and even in between facilities with significant differences registered in coverage and performance and incorporated. The Government of India has requested the State of Tamil Nadu to advise all concerned to prepare the State / Union Territories specific Elimination of Mother To Child Transmission (EMTCT) Action Plan (2018-2020) focusing on the following points in close coordination with Reproductive Child Health (RCH) Division on priority basis:-

- (i) Formation of State EMTCT Core Committee chaired by Principal Secretary Health and Family Welfare of State/ Union Territories, project Director State AIDS Control Society as Member Secretary and representation of all concerned Stakeholders including State Reproductive Child Health (RCH) officer, as members of the committee.
- (ii) District / Block wise gap analysis of EMTCT process and impact indicators of HIV and Syphilis.

- (iii) Innovative strategy to reach Universal screening for HIV and syphilis among pregnant women;
 - a) Accessing Ante Natal Care (ANC) at Public health facilities.
 - b) Accessing private health facilities for ANC services.
 - c) Who do not access any accessing Ante Natal Care (ANC) services from either public or private.
- (iv) Innovative strategies to ensure that every HIV positive pregnant women are promptly initiated on ART through Link ART Clinics (LAC & LAC+) and through Stand alone ICTCs in hard to reach areas.
- (v) State / Union Territories Specific SOP with implementation plan for EMTCT data verification and data validation activity, as was discussed, detailed and guided during the meeting held on 22nd February, 2018 while disseminating the EMTCT data verification and validation report. All the relevant protocol, methodology and other details were also shared during the meeting.
- (vi) Strategy to increase the uptake of Early Infant Diagnosis (EID) Services and minimizing the Loss to follow up.
- (vii) Regular Monitoring and Supportive Supervision mechanism with quarterly District and State wise targets for 2018-2020.
- (viii) Clear coordination strategy, activities and mechanisms for integration between State AIDS Control Society and State National Health Mission on EMTCT 2020 planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.
- (xi) Clear delineation of partnership roles and responsibilities and ensuring a wide and inclusive EMTCT partnership base – key partners for EMTCT include: women's groups; health professional associations.
- (x) Clearly defined advocacy and behavior change communication strategies fully integrated within existing State NHM, MNCH and SBCC strategies.
- (xi) Strategies for best practice documentation and sharing with other States and learning experiences from other States and among districts.
- (xii) Demand generation and IEC campaign.
- (xiii) Other innovative strategies to achieve EMTCT by 2020.

2. Based on the above points, the Project Director, Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society in the letter second read above has stated that during the data verification on Elimination of Mother To Child Transmission (EMTCT) conducted by National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), the gaps were found in the cascade also it was noted that the gaps were not uniform Union Territories vary across the States, among districts within the States and even between facilities with significant differences registered in coverage and performance. So National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), New Delhi insist the States to prepare a specific plan with detailed district level Elimination of Mother To Child Transmission (EMTCT) goals and plans incorporated.

3. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society has therefore requested the Government to constitute the State Core Committee for Elimination of Mother To Child Transmission (EMTCT) chaired by the Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department with certain officials as Committee Members and

also the Action Plan may be communicated to National AIDS Control Society (NACO), New Delhi after the formation of the Committee.

4. The Government after careful consideration has decided to accept the proposal of Project Director, Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society. Accordingly, the Government, Constitute the State Core Committee for the Elimination of Mother To Child Transmission (EMTCT) with the following officials:-

1.	Principal Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Tamil Nadu.	Chairperson
2.	The Project Director, Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society	Member Secretary
3.	Mission Director, National Rural Health Mission	Member
4.	Director of Medical and Rural Health Services	Member
5.	Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine	Member
6.	Director of Medical Education	Member
7.	State Reproductive and Child Health Commissioner	Member
8.	City Health Officer, Corporation of Chennai	Member

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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The Principal Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department, Chennai-9

The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Chennai-9

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 State Reproductive and Child Health Commissioner., Chennai-6

The Child Health Organization, Corporation of Chennai.

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