



## **ABSTRACT**

National Health Mission – Permission to hire the services of the National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai to provide technical support and evaluate the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke program in Tamil Nadu and to enter Memorandum of Understanding with Director, National Institute of Epidemiology for finalizing the operational guideline to carry out the collaboration- Accorded- Orders-Issued.

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### **Health and Family Welfare (EAP II-1) Department**

G.O (Ms) No.463

Dated :14.10.2019  
Vigari, Puratasi-27  
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2050

Read:

From the Mission Director, National Health Mission letter ref. no. 5444/National Health Mission/2018, dated 2.3.2019.

### **ORDER:**

In the reference read above, the Mission Director, National Health Mission has stated that, the screening, treatment and follow-up services for Non-Communicable Diseases provided under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) is one of the integral programmes in the National Health Mission, Tamil Nadu. With a focus on awareness creation activities to promote healthy life style and prevent all avoidable risk factors that may lead to Cancer, Diabetic, Cardio Vascular Diseases, etc. Hence, the National Health Mission, Tamil Nadu has taken over this flagship Program from the erstwhile Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project on its closure on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The Non-Communicable Diseases Intervention Programme implemented under Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project implemented Pilot project had been the first of its kind to be implemented on a very large scale in India. The program was implemented in the State covering all 32 districts in a phased manner covering 2,363 Government health facilities across Primary / Secondary / Tertiary and municipal levels of health care.

2. The Mission Director, National Health Mission has further stated that, the National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE) was the technical supporting agency during the project period. The National Institute of Epidemiology supported in doing the concurrent evaluation of the Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project implemented Pilot project (2007 – 2010) and again concurrent evaluation of Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project implemented Pilot project implemented upscaling of the program to entire State (2011-2015). The gaps and strengths pointed out periodically by National Institute of Epidemiology in their reports during the concurrent evaluation of the Non-Communicable Diseases program during the seven years mentioned above greatly helped in giving directions for mid-course correction and improving the program from time to time. The Non-Communicable Diseases intervention program is continued and sustained under the purview of National Health Mission (NHM) through the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS). Currently, one of the major challenges faced by the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke program is tracking the follow up activities. With a view to keep track of the activities, it may be appropriate to take technical support from National Institute

of Epidemiology, Chennai based on their earlier seven years of collaboration with Non-Communicable Diseases Program implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

3. The Mission Director, National Health Mission has also state that, the Director of National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE), an Indian Council of Medical Research institution in Chennai, agreed in principle to support National Health Mission for providing technical support by way of concurrent evaluation of the on-going National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke program in the State. He has further stated that, the agenda of hiring the services of National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE), Chennai for evaluation of the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke program in Tamil Nadu was approved in the 37<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting held on 11.2.2019 and requested the Government to issue necessary orders in this matter.

4. The Government after careful examination have decided to accept the proposal of the Mission Director, National Health Mission and issue the following orders:

- I. Permission is accorded to the Mission Director, National Health Mission to hire the services of National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE), an Indian Council of Medical Research institution in Chennai to provide technical support and evaluate the ongoing National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke program in Tamil Nadu in line with the following objectives:
  - a. To provide technical support including data analytics in implementing National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke program in Tamil Nadu
  - b. To do concurrent evaluation of the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke program in all the districts in the State with special focus on the low performing districts and in UHC Blocks for HSC level Non-Communicable Diseases activities and the referral linkages.
  - c. To improve the quality of data collection and analysis at the district level
  - d. To understand the gaps in implementation of the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke program in Tamil Nadu in terms of
    - i. Evaluation of referral and follow up of screen positive suspect cancer cervix and cancer breast patients.
    - ii. Effectiveness of treatment as per protocols and estimate treatment outcomes (blood pressure and glycemic control) in a cohort of hypertension and diabetes patients under treatment at PHC and HSC
  - e. To support State Non-Communicable Diseases cell in providing capacity building to all Staffs at the district level to implement the program effectively and also update on technical, operational and data issues of the programme and suggest all measures for mid-course correction.
  - f. Evaluation report on monthly and quarterly basis.
  - g. The field staff to be deployed through National Institute of Epidemiology would provide onsite observations in fields, based on observation
- II. Permission is accorded to enter an Memorandum of Understanding with Director, National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE) for finalizing operational guidelines including financial guidelines for carrying out the collaboration.

III. The Mission Director, National Health Mission is also permitted to utilize the available State Programme Management Unit funds under National Health Mission to provide financial support to National Institute of Epidemiology as per National Health Mission norms.

5. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.49634/Health-I/2019, dated:10.10.2019.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

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