

Press Release

Special Polio rounds for Migrant children on 11-12-2011 (Sunday)

The State of Tamil Nadu is free from polio since March,2004. This achievement has been made possible due to the impact of continuous Pulse Polio campaigns conducted every year besides Routine Immunization. However, Tamil Nadu State is at risk of virus from other States through migrant population settled in Tamil Nadu.

The inflow of migrant families to Tamil Nadu is on the raise every year. Mostly, these migrant children are more susceptible to have polio infection because of their constant movement from one place to another, without proper Immunization coverage.

In order to develop immunity in these migrant children against polio infection, it has been planned to conduct special polio campaign on 11-12-2011. This will prevent the virus transmission. Tamil Nadu is the only State in the country giving Polio Immunization for migrant children apart from IPPI and routine immunization.

In this regard, enumeration and mapping of all migrant children staying in the following locations have been done.

- Construction sites – Factories / Bridges / Roads / Railway Gauge conversion
- Brick Kilns, Quarry
- Nomads (Narikuravas, Cane furniture makers, Idol / Doll makers etc)
- Agriculture labour migrants
- Migrant fisherman
- Pavement dwellers
- Shepherds, duck rearers
- Sri lankan Refugees

The Rotary International is also involved in conducting this special polio round.

About 35,000 migrant children are expected to be benefited by this special polio round on 11-12-2011.

This special polio round for migrant children will definitely help the State to sustain the polio free status.

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