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Press Release

Special Polio rounds for Migrant children on 14-11-2010 (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 as they may not have proper Immunization services anywhere because of their constant movements from one place to another.

In order to develop immunity in these migrant children against polio infection, it is planned to conduct 2 Rounds of special polio campaign on 14-11-2010 and 12-12-2010. 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 have been done to staying in the following locations.

- 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

Rotary is also supporting this since they are global partners for Polio eradication.

About 30,000 migrant children are expected to be benefited by this special, migrant children polio round on 14-11-2010. These children will be given 2nd dose of polio drops on 12-12-2010.

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

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