

Press Release

**2nd round of Special Polio Camp for
Migrant children on 23-3-2013 (Saturday)**

Tamil Nadu sustains Polio free status due to the successful implementation of Pulse Polio Campaigns over the years. However, the transmission of Polio virus through migrant children poses great risk to the State as 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 among these migrant children against polio infection, 1st round of special polio camp was conducted on 22-12-2012 by involving various NGOs/Rotary International besides Government Health functionaries. 35,491 children under the age of 5 years were benefited.

The District health officials have already updated the list of migrant families with inclusion of new migrant children. Necessary arrangements have been made to administer 2nd dose of OPV to all the migrant children on 23-3-2013 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
- Migrants fisherman
- Pavement dwellers
- Shepherds, duck rearers
- Sri lankan Refugees

About 35,000 migrant children under the age of 5 years are expected to be benefited by this Migrant polio camp on 23-3-2013 (Saturday) in 5770 identified migrant sites.

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