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To

THE DISTRICT PROGRAMME MANAGERS

Arogyakeralam

(All Districts)

Dear DPM,

Sub:- Intensifying urban TB Control Activities as part of Integration of RNTCP into NUHM  
Mechanism

Ref:- 1. This Office Letter of even number dated 28.07.2018

2. Letter No. NHM/5321/UH(STATE M&E CONSULTANT)/2015/SPMSU Dated:  
31.07.2018

As you are aware, in the recent past the state unit of National Urban Health Mission in unison with the Kerala State TB Cell, Thiruvananthapuram and the District TB Offices in the state provided rigorous training and orientation to UPHC lab technicians on sputum smear microscopy, to JPHNs on field level activities related to urban TB control and most recently to the Medical Officers on the overall management of TB prevention and control activities at UPHCs. 20 of our UPHC labs are now performing as DMCs under RNTCP and remaining are being upgraded for sputum examination facility. Besides these, 2 integrated mobile medical units (MMUs) are introduced which will be available in each district for a period of two weeks at a stretch on rotation basis. In order to intensify the urban TB control activities, you are directed to 1) take necessary steps in consultation with the DTO to upgrade the UPHC laboratories wherever possible, into DMCs (if it is not done yet) 2) Make effective use of the composite MMU introduced as part of RNTCP - NUHM integration 3) Circulate the guideline attached

with this letter to all the UPHCs for immediate implementation.

Needless to remind you that we are working as per the framework prepared for the integration of urban TB care into NUHM mechanism towards the ambitious goal of achieving TB elimination in India five years ahead of SDGs by 2025. You are requested to comply with the above directives with synergy at all levels with immediate effect.

Yours faithfully

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State Mission Director

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1. The State Programme Manager
2. The State TB Officer
3. The State Administration and HR Manager
4. DMOs(H) of All districts
5. District TB Officers of All Districts
6. State Urban Health Manager