

National Deworming Day February, 2019

Information for General Public

Improving the health of children & adolescents is one of the priority areas of National Health Mission. National Deworming Day (NDD), the flagship program of the Government of India, is one of the significant steps in this regard. NDD aims to improve the health & well-being of preschool-age and school-age children by reducing Soil Transmitted Helminths (STH) infections through mass deworming and preventive measures.

Deworming is a scientifically proven method of mitigation of intestinal worms and is a key intervention to curb the issue of under-nutrition and anemia along with other proven interventions like sanitation, safe drinking water and hand washing.

The first round of NDD in 2019 will be conducted on **8th February, 2019 followed by Mop up day on 14th February, 2019**. All children & adolescents in 1-19 year age-group and married women in 20-24 age-group (Non-pregnant/Non-lactating) will be covered during the campaign.

NDD in Delhi has met with an enthusiastic response from the general public which is reflected in the coverage data during the last four campaigns conducted in 2017 & 2018 as under:

NDD Campaign Held	Target	Children administered Albendazole during the campaign	Coverage (%)
February, 2017	38,87,437	31,21,586	80.30
August, 2017	37,28,688	29,24,094	76.20
February, 2018	36,89,648	29,77,998	80.71
August, 2018	38,68,911	30,54,892	79.00

Nearly 1.03 Lac children enrolled in around 364 Private schools were also administered deworming medicine during NDD August, 2018.

The campaigns over the years have been executed in the most professional manner by combined efforts from Department of Health & Family Welfare, Department of Education, Department of Women & Child Development as well as civic agencies –MCD & NDMC. Schools under Delhi Cantonment Board have also participated in all NDD rounds.

The campaigns have been by far uneventful. A 4-Tier Emergency Response System is put in place to tackle any exigencies on De-worming & Mop-up Day. Trained human resource from Health & Family Welfare department is deputed to cater to any adverse event and make appropriate decision regarding the transfer of child to the nearest health facility if so needed. All Delhi Govt. Health facilities remain open and on High Alert from 8: 00 AM to 6: 00 PM on these days. Nodal Officers in all hospitals to handle adverse events, if any, are identified well in advance. Besides, CATS ambulance services remain on High Alert on the program days.

Before every round of NDD, State level and cascade level training of Health, Education & ICDS functionaries is done to reduce program related errors and ensure a high quality NDD campaign. Drug procured is sent to Govt. empanelled Lab for testing to ensure that they conform to the standards.

NDD February, 2018 round was launched by Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, GNCT of Delhi at Govt. Co-Ed Sarvodaya School A-2 Block, Paschim Vihar. Newspaper advertisement were issued, apart from the above to make people aware about the campaign, Banners were put on display at all schools and Health facilities. Posters were placed at all schools and Anganwadi Centres. Handouts were also distributed through Anganwadi centres in the community.



This year as well Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare has kindly consented to launch the NDD event. All public awareness generation will be carried out to increase the coverage further and efforts are being made to bring more private schools on board.

Let's Join Hands to make Delhi a "Worm Free City"