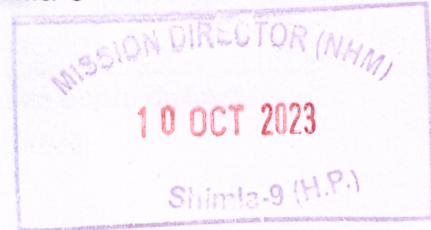


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NOTIFICATION

Government of Himachal Pradesh is pleased to notify "City Task Force" under the initiative for Rabies Free Cities and the vision to achieve the goal "Zero by Thirty" of NAPRE (National Action plan on Rabies Elimination) which solely focus on the dynamic management of cases and outbreaks of Rabies. Under the Tier II of Rabies Free Cities in Himachal Pradesh MC Shimla City and Hamirpur has been listed by MoHFW, GoI.

This dedicated City Task force is constituted as a proactive mechanism to promptly identify, manage and prevent rabies cases and outbreaks within the city jurisdiction, ought to engage in close partnership with Health department, Municipal administrations, Animal Husbandry department, Forest Department and pertinent vested parties to expeditiously tackle the cases of Rabies and findings related with it.

This committee will consist the following members:

| City Task Force committee under National Rabies Control Programme | |
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| Municipal Commissioner (MC) | Chair |
| Executive Officer (Municipal Council) | Co-Chair |
| Corporation Health Officer or Medical officer (Municipal Council) | Member Secretary |
| Senior Veterinary Officer nodal for Rabies Disease (Municipal Corporation/Council) | Member |
| Education Officer (MC) | Member |
| Officer In Charge from Solid Waste Management (Municipal Corporation/Council) | Member |
| Representative Faculty Medical & Veterinary College | Member |
| District Health Officer(MOH) | Member |
| District Surveillance Officer (DSO) | Member |
| Representative from Wild life department | Member |

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| Representative from developmental partner or NGO or AWO working in Rabies elimination programme | Member |
| Representative from Indian Medical Association/Private Hospital Association | Member |

Roles & Responsibilities : Each department representative bears distinct responsibilities in the effort to eliminate Rabies are as under:

Municipal Commissioner (Chair) :

- Oversee and lead the task force's overall activities.
- Provide Strategic direction and decision making.
- Foster collaboration among departments and stakeholders.

Additional Municipal Commissioner/ Executive Officer (Municipal Council) Co-Chair

- Assist the chair in providing leadership and direction.
- Focus on health-related aspects of rabies prevention and control.

Corporation Health Officer (MC) or Medical Officer (Municipal Council) - Member Secretary

- Coordinate task force meetings, activities, and communication.
- Ensure efficient documentation and reporting.
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Senior Veterinary Officer nodal for Rabies Disease (MC) Member

- Implement and supervise vaccination, Animal birth control measures and healthcare for pet animals like dogs and cats.
- Collaborate with local veterinary facilities and animal shelters.
- Foster responsible pet ownership and community engagement.

Education Officer (MC) Member

- Promote public awareness and education campaigns on rabies prevention in School, colleges.

Officer In Charge from Solid Waste Management (MC) Member

- Implement waste disposal practices that limit food sources for stray animals.

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- Collaborate with the Animal Husbandry Department on sterilization and vaccination programs for stray animals.

Representative Faculty Medical & Veterinary College Member:

- Provide expert advice from medical and veterinary perspectives.
- Contribute knowledge from academic and practical domains.

District Surveillance Officer Member:

- Provide technical assistance for effective implementation of programmatic activities under National rabies Control Program in city.

District Health Officer (MOH) :

- Contribute to the integration of rabies prevention into urban health programs.
- Ensure efficient implementation of strategies within the urban health framework.

Wildlife Department (Member):

- Address concerns regarding rabies transmission linked to wildlife.
- Collaborate with wildlife authorities to monitor and manage rabies within the wild animal population.
- Develop strategies to reduce interaction between wildlife and domestic.

Representative from developmental partner or NGO or AWO working in Rabies elimination programme:

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- Collaborate on community engagement, awareness, and outreach initiatives.

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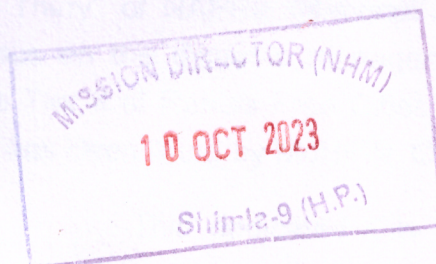
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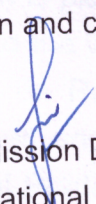
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2. The Deputy Commissioner, District Shimla

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3. The Director Health Services, Himachal Pradesh
4. The Director Medical Education, Himachal Pradesh
5. The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Shimla
6. The Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Hamirpur
7. The Principal IGMCM Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
8. The Chief Medical Officer, District Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
9. The Chief Medical Officer, District Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh
10. The Corporation Health Officer Municipal Corporation Shimla
11. The District Surveillance Officer, Shimla for information
12. All the committee members for information and compliance.




Mission Director
National Health Mission
Himachal Pradesh



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Government of India

Department of Health and Family Welfare

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

D.O.No.NRCP/55/157/07/DGHS/2022

12th September, 2023

Dear Ma'am/Sir,

At MoHFW, we appreciate the efforts being undertaken by the State teams to counter the pervasive threat of Rabies. The dedication and collaboration you extend to this endeavour are deeply appreciated, and it is our shared conviction that we can collectively achieve significant progress in our mission to eliminate Rabies by 2030.

2. The antecedent communication dated 21st January 2023 (D.O. No. NRCP/55/157/2022/DZDP-NCDC) elucidated the fundamental components of the National Action Plan for the Elimination of Dog-Mediated Rabies from India by 2030 (NAP-RE).

3. This strategic framework, firmly rooted in the One Health Approach, defines the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders, encompassing both human and animal health, as well as administrative entities at various levels.

4. Acknowledging the complexities presented by instances of Rabies, it is of utmost importance to ensure rapid and efficient reactions at the community level. Hence, the constitution of a specialized "City Task Force" solely focused on the dynamic management of cases and outbreaks is highly recommended.

5. This dedicated Task Force, functioning within the city's jurisdiction, ought to engage in close partnership with health department, municipal administrations, veterinary department, and pertinent vested parties to expeditiously tackle cases and findings. This proactive approach is primed to significantly enhance our combined influence and hasten progress toward the objective of Rabies-free societies. Annexure 1 contains the Terms of Reference (ToR) pertaining to the City Task Force.

6. To reiterate, the key action points outlined in the previous communication are as follows:

- i) **State Action Plans for Rabies Eradication:** Sustain the development and execution of State Action Plans aligned with the NAP-RE framework, serving as crucial blueprints for effective implementation and resource allocation.

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- ii) **Prioritization of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Cities:** Focus efforts on densely populated Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities for Rabies eradication initiatives, followed by expansion to encompass the remaining regions within the State.
- iii) **Rabies-Free Cities Initiative:** Collaborate with municipal administrations and Tier 1 and Tier 2 city corporations to formulate strategic plans aimed at achieving the designation of "Rabies-Free Cities."
- iv) **Provision of Anti Rabies Vaccine (ARV) and Ant Rabies Serum (ARS):** Ensure the availability of ARV and ARS at all healthcare facilities. Adequately trained personnel should be readily accessible to attend to individuals bitten by animals.
- v) **Strategic Mass Dog Vaccination (MDV):** Conduct annual MDV campaigns in targeted areas to achieve a minimum dog population vaccination rate of 70%.
- vi) **Assistance Contact:** For inquiries and technical support, kindly direct communications to the program division at nrcp.ncdc@gmail.com.

7. Your steadfast dedication and prompt action are pivotal to our endeavor to eradicate Rabies. It is urged that you promptly disseminate this information to all relevant stakeholders within your jurisdiction. Our combined efforts have the potential to redefine the health landscape of our nation and safeguard numerous lives.

With regards.

Yours sincerely,

Sudhansh Pant

(Sudhansh Pant)

Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary (Health)
All States/UTs

Copy to :

- **MD (NHM) all States/UTs**
- **Municipal Commissioners**
(Targeted Tier -1 & 2 cities as per attached list)

Annexure-1

1. Introduction: The City Task Force is constituted as a proactive mechanism to promptly identify, manage, and prevent rabies cases and outbreaks within the city. This task force comprises representatives from diverse departments, including the Municipality Department, Human Health Department, Animal Husbandry Department, Forest Department, and Medical College. This collective approach ensures a cohesive and efficient strategy towards eradicating rabies. Regular task force committee meetings are planned to take place every quarter, during which the execution of strategies will be assessed, challenges will be addressed, and necessary adjustments will be made to achieve the established objectives.

2. Task Force Composition:

| City Task Force | |
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| Municipal Commissioner | Chair |
| Additional Municipal Commissioner (Health) | Co-Chair |
| Medical Officer Health (Municipal Corporation) | Member Secretary |
| Veterinary officer (Municipal Corporation) | Member |
| Education officer (Municipal Corporation) | Member |
| Officer in Charge from Solid waste management department of Municipal Corporation | Member |
| Representative faculty Medical and Veterinary College | Member |
| District Surveillance Officer | Member |
| City Program Manager (NUHM) | Member |
| Representative from wildlife department | Member |
| Representatives from Developmental Partner or NGO or AWO working in Rabies Elimination Program | Member |
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- Foster collaboration among departments and stakeholders.

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- **Additional Municipal Commissioner (Health) (Co-Chair):**
 - Assist the Chair in providing leadership and direction.
 - Focus on health-related aspects of rabies prevention and control.
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