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National Health Mission-HP  
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Himachal Pradesh  
Dated: Shimla-171009, the

MISSION DIRECTOR (NHM)

06 MAY 2023

Shimla-9 (H.P.)

To

All the Chief Medical Officers  
Himachal Pradesh.

Subject:-

Regarding preparedness for prevention and control of  
Dengue and Chikungunya.

This is in reference to D.O. No. 7-71/2020/NCVBDC/DEN/ Advisory dated 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 as received from Director, Ministry of Health & Family Planning, Govt. of India. The Government has expressed grave concern over spreading of the VBDs to newer geographical areas including rural areas due to changing socio environmental scenario. In 2022 the largest single number of dengue cases were reported (approx. 1.67 Lakh) out of which Himachal Pradesh reported 3326 cases.

To prevent any outbreak & to keep the situation under control the Govt. of India has suggested the below mentioned activities for prevention and control of Dengue and Chikungunya during the forthcoming months:

- Implementation of National strategies with focused supervision for prevention and control of Dengue, Chikungunya and Zika.
- Based on epidemiological analysis of disease situation of previous years a focused action plan should be ensured at district level.
- Entomological surveillance and vector control activities are pivotal to minimize risk of transmission. Ensure timely engagement of Domestic Breeding Checkers/ Volunteers/ ASHA for source reduction well before the transmission period.
- All identified Sentinel Surveillance Hospitals should be well equipped with adequate diagnostic kits particularly NS1 tests for early diagnosis of the cases.
- Timely reporting from all hospitals/laboratories performing diagnostic tests for taking up timely preventive measures to interrupt transmission.
- Capacity building of Clinicians on National guidelines which are readily available on the website ([ncvbdc.mohfw.gov.in](http://ncvbdc.mohfw.gov.in)) for case management and need to be planned for public and private sector to avert deaths due to Dengue.
- Efficacious community participation and significant inter-sectoral collaborations are perceived as the key elements. For improving community involvement, various media platforms may be used for IEC/BCC activities and social mobilization.
- Advocacy meetings may be organized to bring together stakeholders for effective inter-sectoral coordination.

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Therefore you are requested to ensure the above mentioned preparatory actions so that any outbreaks could be contained. Further, you may review the district wise VBDs situation in Task Force meetings to ensure that your district is well prepared before commencement of transmission period. ATR must be shared on the email sponvbdcp@hp@gmail.com also.



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1. Secretary (health) to the Govt. of HP for information please Shimla-9 (H.P.)
2. Director Health Services, HP for information please.
3. All the Medical Superintendents, Himachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please.
4. HOD, Department of Microbiology, IGMSC Shimla. Dr. RPGMC Tanda, HOD, Department of Microbiology, District Kangra for information please.
5. MS RH Bilaspur, RH Solan, RH UNA (Lab at Palakwah) ZH Mandi, ESI parwanoo, district Solan & BMO CH Nalagarh District Solan for information and necessary action please.
6. All the District Programme Officers, VBDs for information & necessary action please.



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(Directorate General of Health Services)  
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India

**D.O. No. 7-71/2020/NCVBDC/DEN/ Advisory**

**Dated: 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As we know, Dengue and Chikungunya are public health problems in India and spread to newer geographical areas including rural areas due to changing socio-environmental scenario. During 2022, approximately 1.67 Lakh cases were reported, many states/UTs reported upsurge of Dengue cases and Central Teams were deputed for extending technical support to those states. If we are not prepared before transmission season and proactively steps are not taken, there may be upsurge/outbreak during transmission period. Therefore, I would like to suggest the following activities for prevention and control of Dengue and Chikungunya:

- National strategies with elements of 'Octalogue' need to be implemented with focused supervision for prevention and control of Dengue, Chikungunya and Zika.
- Ensure that a focused action plan is in place for State and district level based on epidemiological analysis of disease situation of previous years.
- Entomological surveillance and vector control activities are crucial to minimize risk of transmission. Ensure timely engagement of Domestic Breeding Checkers/ Volunteers/ ASHA for source reduction well before the transmission period.
- For free diagnosis, all identified Sentinel Surveillance Hospitals should be equipped with adequate diagnostic kits particularly NS1 tests for early diagnosis of the cases.
- Timely reporting from all hospitals/laboratories performing diagnostic tests for taking preventive measures to interrupt transmission at an early stage.
- Capacity building of Clinicians on National guidelines on case management need to be planned for public and private sector to avert deaths due to Dengue.
- Effective community participation and meaningful inter-sectoral collaborations are perceived as the key elements. For improving community involvement, various media platforms may be used for IEC/BCC activities and social mobilization. Advocacy meetings may be organized to bring together stakeholders for effective inter-sectoral coordination.

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- The activities are to be closely monitored with measurable indicators, and wherever needed actions may be taken for course correction.

I am sure that the State has already initiated the process for implementation of various strategies for timely containment of Dengue, Chikungunya and Zika. In case, any technical support is required, the same may kindly be communicated.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Dr. Tanu Jain)

**To:**

Director Health Services of all States/UTs

**Copy to:**

Concerned Sr Regional Directors- w.r.t follow-up with the States/UTs.

**Copy for information to:**

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