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To
All District Collectors
All Municipal Commissioners

Subject: WHO Maharashtra Team’s support for COVID response and coordination

Reference: Zoom VC on Hon’ble HFM interaction with WHO field staff for COVID-19 containment - April 15

Dear Colleagues,

World Health Organization (WHO) National Public Health Surveillance Project (NPSP) has supported the State Health Department in area of Vaccine Preventable Disease Surveillance and strengthening of Immunization activities through strategic support in advocacy, micro-planning, capacity building, monitoring and technical support.

The Team WHO-NPSP has played pivotal role in COVID response and coordination. I would like to urge you to seek their continued support in following area of work,

- **Capacity Building (Trainings):**
  - Epidemiology and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) of Medical officers
  - Training of front line workers (FLWs)
  - COVID CIF filling training of DSO, MOs, Residents, Nodal officers of COVID Hospitals
  - Sensitization of IMA, IAP and CSOs for COVID cases (SARI Surveillance) reporting

- **Containment activity:**
  - Virtual training to health workers and medical officers for creating containment zone
  - Microplanning support at Districts and Corporations for cluster containment
  - Monitoring of containment areas and sharing feedback

- **Advocacy through Task force:**
  - Member of Divisional Task Force for technical support
  - Monitoring with Collectors and Commissioners through field visits
  - Support regular video conference and review of COVID response and coordination
- **Technical Support and Coordination:**
  - Assessment of COVID Management Hospitals. 100+ hospital assessment is done.
  - Training and operationalization of sentinel site SARI (Severe Acute Respiratory Illness) Surveillance.
  - Training and technical support for contact tracing.

- **Data Analysis:**
  - Desk review of CIFs and report generation through line list.
  - Data cleaning and correction through regular review at District/Corporation in coordination with IDSP/Epid Cell.
  - Analyze and assess COVID logistics i.e. N95, Triple layer masks, PPE stock, VTM etc.

The crucial coordination between IDSP and WHO-NPSP network was highlighted by Hon. Union Health Minister and Secretary Health (H & FW) in recent video-conferences with field staff. I am sure you would extend required access and support to WHO team (NPSP, NTEP, IHCI & NTD) to reinforce the current COVID response and coordination.

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