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Subject : Strengthening Measles and Rubella (MR) surveillance to achieve Measles Elimination and Rubella Control

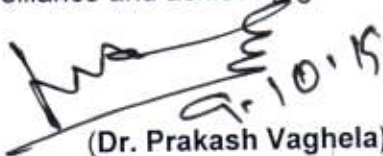
As you know we have achieved remarkable success in MR vaccination campaign and more than 1.45 crore children are vaccinated. The contribution of AOP Gujarat towards the achievement in MR Campaign is acknowledged and appreciated. In February 2019, the Indian Expert Advisory Group on Measles and Rubella (MR- IEAG) noted India's significant progress toward achieving measles elimination and rubella control. In addition, the MR-IEAG strongly recommended that the country and the states further enhance surveillance sensitivity and strength Routine Immunization to meet elimination standards.

To address these recommendations, the Department of Health and Family Welfare requests support from AOPG in following areas:

- Incorporate messages in to AOPG's monthly bulletin regarding enhancing MR surveillance.
- Sensitize all AOPG members to promptly report suspected measles cases to the respective District/Corporation RCH Officer and NPSP Surveillance Medical Officer.
- Actively promote Routine Immunization, especially in hard to reach and high-risk areas including urban slums.
- Verify the Immunization status of all children and adolescents treated by pediatricians and through screening as a part of assessment in school health workshop and if required, vaccinate any un-vaccinated or partially vaccinated children with age appropriate first or second dose of measles and rubella containing vaccine (MRVC) or other vaccines as appropriate.
- Increase the visibility of routine Immunization through the display of posters encouraging routine immunization in clinics and waiting rooms.
- Optimally utilize opportunities to support messages for routine immunization and MR surveillance through print, electronic and social media.

We have also requested the WHO network to personally approach district/corporation IAP leadership, where possible, to share programme updates and respectively contact details.

We appreciate the AOPG's strong commitment to enhancing MR surveillance and achieving goal of measles elimination and rubella control in India.


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