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ORDER

With the approval of Secretary & DG NACO), it has been decided to constitute a Technical Resource Group (TRG) for "Link Worker Scheme" to provide technical support in implementation of National AIDS Control Programme- Phase III.

The composition of this Technical Resource Group will be as follows:

Chair-Person: Secretary & DG NACO

Vice Chair-Person : Joint Secretary, NACO

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| 1 | Dr Indira Kapoor | (Ex Regional Director-International Planned Parenthood Organization) South East Asia-London |
| 2 | Dr Sumitra Ghosh | (CMO-FWTRC,Mumbai) |
| 3 | Dr Ramamurthy | (Associate Professor, Communication IIFHW) |

Donor Organizations:

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| 4. | Ms Alka Narang | (Asst Country Director HIV/AIDS-UNDP) |
| 5 | Dr. Sudha Balakrishnan | (HIV/AIDS Specialist-UNICEF) |
| 6 | Ms Lalita Shankar | (Project Management Specialist- HIV/TB Division USAID) |

Research Organization:

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| 7 | Dr Usha Ram | (Professor-IIPS) |
| 8 | Dr Ravi Verma | (Director-Population Council) |

Technical Experts (Implementing LWS):

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| 9 | Dr Bimal Charles, Director | (APAC) |
| 10 | Dr Parinita Bhattacharjee | Director Programs(KHPT) |
| 11 | Dr Sunil Mehra | CEO (MAMTA) |
| 12 | Mr Shiv Kumar | CEO(SWASTI) |
| 13 | Dr Anajna Palve | Director(CST)-AVERT |

FSW, MSM , IDU & PLHIV specific issues:

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| 14 | Mr Ashok Rao Kawi | Technical Expert (UNAIDS) |
| 15 | Dr P Nuli | Project Director (Kripa Foundation) |
| 16 | Mr Senthil Kumar | Director (Samastha Project) |

Communications:

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| 17 | Ms Supriya Mukherjee | (UNICEF-Communication) |
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| 18 | Dr. Sunil D Khaparde | Deputy Director General, Member Secretary (STI & LWS) NACO |
| 19 | Dr Neerja Dhingra | Deputy Director General, (TI) NACO |

The terms of Reference of this Technical Resource Group will be as follows:

- I. To review the need of prioritizing the Link Worker scheme interventions as per the evidence based data and develop a strategy scale up and support existing interventions.
- II. To suggest and develop/improvise the tools for monitoring and evaluation for LWS interventions to ensure regular support and feedback to the lead agency and implementing agencies and effective utilization of information for decision making and community involvement.
- III. To develop quarterly targets for the scheme and assessing the overall performance of the scheme while providing critical feedbacks and measures to enhance the performance.
- IV. To identify areas & indicators for Operation Research & Studies, along with approving the topic and methodology for implementation.
- V. To update the technical documents on LWS (Training Modules, Annual Reports, Publications etc) and to develop strategy as and when required for:
 - a. Standardizing implementation of the scheme among GFATM, UNDP, UNICEF & USAID supported districts.
 - b. Developing specific approaches for reaching out the rural hidden/mobile HRGs
 - c. Strengthening liaison between district health dept., ICTC, TI, DAPCU and LWS.
 - d. Convergence of the scheme with other programmes for sustainability of the objectives of the scheme.
 - e. Supporting lead agencies to ensure ownership of the scheme and better coordination between lead and district implementing agencies.
- VI. To make monitoring visits to various LWS interventions for suggesting the areas of improvement and assessment of implementing partner.
- VII. Any other work requiring technical inputs on Link Worker Scheme

This issues with the approval of Secretary and DG, NACO.



(Subhash Chandra)

Under Secretary to the Govt. Of India

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1. All Members of the Technical Resource Group
2. PPS to Secretary and DG, NACO
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6. All Division Heads, NACO
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