



SOP for Special Attention to Slum Children of 0-5 Yrs Age Group

The COVID-19 pandemic and its containment measures have adversely affected economic activity specially for poor families. In urban areas, poor resides in slums seems affected badly because of wage loss. Meanwhile Govt has declared different schemes/packages for them and reduce the impact of the crisis.

After discussion & debate with various experts and stakeholders it is concluded that nutritional aspect of children of the age group of 0-5 years need more focus as the long term impact of the crisis manifolds with improper physical and mental growth of children which will have severe impact on the society in future.

In view of the above, following SOP is suggested for 0-5 yr age group of children of slum areas of BMC.

Ante-Natal Measures:

- Expectant Mothers will be oriented regarding exclusive breast feeding for at least six months and complementary breast feeding after six months till two years.
- Counselling on economically affordable nutritional supplements of improved quality to be given to expectant mothers along with counselling to cook and consume them in right manner & quantity.
- Exclusive counselling on danger signs during pregnancy and care during the COVID 19 pandemic should be done for all beneficiaries as they belong to vulnerable category.
- Counselling for institutional & safe deliver to be done by ASHA/ANM and if required by O & G Specialists/Medical officer(I/c) of the Urban Primary Health Centre of the ward .
- ASHA/ANMs should keep record of all expectant mothers make frequent home visits and facilitate for their safe institutional delivery. ASHA/ANM to also upkeep about their healthy well being through frequent phone calls.

Post Natal Measures:

- During the door to door surveillance the data of all the children of the age group 0-5 will be captured in the approved format.
- All the mothers of 0-5 age group children will be requested to go to the nearest AWCs for measurement of Height-Weight ratio on the designated UHND day for preliminary screening about the health condition of the child.
- All the children under SAM category need to be immediately shifted to nearest Nutritional Rehabilitation Centre (NRC) for rehabilitation measures.
- Such group of children will be given time to visit their respective AWC for development of social skills through playing/singing etc.
- Timely Immunization is to be ensured by the ANM concerned for all children including SAM children.
- In case of left out/drop out children they should be immunized through special outreach session.
- In case it is found that for better care of these children are still needed, some assistance in shape of supplements then BMC will work it out in consultation with Health Department & W & CD Department. A kit containing essentially nutritional supplements of improved quality(Take Home Ration) and other essential item can be given to each family for 3 months to children other than SAM category.

General Measures:

- The Zonal Deputy Commissioner, BMC along with the Community Organizers and Ward Officers should analyse the wage loss status of the families and put all efforts to cover them under any Govt schemes like NULM, Mission Shakti, UEWI etc.
- The Zonal Deputy Commissioners can also take one step forward by preparing a labour skill profile and arrange employment opportunity for them in discussion with the private organizations/builders/Shopping establishments available under his jurisdiction. This will neutralize the negative effect of lock down/shut down to some extent.



Commissioner

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