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Minutes of the daily meeting of the Covid LSGD war room held online.

HODs, Covid war room members, Mission Heads and senior field officers of LSGD participated in the meeting. Decisions taken based on the discussion on the War Room Bulletin and on the concerned issues raised are the following:

1. ACS briefed members on the instructions given by CM to LSGD:
 - a) Triple-layered /N-95 masks have to be provided by LSGs to people unable to afford quality masks. Priority to people waiting for results after taking the test, covid positive individuals staying at home and their primary contacts. Triple-layered cotton masks to be arranged through Kudumbasree units, or other local MEs. RJD and DDP to inform all LSGs. Instructions to be issued by LSGD asap.
 - b) Oxygen has to be made available in all CFLTCs. Action has to be taken to ensure this. The War Room may prepare district wise list of all those CFLTCs without either oxygen beds/ cylinders and/or concentrators – no oxygen facility at all for further review and follow up.
 - c) As issues concerning the safety of personal belongings/ornaments have been raised regarding DCCs and CFLTCs, arrangements have to be made for safekeeping. KILA could help in framing instructions to be issued by LSGD for the same - to be reviewed on Monday.

2. DoP and DUA are entrusted to issue instructions to LSGs to record and reflect the cause of death in Death Certificates. A quick stock taking has to be also done by HODs regarding action on death certification- whether applications are getting piled up, or there is delay in issuing certificates - to be reviewed by the war room on Tuesday.

3. The War room is directed to collect district-wise data of the panchayats with the largest number of volunteers (excluding Pathanamthitta and Malappuram) All cases with 10 or more per ward to be listed.

4. The War Room via nodal officers should collect information about the officer in charge of home isolation in each LSG and make it available by tomorrow. DDP and RJD should assess the number of volunteers in each ward samithi and the role played by these volunteers in every ward level samithi- to be reported panchayat wise. It is to be noted that the main role a volunteer has to play is to check the condition of people in home isolation, call them daily and visit their home in case of any concern.- To be reviewed on Monday.

5. KILA to help in assessing the appropriate number of volunteers needed per ward, referring to the capacity building group, and how volunteers could be made to prioritise home isolation follow up as the their number one activity. ACS suggested the number of volunteers to be fixed at 5. The CM in the review meeting had also suggested that the number per ward may not be more than 5 unless volunteers were working on shift basis.

6. Two orders have been issued: One by LSGD stating that the LSGs will take officers who are available in the locality and deploy them for ward level samithi work. Second, by Chief Secretary based on CM's instructions which stated that, since officers now are working from home, any officer available within the jurisdiction of the LSG can be deployed by local governments for covid work. War Room and HODs may therefore pass on the message and ensure that all available officers are deployed by LSGs for covid related work.

7. Teachers should be compulsorily included in the ward level samithi to strengthen its functioning. DDP and RJD should report on Monday the number of LSGS where locally resident officers including teachers have been deployed in the ward samitis by the LSG concerned.

8. It needs to be ensured that the responsibilities are delegated specifically to each officer deployed as per the GO issued. The information obtained from them should be submitted to one person at ward and LSG level and made available to the panchayat/ULB war room on a daily basis. DoP and DUA should give instructions to make sure that these are implemented and monitored at the ground level. Make use of a whatsapp group to get the daily updates. Create a system to track on a daily basis the updates on patients in home isolation.

9. The Director of Panchayats and Director of Urban Affairs should collect information at the LSG level on

- i. Whether the LSG helpline has become functional and whether it has medical professionals available round the clock
- ii. Whether the war room has become operational and number of officers and volunteers working in the LSG war room
- iii. Whether officers at each ward level samiti have taken position,
- iv. The active caseload of the LSG
- v. how many patients with active case loads are being contacted in a day on an average by the samitis and what percentage it is of the active case load in that LSG
- vi. what is the frequency of contact of a positive case in home isolation?
- vii. Whether a robust system of daily tracking and reporting of active positive cases is in place in each LSG

A daily monitoring template needs to be prepared and strict monitoring ensured for the next one week until the home support system is streamlined in all LSGs.

10. At the block level, an independent assessment can be done through the BPOs of the MGNREGS Mission of the quality of support for and monitoring of covid positive patients in home isolation. A small description of the actual activities undertaken by each LSG would be appreciated. The BPO could do a stock taking and reporting of four Panchayats in one day. MGNREGS mission may consolidate the information and transfer it to the war room so that the war room can present it in the meeting as part of the bulletin.

11. Regarding Oxygen beds and cylinders in CFLTCs-

- i. Trivandrum - the nodal officer is to report the status of the oxygen beds at Sreepadam CFLTC.
- ii. Ernakulam - the RJD report would be shared with NHM for necessary and immediate action to make CFLTCs operational and admit patients.
- iii. Thrissur – It was noted that the CFLTCs in Thalappilly taluk (no medical staff) and Irinjalakuda taluk are not operational: the DC was to be informed to take corrective action.
- iv. Malappuram - CTP should conduct a study and report the status of the Wandoor and Nilambur facilities – whether they were covid hospitals, CSLTCs or whether actual CFLTC was operational.
ACS expressed displeasure at the inability of the DDP Malappuram to give correct information.
- v. Wayanad : War room has to update information.
- vi. Kasaragod : Manjeswaram and Vellarikundu taluks currently only have DCC. The DC to be informed for course correction.

12. Make sure that an ambulance with oxygen facility is available at all CFLTCs. A review should be done by the war room through nodal officers to see whether all CFLTCs have dedicated ambulance facility with oxygen, and whether the contact numbers in case of private service providers are available to the CFLTC.

13. DDP and RJD to provide instructions to concerned Secretaries to include the workers of Janakeeya Hotel in the list of frontline workers for vaccination.

14. As all the agenda items could not be taken up, it was decided that the Agenda for the next meeting would also include:

- Review on non-functional ward samithis (from the list furnished by home department)
- Kudumbasree's concept note for IEC
- Updated final list of CFLTCs in each district

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