



ABSTRACT

Health and Family Welfare Department - Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project
-Establishment of State Health Data Resource Centre and implementation of
operational Guidelines - "in-principle" approval - Orders issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (EAP I/1) DEPARTMENT

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From the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project, DO.
Letter No. 4233/SHDRC/HSP/2011 dated 05.02.2011

ORDER:

Tamil Nadu has made considerable progress in improving health status. Still few critical areas needs to be strengthened. One of such areas is data management and using information for action. The Government of Tamil Nadu has been recognized as the pioneer in terms of experimenting innovations and facilitating replication of the same across the country for larger public good. In the past, many such experiments have been made by Tamil Nadu Health Sector which has been demonstrated as successful projects and those pilots have been instrumental in influencing health policy in the country.

2. Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project had proposed to establish a State Health Data Resource Centre to promote an enabling environment for usage of information for action. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project has reported that a proposal for establishment of State Health Data Resources Centre was placed before the State Empowered Committee in its 11th meeting held on 02.02.2011 and that the State Empowered Committee had directed the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project to obtain "in-principle" approval for implementation of the operational manual for establishment of the State Health Data Resource centre.

3. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project has reported that apart from the availability of funds from USAID as stated in the State Empowered Committee proposal the Government of India has also been approached for funding the entire requirement namely software

development, hardware and human resources cost and that if funds for this proposal is required from Government of Tamil Nadu, then he will submit a separate proposal and get Government's approval for the same.

4. The Project Director has further reported that the Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project had constituted a working committee to develop a road map for establishment of State Health Data Resource Centre. APAC-VHS with the support of USAID funds had hired an agency i.e. "Client Network Solutions Incorporate" through a transparent tendering process to develop a complete operational manual and implementation plan to suggest technical solution, Human Resource structure, budget and strategy which would enable the state of Tamil Nadu to build and operate the State Health Data Resource Center. A participatory consultation process was followed to develop operational manual, implementation guideline and indicator list. Steps adhered for the process are as follows:

- (i) Stakeholder meetings and rigorous consultations with 16 verticals under health secretariat
- (ii) Assessment of departments
- (iii) District assessments
- (iv) Consultation with IMA representative to understand private sector perspective
- (v) Consultation with civil society
- (vi) Validation with a selected group of public health experts.

He has also reported that the working committee has developed the implementation plan, operational guideline and indicator list Viz. 1) Concept Notes, 2) Implementation Plan, 3) Operational Manual and 4) Compendium of Indicators.

5. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project has therefore requested the Government to provide "In-principal" approval for the establishment of State Health Data Resource Centre in the state and implementation of the operational manual.

6. The Government, after careful, consideration, decided to accept the proposal and accord "in – principle" approval for establishment of State Health Data Resource Centre in the State. The Government also accord approval for implementation of the operational manual and implementation plan prepared by the consultants. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project is requested to send a separate proposal through the appropriate channel for sanction of funds for the purpose, if need be.

7. The Government also direct that "Tamil Nadu Transparency of Tenders Act" provisions have to be followed even if the expenditure is sanctioned through Government of India.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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