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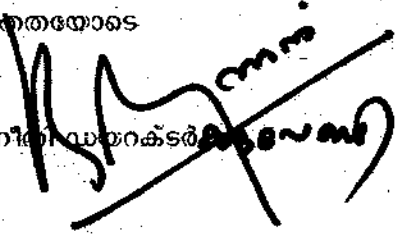
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ഓഫ് സപ്പോർട്ട് നൽകുന്നത് - സംബന്ധിച്ച്.

- സൂചന : 1. സർക്കാരിന്റെ 16.10.2015 ലെ 12073/ C3/15 SJD നം. കത്ത്.
2. നാഷണൽ ഫാമിലി ഹെൽത്ത് സർവ്വേയുടെ 6.8.15 തീയതിയിലെ കത്ത്.

സൂചന കത്ത് പ്രകാരം ഗവൺമെന്റ് ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യയുടെ Health and Family Welfare നടത്തുന്ന നാഷണൽ ഫാമിലി ഹെൽത്ത് സർവ്വേയ്ക്കാവശ്യമായ സഹകരണങ്ങൾ ലഭ്യമാക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. സൂചന കത്തിന്റെ പരിധി ഉള്ളടക്കം ചെയ്യുന്നു.

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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

No. 12073/C3/2015/SJD

Social Justice (C) Department
Thiruvananthapuram
Dated : 16.10.2015

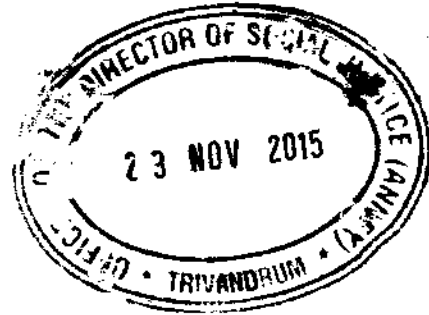
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From

The Secretary to Government

To

Director
Social Justice Department
Thiruvananthapuram



Sir,

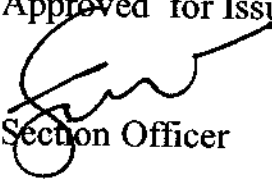
Sub: Social Justice Department—National Family Health Survey
(NFHS-4)- Reg.

Ref: Letter dated 06.08.2015 from Technical Co-ordinator, NFHS-4

I am to forward herewith a copy of the letter cited for necessary
action.

Yours faithfully,
TESSY.P.JOSE
Deputy Secretary
for Secretary to Government

Approved for Issue


Section Officer



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
HOME (G) DEPARTMENT

No.70265/G3/2015/Home

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Thiruvananthapuram
Dated :10.09.2015

From
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

The State Police Chief,
Thiruvananthapuram



Sir,

Sub: - Home Department - National Family Health Survey (NFHS-4) - reg.
Ref: - Letter dated 06.08.2015 from Technical Co-ordinator, NFHS-4

I am to forward herewith copy of the reference cited for necessary action.

Yours faithfully,
VANAJA P.S.
Under Secretary

For Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Ph: 0471 2517108

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Section Officer

Copy to: Health & Family Welfare Department
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Social Justice Department
Public Works Department
SC/ST Development Department.
General Administration (Minority Welfare) Department
(Copy of the letter under reference is forwarded herewith for further necessary action as requested therein)

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Examine & do the needful.

6th August 2015

To,
Shri. Ramesh Chennithala
Hon. Minister for Home & Vigilance
Government of Kerala
Thiruvananthapuram

11/8/15
RAMESH CHENNITHALA
Minister for Home & Vigilance

Respected Sir,

Sub: Request for letter of support to conduct NFHS-4 study in Kerala reg.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India is undertaking National Family Health Survey - 4 (NFHS-4). This is national level technical exercise extending to entire country aimed at developing current data base in health and development issues which will help in planning development and welfare programs to benefit marginalized and vulnerable segments of the civil society (*write up attached, F 1*). MoHFW has engaged International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) with the technical coordination of the study at national level.

IIPS, Mumbai & Deemed University affiliated to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) is the nodal agency for NFHS-4. The institute has entrusted Society for Promotion of Youth & Masses (SPYM), Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, for conducting mapping and listing as well as household survey components of NFHS-4 in Kerala (*letter attached F 2*).

The major objective of the NFHS is to strengthen India's demographic and health database by providing information that is both reliable and relied upon, to strengthen the survey research capabilities of Indian institutions to provide, analyze, and disseminate high quality data, and to anticipate and meet the country's needs for data on emerging health and family welfare issues.

The field research team of NFHS 4, in Kerala is committed to ensure high quality demographic and health data of Kerala state. The data gathering process involves two phases. First phase is **mapping and listing** of 538 Primary Sampling Units (PSUs) spread over 14 districts in Kerala. This phase is preliminary to the major **House Hold (HHs) survey** which is the second phase.

The study is meant to yield:

- Estimates of the levels of fertility, infant and child mortality, and other family welfare and health indicators by background characteristics at the national and state levels;
- Measure trends in family welfare and health indicators over time at the national and state levels.

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National Family Health Survey - 4 (NFHS-4)
Kerala Field Research Unit

Mapping and Listing activities are presently going on in Trivandrum and Kollam districts with the help of 60 trained field investigators and their supervisors. After this work is over they will be deployed in the remaining 12 districts. We are experiencing some difficulties in carrying out mapping and listing activities. In this juncture we seek your kind help in introducing our cause to the following Honorable Ministers, Government of Kerala,

Honorable Minister, Health and Family Welfare, Government of Kerala

Honorable Minister, Panchayats & Social Justice

Honorable Minister, Urban Affairs and Welfare of Minorities

Honorable Minister, Public Works

Honorable Minister, Welfare of Scheduled Castes & Backward Classes and Tourism

This is to seek support and permission to carry out the study in all the PSUs and for arranging accommodation at concessional rate for the field staff in the respective guest houses with the support of state level and district level officials functioning under the respective ministries.

Considering the field work extending the entire length of the state covering all the districts it is further requested that letter of support may also be issued to introduce the study and team to the State and District level officials of Home Department, District Panchayat Presidents and District Collectors of all districts.

Kindly oblige



Dr. S.K. Harikumar
Technical Coordinator
NFHS-4, Kerala FRU

NATIONAL FAMILY HEALTH SURVEY-4 (NFHS-4)

Background of the Survey

The National Family Health Survey (NFHS) was initiated in India in the early 1990s with the first NFHS conducted in 1992-93. Since then, India has successfully completed NFHS-2 in 1998-99 and NFHS-3 in 2005-06. All the three surveys were conducted under the stewardship of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India, with the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) as the nodal agency, and technical assistance provided by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through ICF Macro (presently known as ICF International). USAID has been the primary funder of the NFHS surveys, but for the most recent survey (NFHS-3) DFID, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, UNICEF, UNFPA and the Government of India have also provided funds. NACO and the National AIDS Research Institute (NARI) provided technical assistance for the HIV component of NFHS-3.

The major objective of the NFHS has been to strengthen India's demographic and health database by providing information that is both reliable and relied upon, to strengthen the survey research capabilities of Indian institutions to provide, analyse, and disseminate high quality data, and to anticipate and meet the country's needs for data on emerging health and family welfare issues. In 2014-2015, India will implement the fourth round of National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4. Like its predecessors, NFHS-4 will be conducted under the stewardship of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India coordinated by the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, and implemented by a group of Field Agencies and Population Research Centers (PRCs). These Field Agencies will be selected by following a rigorous selection procedure. Technical assistance for NFHS-4 will be provided by ICF International, USA. NFHS-4 will be funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), DFID, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), UNICEF, UNFPA, the MacArthur Foundation and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India.

Specific Objectives and Scope of NFHS-4

Each successive round of the NFHS has had two specific goals: a) to provide essential data on health and family welfare needed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and other agencies for policy and programme purposes, and b) to provide information on important emerging health and family welfare issues.

To meet these two objectives, NFHS-4, like NFHS-1, NFHS-2, and NFHS-3, will:

- Provide estimates of the levels of fertility, infant and child mortality, and other family welfare and health indicators by background characteristics at the national and state levels; and
- Measure trends in family welfare and health indicators over time at the national and state levels.

The scope of NFHS-4 has been greatly expanded over NFHS-3:

- In addition to the 29 states, NFHS-4 will also include all six union territories for the first time. Also for the first time, NFHS-4 will provide estimates of most indicators at the district level for all 640 districts in the country as per the 2011 Census. In this round, the sample has been designed to provide information on sexual behaviour; husband's background and woman's work; HIV/AIDS knowledge, attitudes and behaviour; and domestic violence only at the state level and the national level, while rest of the indicators will also be provided at the district level. Indicators will be made available separately for slum and non-slum areas in the same eight cities covered in NFHS-3.
- NFHS-4 will provide information on HIV prevalence for women aged 15-49 years and men aged 15-54 years at the national level and for 11 State/groups of State/UTs. The exact grouping of states for HIV prevalence estimates has been done in consultation with the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO). As in NFHS-3, blood samples will be collected from women and men in the form of dried blood spots (DBS) on filter paper cards and sent for HIV testing to the designated laboratories. Given the need to report demographic and health indicators at the district level, the NFHS-4 sample size has been increased to approximately 571,660 households, as compared to 109,041 households in NFHS-3. The survey will use four Schedules (Household, Woman, Man and Biomarker), and information will be collected from all women aged 15-49 years and, in a sub-sample of households, men aged 15-54 years. This is expected to yield a total sample of 628,826

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women and 94,324 men eligible for the interview. In these selected households, information on approximately 267,272 children below aged 5 years will be collected.

- Data will be collected using Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) on mini laptops Anaemia testing and height and weight measurements for women aged 15-49 years, men aged 15-54 years and children under age 5 years have also been included in NFHS-4. All related estimates will be provided at the district level.
- The domain of Clinical, Anthropometric and Biochemical (CAB) testing is being further expanded in NFHS-4 to include random blood glucose and hypertension measurements with estimates to be reported at the district level. As with anaemia, testing of these new CAB components in the field will be conducted using portable equipment. A recently developed, improved model of the Hemo Cue instrument will be used for anaemia testing. A battery-operated portable glucometer will be used for blood glucose testing. An automatic, battery operated BP instrument will be used to measure blood pressure. Lancets and all blood-contaminated materials will be disposed of in a biohazard bag according to an established protocol. Only medical or other personnel with specific training on the procedures and on universal precautions regarding blood-borne pathogens will be involved in conducting the anaemia and blood glucose testing and collecting blood samples for HIV testing.
- NFHS-4 will be conducted in two phases, and each phase will cover almost equal number of State/groups of State/ UTs to be surveyed. The two phases will help in managing the whole operation of implementation more efficiently.

Geographical Coverage

All the components of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4 will be implemented in 29 States and 6 Union Territories (Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Daman and Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Chandigarh). NFHS-4 will also provide estimates of most indicators at the district level for all 640 districts as per 2011 Census.



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Date: July 30, 2015


TO WHOMEVER IT MAY CONCERN

The Ministry of Health and Family welfare (MOHFW), Government of India is conducting National Family Health Survey (NFHS-4) in all 35 States and Union Territories of India. In the past three rounds of National Family Health Survey (NFHS) have been undertaken with the main objective to strengthen India's demographic and health database by providing information that is both reliable and relied upon, to strengthen the survey research capabilities of Indian institutions to provide, analyze, and disseminate high quality data and to anticipate and meet the country's needs for data on emerging health and family welfare issues. Successive rounds of NFHS were useful for the Central and State Governments in evaluation, monitoring and strengthening planning strategies. MOHFW therefore commissioned to conduct NFHS-4 during 2015-2016.

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai a Deemed University under the auspices of MOHFW is the National Nodal Agency for NFHS-4. The Institute has entrusted Society for Promotion of Youth & Masses, SPYM Centre, 111/ 9, Opp. Sector B-4, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi – 110 070, for conducting mapping and listing as well as household survey components of NFHS-4 survey in Kerala and Lakshadweep under a signed MOA. Professional Field Interviewers from Society for Promotion of Youth & Masses (SPYM), New Delhi, shall conduct mapping and listing activities, household survey, in sampled household to collect data of village and household information and health status of resident members of households. Each of the household's participation is voluntary, and all information provided by households will be kept confidential and used only for research purposes.

We hope that this letter answers any question you may have had about the survey's legitimacy. If you need further information, please contact Director & Sr. Prof. F. Ram, at IIPS.

Sincerely,



Director & Sr. Professor
IIPS, Mumbai