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Sub: Advisory to mitigate the impact of acute rise of COVID-19 cases on the Tuberculosis programme (NTEP) in the country- Reg

Dear **ALL,**

All the States & UTs have done an excellent job to implement the Rapid Response Plan to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the National TB Elimination Programme. With all your support, most of the States/UTs could reach the pre-COVID level of notification and could render all due TB services to the notified TB cases.

In continuation to the D.O. No. Z-28015/192/2020-TB Dated 11/08/2020 & D.O. No.-Z-28015/81/2020-TB- Part (1) Dated: 04/09/2020, considering the acute rise in COVID-19 cases across several State/UTs, its hereby reiterated that the following measures be undertaken by the States/UTs:

- a. Ensure continuity of TB services in the entire State and closely monitor and review the Districts on service delivery
- b. Bidirectional TB COVID Screening, TB Screening for all ILI/SARI cases across the country.
- c. Uninterrupted laboratory services for both TB & COVID cases while ensuring adequate personal protective equipment for the laboratory and service delivery staffs.
- d. Door-step collection of samples (If required) and drug delivery (at least one month) for the diagnosed TB patients.
- e. Contact tracing for close household and workplace contacts for all infectious TB cases, followed by chemoprophylaxis of the eligible contacts.
- f. All health personnel at different levels should adhere to COVID appropriate behaviors and advice their beneficiaries to follow the same.

It's envisaged that with all your support and commitment India could win the war against TB thus fulfilling our goal to End TB by 2025.

With warm regards,

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To,

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1) Sr.PPS to Shri Vikas Sheel, Additional Secretary, GOI

2) State TB Officers- All States / UTs

3) CTD Officers

4) NPOs, WHO, India

" It's Time To End TB" "TB Harega Desh Jeetega "