

Minutes of the meeting to review of the comprehensive Vector Control Management on 2nd June, 2023

In the Chair : Principal Secretary, UD & MA Department

Meeting Date : 2nd June, 2023

Meeting Venue : 6th floor Conference Hall of Nagarayan

Meeting Time : 2.00 PM

Meeting Attendees : (Attached)

Principal Secretary chaired the meeting to review of the comprehensive Vector Control Management on 2nd June, 2023. The following observations and decisions are put on record.

2023

- 1) It was decided that door to door collection of segregated municipal solid wastes from all households & establishment is to commence in all wards of Bally Municipality. In this connection administrator, Bally Municipality & SDO Howrah are to prepare a comprehensive micro plan to assess requirement of manpower (Nirmal Sathi & Nirmal Bondhu), primary and secondary waste collection vehicles, IEC & capacity building. The administrator of Bally shall carry out assessment of the daily generation of municipal solid waste. Given the acute constraint of manpower in Bally Municipality, SUDA to engage a Micro Planning organization from among the existing organization working with SUDA at the existing contract rate. This engagement may be done within 7th June 2023. The segregated municipal solid waste collected is to be sent to the Baidyabati Processing site (Cluster 04). The implementation to start from 1st July 2023. This is expected to substantially bring down the breeding sites of vector larvae in the households & establishments.
- 2) It was again reiterated that all the ULBs having more than 50 cases must ensure 100% collection of segregated municipal solid wastes from all households, business establishments, etc. latest within 30th June 2023.
- 3) It was once again reiterated HMC should immediately ensure door to door collection of segregated municipal solid wastes at the most vulnerable wards viz.

(Wards 2,15,16,31,32,34,36). The vulnerability is assessed owing to the Dengue case load of 2022 & 23.

- 4) It was also stated that Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation along with assistance of SUDA to plan Door to door collection of segregated municipal solid wastes, prioritizing the most vulnerable wards viz. (Ward 08, 10, 12, 17, 18, 25, 26). The vulnerability is assessed owing to the Dengue case load of 2022 & 23.
- 5) Door to door collection of segregated municipal solid wastes from all households & establishment is to be initiated at Kamarhati Municipality in Wards 01 – 07, owing to immense littering & high Dengue case load in 2022.
- 6) All ULBs are to proceed on resumption of Littered Private Water bodies u/s 17A of Inland Fisheries Act.
- 7) ULBs are to put up banners/display boards stating their custody of Vacant Lands wherein actual owners remain unknown.
- 8) All ULBs must start the weekly review of Vector Control activities preferably on every Friday. Chairperson / Vice-Chairperson/ CIC-Health, CIC-Conservancy to be chaired the meeting to be attended by the EO, FO, HO, Sanitary Inspectors, Engineers of the Building Department, all VCMOs alongwith House-to-House Supervisors and Vector Control Supervisors. The review meeting are to be conducted as per a checklist to be shared by SUDA. The key issues are to be intimated in writing to the SDO of the Sub-Division (for Municipalities only), District Magistrate and a copy be endorsed to SUDA also.
- 9) LAB Testing
 - A. All 68 ULBs including 50 ULBs that recorded 50 or more cases and 17 other ULBs in the District of Howrah, Hooghly, North 24 Parganas & South 24 Parganas must have atleast 1 (one) Elisa machine installed and functional at the UPHCs and for non-NUHM ULBs at any other Health Centre to be decided by the ULBs. In addition a Lab Technician duly trained and adequate availability of kits (to be normally taken from the CMOH of the District but in case if there is any stock out at the District level testing kits may be procure directly by the Municipality/ Municipal Corporation) to be ensured .
 - B. All Elisa machines must be covered through a comprehensive annual maintenance contract for which necessary funds to be given by SUDA. All samples collected on the given day to be tested on the same day and reports are to be sent to the patients (positive or negative) through SMS / whatsapp.

C. SUDA to ensure all Lab Technicians are adequately trained to operate the Elisa machines. There should not be any gap in skill or knowledge in Lab Technician.

D. In the next meeting, a testing centre wise performance to be presented for which necessary mechanism to be developed by SUDA.

E. Pourasathi Dairy and Card, sleeveless jackets and identity card of all category of workers must be delivered at the ULB point within 30th June, 2023, prior to the commencement of house-to-house activities from 2nd July, 2023.

10) IEC :

a) Apart from wall writings which have been done by the ULBs @2 per ward, hoardings are to be put up at different prominent places of the ULB.

b) All ULBs to create a whatsapp group of Resident Welfare Association (RWA) to communicate important messages.

c) IEC among school students to be prioritised.

11) Line list of all Dengue positive cases of 2022 are to be shared with the ULBs alongwith the advisory to sensitise all Frontline Workers to keep a contact with Dengue patients of previous 3 years . In case they have any new symptoms, they are to be brought to the nearest health facility immediately.

12) For engagement of Health Officer on contract at ULBs through an advertisement to be published centrally from SUDA initially for a period of one year considering the upper age limit 67 years as on 1st day of the calander year when the advertisements are to be published.

13) A. This year, the 2 crores Guppy fishes may be supplied by the Fisheries Department and from next year the SHGs of Swayamsiddha are to be encourage to produce the Guppy fishes and delivered to the ULBs.

a. As per the information received from West Bengal Medical Service Corporation Ltd, supply of Temiphos is expected to start from 15th June and completed by the end of July, 2023.

b. Requisition for supply of bio-larvicide has been submitted to the West Bengal Medical Service Corporation Ltd.

c. All workers must have a ladle, a torch, a knapsack sprayer and a conical nozzle. The knapsack sprayers are to be repaired wherever necessary.

14) ULBs have been once again reiterated to take over water bodies under section 17A of the West Bengal Inland Fisheries Act, 1984. All due legal formalities are to be followed for resumption of such water bodies.

- 15) Although notices have been served on owners of private property identified as risk sites but it reveal that almost no cases have been lodged by the ULBs as per the relevant section of the West Bengal Municipal Act/ West Bengal Municipal Corporation Act/ Howrah Municipal Corporation Act. Commissioners and EOs will immediately lodged cases (in the next 7 days wherever the owner of the private property) despite service of the notice has not taken any corrective action.
- 16) Some ULBs has reported a spike in Dengue cases over a past few weeks and if felt necessary, house-to-house activities may be rolled out prior to 1st July, 2023. SUDA to take the call.
- 17) A unique helpline number similar to fire, police etc is to be subscribed to and publicized widely among the citizens.
- 18) SUDA will coordinate with the Health & Family Welfare Department to confirm on the modifications suggested in the CE and the DKPI portal.
- 19) Panihati & Ranaghat Municipalities to attend a special meeting on the 8th June, 2023 to be chaired by the Hon'ble MIC, UD & MA Department.
- 20) For improved supervision and monitoring in calendar, 2023, there shall not be any overlap of wards for any House-to-house Team, Vector Control Team, House-to-house Supervisors and Vector Control Supervisors. The Ward Committee to be chaired by the Councilors to monitor the activities of House-to-house Team, Vector Control Team, House-to-house Supervisors and Vector Control Supervisors along with the VCMOs assigned to the wards.
- 21) The VCMOs are to be adequately trained to discharge their duties effectively. SUDA to organise training at the State level initially with the 50 most vulnerable ULBs and thereafter with the VCMOs in the rest of the ULBs.
- 22) The special conservancy arrangement of Howrah MC approved for continuation for the period from 1st July, 2023 to 31st December, 2023. Necessary funds to be given from SUDA.
- 23) DRM-Sealdah, DRRM-Kharagpur & DRM-Howrah may be requested to nominate a Nodal Officer to coordinate both with the ULBs and also with the UD & MA Department.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the chair.


(Khalil Ahmed)
Principal Secretary