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The President is pleased to constitute the Technical Resource Group (TRG) on "Paediatric HIV Care" for providing technical support in implementation of Paediatric HIV care initiative in the country for care and support to children infected & affected by HIV/AIDS under National AIDS Control Programme.

The composition of the Technical Resource Group will as follows:

Chairperson: Dr. Shivananda
Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health (IGICH)
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Co-Chairperson: Mr. Sayan Chatterjee
Secretary (DAC) & DG, NACO
New Delhi

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Additional Director General
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Experts in the field of ART:

1. Dr. Mamta Manglani
   Prof. & Head Dept of Paediatrics, LTMG Hospital, Sion, Mumbai.

2. Dr. Subhashish Bhattacharya
   Associate Professor, Kolkata Medical College, Kolkata

3. Dr. Rakesh Lodha
   Assistant Professor, Department of Paediatrics, AIIMS, New Delhi.

4. Dr. Sanjeev Lewin
   Professor, Paediatrics, St. John’s Medical College, Bangalore

5. Dr. Tripty Pensi
   Department of Paediatrics, RML Hospital, New Delhi

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7. Dr. Bela Shah  
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8. Dr. Rakesh Gupta  
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Representative from IAP

9. President IAP

Representative from NACO / SACS

10. Dr. B.B Rewari  
National Programme Officer (ART)

11. Mr. E. R. Babu  
Programme Officer (Paediatric Care)

Representative from UN and other Agencies

12. Representative of WHO, New Delhi

13. Representative of UNICEF, New Delhi

14. Representative of Clinton Foundation

15. Representative from PWN+  
Mrs. Kausalya, President, Chennai

The broad Terms of Reference of this Technical Resource Group (TRG) will be to recommend to NACO on the following issues:-

1. To review the Paediatric ARV treatment protocols and operational guidelines, from time to time.

2. Draw strategies to ensure access to early diagnosis for all HIV exposed infants/young Children.

3. To suggest measures to improve roll out of ART for eligible HIV + children.

4. Draw strategies to ensure access to PCP prophylaxis in all exposed babies.

5. To recommend ways to minimize ARV drug resistance in CLHAs.

6. To advise on convergence of Paediatric HIV/AIDS diagnosis and management with IMNCI, ICDS and other child related programs.

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7. Strategies and programmes to build capacity of service providers to implement various activities for HIV Exposed and Infected children.

8. To standardize the training curriculum of various personnel involved in providing Care to CLHA’s

9. To finalize guidelines on infant feeding practices.

10. To advise on issues related to affected and vulnerable children.

11. To develop Quality assurance system for accreditation of Regional Paediatric ART centres.

12. To device mechanism for strengthening monitoring and follow up of CLHAs on ART.

13. To develop protocols for management of OIs and PEP.

14. Any other issue related to Paediatric Care of CLHA’s.

The TRG will meet at least once a year or as and when required. It will draw an annual action plan indicating the physical & financial estimates. The expenditure for meeting of TRG / Working Group will be borne by NACO.

The expenditure for the functioning of TRG will be regulated in accordance with the instructions issued from time to time and met out of the funds provided by National AIDS Control Organisation, Ministry Of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

(Subhash Chandra Kanojia)
Under Secretary to the Government of India

Copy to:
1. All members of Technical Resource Group.
2. Deans of Medical Colleges /Head of Institutions of Concerned members.
3. Director General of Health Services.
4. UNICEF, New Delhi’(Kind attention Dr. Isvone Camaroni)
5. Clinton Foundation (Kind Attention Ms. Amita Chebbi)
6. WHO, New Delhi”(Kind attention Dr. Polin Chan)

Copy for information:
7. PPS to Secretary (Health & FW)
8. PPS to Secretary & DG, NACO
9. All officers / Consultants in NACO.