

OFFICE ORDER

Sub: Reconstitution of Technical Resource Group (TRG) on Research & Development

Consequent upon the relieving of Prof. Ranjit Roy Chaudhury from the position of Chairperson of TRG-R&D on his request and non-attendance of the meeting of Technical Resource Group (TRG) on Research & Development by some of the members, it has been decided to reconstitute the Technical Resource Group (TRG) on Research & Development with immediate effect as under:

2. The revised composition of the TRG on Research & Development will be as follows:

Dr. Prema Ramchandran Former Senior Advisor (Health), Planning Commission & Executive Director, Nutrition Foundation India, New Delhi	.....Chairperson
Shri. Sayan Chatterjee Secretary DAC & Director General, NACO	....Co-Chairperson
Dr S. Venkatesh, DDG, NACO	...Member Secretary
Dr. R.S. Paranjape, Director, National AIDS Research Institute, Pune.	.....Member
Dr. N. Usman, Ex- Director Instt. of Venerology, Chennai.	.....Member
Dr. Jotna Sokhey, Former Addl. DGHS & Director, National Institute of Biologicals, Noida	.....Member
Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Prof. & Head, Department of Public Health, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, (PGIMER), Chandigarh	.....Member
Dr. Basantha K. Pradhan, Professor, Institute Of Economic Growth(IEG), New Delhi	.....Member
Dr. Ramesh Bhatt, Consultant Health Management, New Delhi & Former Dean, NMIMS, Mumbai	.....Member
Dr. CAK Yesudian, Dean, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai	.....Member
Dr D. C. S. Reddy, Former Head, Dept. of Community Medicine, Institute of Medical Sciences, BHU, Varanasi and Consultant Public Health, New Delhi.	.....Member
Dr.S.Anuradha, Professor, Dept. of Medicine, MAMC, New Delhi	.....Member
Dr Arvind Pandey, Director, NIMS, New Delhi	.....Member
Dr Shashi Kant, Professor of Community Medicine, AIIMS, New Delhi	.....Member

3. **The Terms of Reference (TOR) of this Technical Resource Group (TRG) on Research & Development will be as follows:**
1. To discuss and identify critical gaps in existing knowledge on HIV epidemic through a commissioned comprehensive research review in relevant disciplines (bio-medical, clinical, epidemiological, behavioral and social) to develop an appropriate research agenda for filling gaps at various levels.
 2. To support ongoing applied research programmes for better understanding of the epidemic – its spread and impact.
 3. To strengthen operations research and evaluation studies on the design, strategies, implementation and testing of HIV intervention programmes and measure their impact related to risk/vulnerability reduction, behaviour change, stigma reduction, HIV prevalence rate etc.
 4. To facilitate capacity building of researchers in the country for undertaking HIV research including inter-disciplinary, multi-site, action, Intervention and operations research, and to increase skills in communicating research findings for impacting policy and programme.
 5. To develop innovative methods to carry out studies on “hard to reach” and marginalized populations, mobile and migratory groups, stigmatized populations and other vulnerable groups like youth, adolescents, children, housewives, MSM and transgender groups.
 6. To discuss issues related to monitoring and evaluating community based interventions, school based adolescent education programmes and support groups of positive people.
 7. To build networks, alliances and partnerships with national, state and district level research organizations, universities, UGC, CSIR, ICMR, ICSSR, AIU, individual researchers, NGOs, PLHA networks and others, around key research themes (i.e. stigma, discrimination etc.) so as to produce contextualized knowledge for local initiatives.
 8. To identify and promote a national research agency/consortium to organize national conference on HIV/AIDS research once in every two years to share new developments on HIV/AIDS research.

The TRG will meet at least once in a year or as and when required in consultation with NACO. The expenditure for the functioning of the ‘Technical Resource Group’ 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.

TA/DA will be borne as per Govt. of India norms (By Air India).TA/DA of Non-official members (and Special Invitees/Co-opted members) for attending the meetings will be paid to Class I Officers of the Government of India as per SR 190 (a).

This supersedes the earlier order of even number dated 12th December, 2008.

This issues with the approval of Secretary, Dept. of AIDS Control & DG, NACO.



(Subhash Chandra)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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