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**Minutes of the Sensitization Meeting for the State Level Stakeholders regarding  
National Survey Extent and Pattern of Substance Use in India on held on 22.08.2017**

A Sensitization Meeting for the State Level Stakeholders regarding National Survey Extent and Pattern of Substance Use in India on held on 22.08.2017 meeting of the Local Level Committee was held at the Conference Hall, Chief Secretariat, Puducherry on 22 Aug 2017 @ 1600 hrs. The following officers of were present in the meeting.

1. Shri. Mihir Vardhan, IAS, Secretary to Govt.(Welfare), Puducherry.
2. Shri. K. Sarangapani, Director of Social Welfare, Puducherry.
3. Mrs. J. Vijayalakshmi (Field Officer), Social Welfare Dept., Puducherry.
4. Mr.B.Arumugam, Superintendent of Police (Security), Puducherry.
5. Mr. B. Thillaivel, Deputy Collector (North)
6. Mr. S. Manickadeepan, Regional Administrator, Mahe
7. Mr.D.Subramanieswa Rao, Regional Administrator, Yanam
8. Mr. Sundarajan.P, Dy. Director, Local Administration Department, Puducherry.
9. Mr.S. Dhanaraj, Law Officer, UTPLSA, Puducherry.
10. Dr. Balaji Bharadwaj, Assistant Professor, Dept of Psychiatry, JIPMER
11. Ms.V. Thenmozhi Raju, Programme Officer, ICPS-Cell, Puducherry.
12. Ms.S.Govindammal, CDPO, ICDS-I, Villianur
13. Ms.V. Vijaya, CDPO, ICDS-III, Ariyankuppam
14. Mr.G. Vadivelu, Welfare Officer, ICDS – IV, Muthialpet
15. Mr. A. Jawahar Kennedy, National Mental Health Programme, Puducherry
16. Ms. Reshma Malick, Regional Operational Manager, TTK Hospital, Chennai
17. Ms.Sudha mani, State Operational Manager, TTK Hospital, Chennai
18. Mr. Timothy Ebenezer, Regional Project Coordinator, National Survey
19. Ms. Gayathri.J.C, State Project Coordinator, National Survey, Puducherry
20. Dr. Arun Kandasamy, Associate Professor- Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bangalore
21. Mr. Gopal Pillai, Chairman, Bharatha Madha De-Addiction Center, Ariyankuppam

**Introduction:**

A State Level Stake holders meeting on National Survey on Extent and pattern of Substance Use in India was organized by the Department of Social Welfare, Government Of Puducherry, in Collaboration with the Regional Resource & Training Centre, RRTC SOUTH – I, TTK HOSPITAL, Chennai.

**Meeting Objective:**

1. To mobilize support from the State Government and involve the key stakeholders for the smooth roll-out of National Survey – Data Collection at 4 districts of Puducherry.
2. To evolve the consensus on the operational aspects of the survey.
3. To find out the feasibility of conducting the survey in 4 selected districts from law and order and logistics perspective.

**Welcome Address:**



- He welcomed the Government Officials and Dignitaries gathered.
- Introduced RRTC South I as a Regional Implementing agency who are responsible to carry out the National Survey in the UT of Puducherry and in their 4 districts .
- Addressed the need for the survey on Substance abuse in the state of Puducherry, he also encouraged the key Departments to support the National Survey for the best results possible.
- Since the survey is focused on the Substance Use in Puducherry State, it is important for every key Department to extend their support and cooperation in all aspects was stressed out by the Welfare Secretary.

#### **Nodal officer Introduction:**

Nodal Officer- Mr. K. Sarangapani, Director - Social Welfare Department, Puducherry spoke on the introduction of the National survey and its important aspects involved to the stakeholders as follows:

- Explained about the role of Regional Resource Training Centre – RRTC South I- TTK
- The rationale behind the National Survey, and about the key collaborating agencies involved in conducting this Survey.
- The Survey intended to generate the national and state-level estimates for substance use disorders and to provide information on the profile of substance using individuals.
- The important role of Stakeholders and their feedback was stressed out and which in turn those feedbacks will support the National survey team to strengthen the process followed in the completion of the survey.
- Areas covered for Primary Sample Data Collection was mentioned as follows: –

1. Puducherry
2. Karaikal
3. Mahe
4. Yanam

#### **Presentation on Technical Aspects of the Survey Methodology by Dr. Arun Kandasamy – NIMHANS (RTA):**

##### Salient Features of Survey methodology.

- The importance of the Nationwide survey was briefed for the stakeholders and told about the 2002-2003 study and its limitation in providing the state-level estimation brought out at this stage to develop the new strategy for this survey.
- Explained about the objectives of the survey
- Survey Components- Key data collection methods on House Hold Survey and Respondent Driven Sampling was elaborated to the stake holders
- Data Collection Process and Sample Size Selection Process were Oriented.
- Briefed about the Respondent Driven Sampling method and the sample selection of districts at Puducherry.
- Stated about the output from the Survey and how will be the data be helpful.
- The roles and responsibilities of Regional Technical Agency- NIMHANS, was briefed



## **Presentation on the operational and logistics aspects of the Survey:**


During the next session, the Regional Operational Manager –

Ms. Reshma Malick – RRTC South 1, spoke on the following points:

- Role of the Regional implementing agency and the role of the stakeholders was expressed and invited them to participate and support in the operational and logistics aspects.
- The implementation structure at the regional level and district level was told. The process followed for recruiting the District supervisors and field level interviewers role was clarified for effective data collection.
- Requested the Government district level – leadership in Organizing the district-level stakeholders meeting at their respective places will serve the purpose to carry out the survey effectively and efficiently.
- Provide suitable space for RDS survey interviews in health facilities of the survey districts
- Regional Administrator/ Deputy Collector to issue a letter of support for the survey mentioning the name of the organization involved in data collection. So the Copies of the letter can be carried by the survey staff during the field work.
- Secure support for the survey from the district administration, health authorities and enforcement agencies were expressed.
- Sharing the Districts / Village Maps and the details on the list of wards, and villages for the household survey will support and enhance quality data collection of the survey.
- Finally, organize district-level consultations in all survey districts was expressed.
- Presence of the IRCAs functioning at Puducherry and Karaikal was informed to the stakeholders.

## **Open Discussion:**

- Questions on sample size, consent of the participants, kind of participants, the language familiarity of the interviewers, their training, was asked and clarified. All the stakeholder's who participated from various Government departments unanimously extended their support to implement the National Survey at the grass root level.
- The Welfare secretary instructed the concerned districts to support the survey implementation, to ensure safety of the field team by the Police department and to conduct district level consultations with the District Collectors.

  
**(K.SARANGAPANI)**  
**DIRECTOR**

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All concerned.

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