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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)

Bangalore

Co-Chairperson:

Mr. Sayan Chatterjee

Secretary (DAC) & DG, NACO

New Delhi

Member Secretary:

Dr. Mohammed Shaukat

Additional Director General

NACO, New Delhi

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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Associate Professor, Paediatrics, Niloufer Hospital, Hyderabad

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- **7. Dr. Bela Shah** BJMC, Ahemdabad
- 8. Dr. Rakesh Gupta AFMC, PUNE

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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- 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. Ivvone 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.
- 10. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi.