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**ORDER**

**Subject: Reconstitution of Technical Resource Group (TRG) in NACO for Sexually Transmitted Infections/ Reproductive Tract Infections (STI/RTI) under NACP- Reg**

This is in supersession of earlier order 11020/27/2010-NACO (STI) dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014 on TRG-STI/RTI. The Technical Resource Group (TRG) for Sexually Transmitted Infections/ Reproductive Tract Infections (STI/RTI) services has been re-constituted under National AIDS and STD Control Programme (NACP) to provide technical inputs on STI/RTI services.

2. The reconstituted TRG for STI/RTI is hereby mentioned as under:

**Members:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization/Affiliation</b>
<b>Chair Person</b>	Dr. SD Khaparde	Ex-DDG NACO and Public Health Expert
<b>Co-Chairperson</b>	Dr. P.Elangovan	Professor, Chettinad Hospital, Kelambakkum, Chennai
<b>Experts</b>	Dr. Madhuri R Thakar	Scientist F, ICMR National AIDS Research Institute, Pune
	Dr. Sanjay Chauhan	Director Grade Scientist G at ICMR-National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health, Mumbai
	Dr. Beena Thomas	Former Deputy Director and HOD, Department of Social and Behavioural Research, National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
	Dr. Vanita Gupta	Ex-Project Director at Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society and STI Specialist
	Dr. Lalita Umraskar	Health Officer, Directorate of Health Services, Goa
	Dr. Sheela Godbole	Scientist F (Deputy Director SG) and Head Division of Epidemiology, ICMR-National AIDS Research Institute, Pune
	Dr. Manju Bala	Additional Director & HOD, Dept. of Microbiology, National Centre for Disease Control, Delhi
	Dr. Sumathi Muralidhar	Professor & Consultant Microbiologist at Apex Regional STD Centre and State Reference Laboratory for HIV, VMCC, Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi.
	Dr. Sanjay Rai	Professor at Centre for Community Medicine, AIIMS, New Delhi
Dr. Somesh Gupta	Professor of Dermatology & Venereology at AIIMS,	

Role	Name	Organization/Affiliation
		New Delhi, India
	Dr. Yogesh Marfatia	Professor, Skin VD at SBKS Medical Institute and Research Centre, Piparia, Vadodara
	Dr. Hema Divakar	Consultant and Medical Director Divakar's Speciality Hospital, Bengaluru. Former President of FOGSI
	Dr. Chitra Nayak	Prof & HOD (Dermatology and Skin Department), B.Y.L Nair Charitable Hospital, T.N Medical College Mumbai
	Dr. Sushena Reza Paul	Assistant Professor, University of Manitoba, Canada
	Dr. Kabir Sardana	Director Professor, Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Delhi
	Dr. TLN Prasad	Director (Gvt. Engagement), Dy. Chief of Party & Project Lead, USAID PEPFAR CLM Project, Swasti, New Delhi
	Dr. Aman Kumar Singh	Program Lead, Tata Trust
	Dr. Venkatesh Chakrapani	Chairperson of Centre for Sexuality and Health Research and Policy (C-SHaRP)
	Dr. Lalit Dar	Professor- Department of Microbiology, AIIMS, New Delhi
	Dr. D. Raghunadharao	Chief Oncologist, KIMS Hospital, Vizag
	Dr. Bitra George	Country Director- FHI360 and Senior Technical Expert, STI
	Expert from Hepatitis programme	As nominated by Director NCDC
Representative from NHM		Deputy Commissioner (RMNCH), MoHFW, GoI
Representatives from NACO		All DDG's, all DD's, NC-BSD, NC-CST, Associate Consultant handling the charge of STI Services, Consultant SI Division, etc.
<b>Invitees</b>		Such as from WHO, CDC, USAID, UNAIDS, FHI360, etc. and/or any other as directed by the Chair.
<b>Member Secretary</b>	DDG, STI	National AIDS Control Organization (NACO)

**3. Terms of Reference (ToR) for the TRG will be as under:**

- i. To advice, suggest and aid in the development of policies and strategies for strengthening the implementation of STI/RTI prevention and control Programme.

- ii. To provide advice and inputs towards conduction of community based STI Prevalence studies and operational research.
- iii. To provide inputs towards operationalizing a good mentoring mechanism for improvement of service delivery across all facilities for general, bridge and high risk group populations.
- iv. To advice and help operationalize laboratory based STI Surveillance mechanism through network of Regional and State Reference Centres.
- v. To facilitate the convergence mechanism with National Health Mission to ensure standardized delivery of STI/RTI service package across all public health care delivery systems.
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- vii. To garner meaningful support and involvement of the private sector to achieve programme objectives.
- viii. To share best practices, advances in technology and publications with NACO to help the National STI/RTI Control and Prevention Programme.
- ix. To develop monitoring framework for implementation of the STI/RTI Programme at various levels.
- x. To furnish latest developments in the field of STI/RTI with justifications to include in the STI/RTI Programme.
- xi. Any other relevant matter with the permission of the Chair.

4. Expenditure Norms: TRG will meet as and when required and at least twice in a year. The expenditure for the functioning of the "Technical Resource Group-STI/RTI Services" will be regulated in accordance with the instructions issues from time to time and will be met out from the funds provided by National AIDS Control Organization, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
16.02.2022

**(Dr Bhawani Singh)**

**Deputy Director- Basic Services Division**

**To**

- All Members of the Technical Resource Group

**Copy to**

- Sr. PPS to AS & DG, NACO
- PS to Director (NK), NACO
- All HODs
- The Pay & Accounts Officer, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi