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To

1. All the Principal Government / Sanskrit / Private Colleges,  
Himachal Pradesh
2. All the Deputy Director of Higher Education,  
Himachal Pradesh

Subject: -

Regarding minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of Joint Working Group- Youth held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Rajiv Kumar, Project Director, HP State AIDS Control Society on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Himachal Pradesh AIDS Control Society, Khalini, Shimla-02.

Memo,

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of letter No. HPSACS / IEC /JWG / Youth/2022 1421-1460, dated 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 received from the Project Director, HPSACS, Shimla-02, on the subject cited above.

In this context, you are therefore, directed to go through the agenda item No. 8.1 & 10.1 and issue necessary directions to all the establishment working under your control under intimation to this Directorate within a week through E-mail/fax etc.

Director of Higher Education  
Himachal Pradesh  
July, 2023

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Copy for information to:-

1. The Director of Health Services – Cum- Project Director, HPSACS, Khalini, Shimla-02, w.r.t his letter referred to above.
- ✓ 2. The Technical officer, (Computer/I.T, cell), Directorate of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh Shimla-1 w.r.t upload the same on Department website.
3. Guard File.

Director of Higher Education  
Himachal Pradesh

12th July, 2023

TO,

1. The Director, Youth Services & Sports Department, Craig Building-5, Chhota Shimla,
2. The Chairman HP Sports Council, Craig Building-5, Chhota Shimla,
3. The Registrar, HPU (Physical Education) Shimla-5
4. The Director, Higher Education Department, Lalpani, Shimla (HP)
5. The State Liaison Officer, HP State NSS, Cell Deptt. of Youth Services & Sports, HP Secretariat, Shimla-2
6. The Zonal Director, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Tutu, Shimla, H.P.
7. The Principal, SCERT Complex, Rabon, Solan, HP
8. The Director, Women & Child Development Department, HP
9. The Commissioner, HP State Commission for Protection of Child Rights
10. The Programme Head, NHM (RKSJ Wing), SDA Complex, Shimla-9
11. The Programme Head, NHM (Ayushman), SDA Complex, Shimla-9
12. The Director, Department of Technical Education Vocational & Industrial Training, Mandi
13. The Managing Director, Kaushal Vikas Nigam, SDA Complex, Shimla-9
14. The Project Director, Samgar Siksha, Directorate Education, DPEP Bhawan, Lalpani,
15. The Director, Elementary Education Department, Lalpani, Shimla (HP)
16. The Secretary, Himachal Pradesh Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Commission, Happy Nest Building, Kagnadhar, Shimla
17. The President, Football Association, Distt. Sirmour
18. The Commandant, NCC, Head Quarter Shimla, NCC Bhawan, Dunloe
19. The Director, CSK HP Agriculture University, Palampur
20. The Director, Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Nauni
21. The Director, HP Technical University, Hamirpur
22. The Director, NIT, Hamirpur
23. The Director, Sardar Patel University, Mandi
24. The Director, IIT, Mandi
25. The Director, IIIT, Una
26. The Director, Indian Institute of Management, Nahan District Sirmour
27. The Head, Scouts & Guides, HP

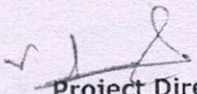
**Subject :** Minutes of the 9th Meeting of Joint Working Group - Youth Held Under the Chairmanship of Sh. Rajiv Kumar, HPAS, Project Director, HP State AIDS Control Society on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Himachal Pradesh AIDS Control Society, Khalini, Shimla-02.

**Sir/Madam,**

Reference to the subject cited above.

Please find attached herewith the Minutes of 9th Meeting of Joint Working Group - Youth under the Chairmanship of Sh. Rajiv Kumar, HPAS, Project Director, HP State AIDS Control Society held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Himachal Pradesh AIDS Control Society, Khalini, Shimla-02 at 2:30 PM.

This is for kind information and necessary action please.

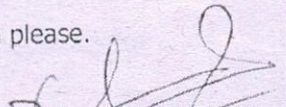
  
Project Director,  
HPSACS, Shimla-2

Dated: Shimla- 171002, the July, 2023

**Endst. No. As Above/-**

**Copy to:-**

- (1) All the Officers participated in the meeting of Joint Working Group for Youth for information and necessary action, please.
- (2) All the Chief Medical Officers in HP for information and necessary action please.
- (3) All the District AIDS Programme Officers in HP for information and necessary action please.

  
Project Director,  
HPSACS, Shimla-2

**THE MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF JOINT WORKING GROUP ON YOUTH HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH. RAJIV KUMAR, HPAS, PROJECT DIRECTOR, HP STATE AIDS CONTROL SOCIETY ON 27<sup>TH</sup> June 2023 AT HIMACHAL PRADESH AIDS CONTROL SOCIETY, KHALINI, SHIMLA-02 AT 2:30 PM.**

Following attended the meeting:-

**Physically:-**

1. Dr. H.L. Sharma, State Liaison Officer, State NSS Cell, HP.
2. Ms. Surindra Sharma Assistant Director, Department of Higher Education, HP.
3. Ms. Mamta Paul, DPO, Women and Child Development, HP.
4. Mr. Rakesh Dhaut, DYSSO, Department of Youth & Sports Services, HP.
5. Ms Ira Prabhal, State Director, NYKS, Shimla, HP.
6. Mr. Gaurav Rana, Technical Officer, Directorate of Technical Education, HP.
7. Mr. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Director NYKS, Shimla, HP.
8. Ms. Neetika Rathour, Social Development Specialist, Kaushal Vikas Ngam, HP.

**Virtually:-**

1. Dr. Nitesh Mahajan, Dr. Y.S. Parmar University Nauni Solan HP.
2. Dr. Chander, CMO, IIT Mandi, HP.
3. Mr. Aman Gill, IIT Mandi, HP.
4. Dr. Vikram Kumar, IIIT Una, HP.
5. Mr. Ravi Kumar, NIT Hamirpur, HP.

**HPSACS:-**

1. Dr. Lalit Thakur, SPO, HPSACS.
2. Mr. Vishal Acharya RC NACO.
3. Mr. Rahul Chauhan Assistant Director- Youth, HPSACS.
4. Mr. Rajinder Thakur, Accountant, HPSACS.
5. Ms. Nisha Thakur, DA, HPSACS.

Mr. Rajiv Kumar, Project Director Himachal Pradesh AIDS Control Society, welcomed all the member of Joint Working Group and special invitee Departments and Organizations for 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of Joint Working Group of Youth and said that youth is major force in India as well in the State of Himachal Pradesh. They are vulnerable to HIV & AIDS due to low awareness and propensity to experience. He requested to all the departments and organizations to make combined efforts for HIV prevention among adolescence and youth.

Following agendas were taken up during the meeting and presented by Dr. Lalit Thakur, SPO (IEC & BSD) accordingly for next F.Y. 2022-23 and following decisions were taken:-

**Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of Joint Working Group for Youth held on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

Minutes confirmed.

**Agenda Item No. 2: ATR for the minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of Joint Working Group for Youth**

No action required.

**Agenda Item No. 3: Progress in Youth Activities in 2022-23**

No action required.

**Agenda Item No. 4: Nomination of Nodal Officers**

The worthy chairperson marked the importance on Nodal Officers and said Nodal Officers are pre-requisite for successful implementation of activities with the Departments and Organizations. It was decided that following Departments and Organizations will nominate Nodal Officers by 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and inform to HPSACS:-

1. National Health Mission
2. Kaushal Vikas Nigam
3. Women & Child Development Department
4. Himachal Pradesh Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Commission
5. SCERT
6. NCC, Head Quarter Shimla
7. HP State Sports council
8. HP Commission for protection of child right
9. Indian Institute of Technology
10. Indian Institute of Information Technology
11. Indian Institution of Management
12. CSK HP Agriculture University
13. Sardar Patel University
14. HP Technical University
15. Nehru Yuva Kendra
16. HP State NSS, Cell Deptt. of Youth Services & Sports
17. Scouts & Guides, HP
18. HP Football Association

The chairman directed to write a DO letter to concerned authorities who have not nominated the Nodal officers yet.

**Agenda Item No. 5: Departments/Organizations partnership road map for year 2023-24 for mainstreaming of National AIDS Control Programme in HP**

Chairman requested to all the Departments and Organizations to share their plan for 2023-24 for following activities by 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023:-

- (i) Sensitization sessions during ongoing training programmes
- (ii) Insertion of one liner messages on HIV prevention printed/publicity materials
- (iii) IEC activities on HIV prevention during ongoing functions/events/activities
- (iv) Sports persons of respective departments/Organisation as good will ambassadors for HIV prevention

Further, Chairman directed AD (Youth) HPSACS to coordinate with concerned Departments and Organizations and collect the plans and submit to him for perusal. He further directed Officers and AD-(IEC) HPSACS to provide standardized banners and IEC material to concerned Departments as per availability of budget.

**Agenda Item No. 6: Youth Festival 2023-24 by HPSACS**

It was informed that Youth Festival will be organized by HPSACS in which 4 (Drama competition, Real Making competition and Marathon) activities will be organized in colleges and Quiz Competition will be in the Schools.

District level youth festival activities will be organized tentatively in 6 Districts as per availability of budget. The HPSACS will share details for the same shortly.

Department of Higher Education, Department of Technical Education and HP University are requested to issue advisory to all the concerned colleges and schools for actively participation in this youth festival both at State & District level.

Chairman directed to AD-(Youth)/ AD-(IEC) HPSACS to display good reels coming from reels making competitions in big screens of MC Mandi and other districts where there is feasibility and high gathering of masses.

**Agenda Item No. 7: Roll out of "Out of School Youth Programme" in 2023-24**

It was informed to Youth Services & Sports Department HP and NYKS that as per AAP 2023-24, 40 Youth clubs will be enrolled for activities for out of school youth programme. It was decided in the meeting that YS&S and NYKS will nominate 20-20 Youth clubs for conducting the activities of out of school youth programme. The activities will be conducted by these clubs throughout the year for out of school youth.

The issues pertaining to budget transfer of the concerned department will be taken up with Accounts & Finance Division of HPSACS for further consultations.

**Agenda Item No. 8: Red Ribbon Clubs (RRCs)**

**8.1) Implementation of Red Ribbon Clubs and establishing 14 new Red Ribbon Clubs in 2023-24**

Chairman directed that the RRCs may be opened preferably in Government Institutions/reputed Institutions, Polytechnical College and ITIs. He then requested Technical Officer of Directorate of Technical Education, HP to provide the list of institutes where RRCs are required to be established. He also directed AD (Youth) HPSACS to write a DO letter to NACO to increase the numbers of new RRC in HP in order to have RRCs in all desired institutions after finalizing the minutes.

**8.2) Establishing RRC at IIM Sirmaur**

Chairman directed to AD (Youth) HPSACS write DO letter to IIM Sirmaur in the month of July, requesting for establishing the Red Ribbon Club in this institution of great importance and also visit to institution personally alongwith concerned DAPO.

**8.3) Establishing RRCs in all Colleges and Technical Institutions not having on voluntary basis as a moral services provided to students to ensuring they have right knowledge to be safe from HIV.**

Chairman directed AD (Youth) HPSACS to write a DO letters to the entire line department in the month of July in which alongwith other key points following points are to be included:-

- (i) The availability of limited budget with HPSACS, therefore, HIV/AIDS awareness activities be included in other ongoing activities the Departments and Institutions
- (ii) As per requirement of departments, IEC material will be provide for awareness purpose as per availability
- (iii) Taking of HIV prevention as one of the topics for activities to be conducted in Youth Festival in current financial year by concerned Departments/Organizations such as YS&S, NYKS, Higher Education, SCERT, Technical Education etc.
- (iv) Including session on HIV prevention in all training programmes
- (v) Uploading link of HPSACS website ([www.sacshp.org](http://www.sacshp.org)) NACO website ([www.naco.gov.in](http://www.naco.gov.in)) on websites of University and all affiliated colleges/institutions;
- (vi) Publishing messages on HIV prevention in prospectuses especially related to AIDS Helpline 1097
- (vii) Publishing one-liner message on HIV prevention on fee slips, Prospectus, ID cards of students and other material of university and affiliated colleges/institutions especially related to AIDS Helpline 1097.

**Agenda Item No. 9: Suggestion on support from IIT Mandi, NIT Hamirpur & IIIT Una in innovation in awareness and others aspects of HIV prevention**

The following suggestions were given by the officers who joined the meeting virtually are as under:-

- (i) IIIT Una: Dr. Vikram Kumar informed that they are working on the innovative tools for awareness purpose. Further, he suggested that poster displays and digital media to be used for awareness, mass awareness to be done, topic in school curriculum on HIV/AIDS be added and incase it is not possible at State level then NCERT may be requested for the same.
- (ii) NIT Hamirpur: Mr. Ravi Kumar suggested that awareness to be mandatorily included in institution functions and gatherings, volunteer students to spread awareness in near by areas apart from institution, at the time of fresh admissions students should be sensitized.
- (iii) Chairman directed to SPO (IEC & BSD), HPSACS to depute counselors (SA ICTC) for display the exhibition stall and for awareness session and to conduct HIV testing camps in colleges and reputed institutions.
- (iv) IIT Mandi: Chairman requested IIT Mandi to sign MoU on lines of Disaster Management MoU done with IIT Mandi. He directed (i) AD (Youth) HPSACS to write DO letter to IIT Mandi regarding and SPO (BSD/IEC) to coordinate for collaboration with IIT Mandi.

**Agenda Item No. 10: School level interventions**

**10.1) Implementation of Adolescence Education Programme.**

It was informed to Higher Education Department HP that report of AEP implementation has been received from only District Hamirpur. Further, it was requested to Higher Education Department HP is to issue instruction to all 1500 schools from which teachers have been trained on AEP to ensure implementation of 16 hours module based activities in schools and submit report on quarterly basis as per format. Also, Department to share the list of 497 schools in which teacher under AEP have not been trained yet for conducting training this year and the same teacher which are already trained in School Health & Wellness Programme of NHM will be trained for AEP in these 497 schools.

Chairman directed to AD (Youth) HPSACS to prepare google sheet/App based basic reporting format on which all schools can share their reporting information.

**10.2) Inclusion of topic on HIV prevention in the curriculum.**

Assistant Director, Higher Education Department informed that SECRT has already included topics in the books of Class 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> which was provided by HPSACS and also the Department has sent a letter to the HP Education Board regarding adding chapter on HIV/ AIDS prevention in the curriculum. She further suggested that HPSACS may also take up the matter with HP Board Dharmshala.

**Agenda Item No. 11: HIV prevention one of the topic in youth festivals in 2023-24.**

As per Agenda item 8 – 8.3, Chairman directed to write DO letter to all concerned Departments for including topic on HIV prevention in youth festival to be organized in 2023-24.

**Agenda Item No. 12: Suggestions by Departments/Organizations on training/sensitization of all their stakeholders i.e. Officers/associated key youth in 2023-24 at zero cost by inclusion of sessions in ongoing programmes of Departments/Organization or through online sessions**

Chairman directed AD (Youth) HPSACS to include this matter in DO letter to be written to Departments in the month of July 2023 and coordinate personally with each of these Departments for organizing online sessions.

He further suggested to conduct online sessions for Anganwadi Supervisors and Anganwadi Workers when they come for meeting at DPO/CDPO level. On this District Programme Officer, Women and Child Development said that WCD Department HP will share information regarding these meeting and HPSACS may organize physical/online awareness sessions accordingly.

**Agenda Item No. 13:                    Sharing of reports with HPSACS on activities related to HIV prevention conducted, information uploading on concerned website and promotion of Face book & Twitter account of HPSACS and NACO AIDS APP**

Chairman directed to include the matter in the DO letter to be written to all the concerned Departments in the month of July 2023, regarding sharing of reports with HPSACS of the activities organized related to HIV and also publish the activities on social media and print media.

**Agenda Item No. 14:                    Including representative of HPSACS in the relevant committees of member Departments and Organizations as included by NSS in their State Advisory Committee and likewise including of District Nodal Officer (AIDS) of concern District in relevant committees at District level of member Departments and Organizations to ensure better coordination at State and District level**

Chairman requested all Departments and Organizations to include member from HPSACS and District Health Offices in committees at State and District level respectively. He further requested Higher Education Department HP, Technical Education Department HP, HP University to instruct colleges and institutions under their jurisdiction to include District AIDS Programme Officer of their concerned district in the college/institutional level committees for planning of collaborative activities.

**Agenda Item No. 15:                    Review of activities by Departments and Organizations**

Chairman directed to include matter in the DO letter to be written to all the concerned Departments.

**Agenda Item No. 16:                    All the member of Departments and Organizations share their suggestions for better implementation of activities**

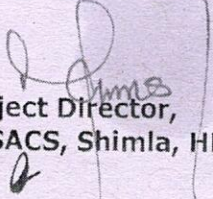
- (i) IIIT Una: Dr. Vikram Kumar suggested to conduct the activities in the big villages where there is tourism, ASHA workers may be sensitized to take up awareness activities in villages and Health Check-up camps including HIV testing services for 15-29 years age group may be conducted.
- (ii) National Services Scheme (NSS): State Liaison Officers, State NSS Cell informed that compulsory activities on HIV prevention are being conducted in 7 days camp of NSS and the same will be continued to be organized.

**Agenda Item No. 17:                    Any other item with permission of Chair**

- (i) Chairman requested representative from Kaushal Vikas Nigam for schedule & conduct the skill development training programme for the PLHIVs, Female Sex Workers and link them to income generation activities. He further directed SPO (BSD/IEC) to prepare a proposal regarding this from submission to HPKVN.
- (ii) Chairman directed to SPO (BSD/IEC) in the collaboration with AD Youth/ AD IEC workout for conducting awareness programme during General House meetings of Nagar Nigam, Nagar Parishad, Nagar Panchayats and Gram Panchayats by sending counselors & others and DO letters to concerned Departments regarding this be written.
- (iii) The Chairman suggested to write a D.O. letter in favour of Municipal Commissioner to provide a space for 'Rehdi' and permit for further employment of HRGs and PLHIVs on priority base.

- (iv) It was informed that under the HIV and AIDS (Prevention & Control) Act 2017, every establishment having one hundred or more persons, whether as an employee or officer or member or director or trustee or manager, as the case may be, to designate Complaints Officer who shall dispose of complaints of violations of the provisions of the Act in the establishment and for the same letters have been sent to all concerned Departments. In this regard, the information regarding designating Complaints Officers have not been received from National Health Mission, Kaushal Vikas Nigam, Women & Child Development Department, Himachal Pradesh Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Commission, SCERT, NCC Head Quarter Shimla HP, State Sports council HP, Commission for protection of child right, Indian Institute of Technology, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Indian Institution of Management, CSK HP Agriculture University, Sardar Patel University, HP Technical University, Nehru Yuva Kendra HP, State NSS, Cell, Scouts & Guides HP, HP Football Association. On this Chairman requested all concerned Departments to share their information regarding designating of Complaints Officers.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

  
Project Director,  
HPSACS, Shimla, HP-02.