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Directorate of Higher Education  
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

Dated: Shimla-171001 the January, 2023

To

All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education,  
Himachal Pradesh.

**Subject: - Minutes of Virtual meeting held on dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 with the Deputy Directors of Higher Education department in all districts.**

Memo,

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of minutes of meeting held under the Chairmanship, Director Health Service Himachal Pradesh -cum -Project Director, Himachal Pradesh State AIDS Control Society, Shimla-2 on dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2022, received from , Director Health Service Himachal Pradesh -cum -Project Director, Himachal Pradesh State AIDS Control Society, Shimla-2 on the subject cited above.

In this context, you are hereby directed to go through the contents given in the letter and take further necessary action in the matter as soon as possible under intimation to the quarters concerned as well as to this Directorate at the earliest.


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Addl. Director of Higher Education (A)  
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

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Copy for information to:-

- 1 The Director Health Service, Himachal Pradesh -cum Project Director, HPSACS, Shimla-2 w.r.t email referred above.
- ✓ 2 The Technical Officer (IT- Cell), Directorate of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh is hereby requested to upload the same on departmental website.
- 3 Guard File.

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Addl. Director of Higher Education (A)  
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

Minutes of the Virtual meeting held on dated 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 2022 with Deputy Directors of the Higher Education department in all districts.

The following participants attended the virtual meeting:

- 1) Mr. Sudhir Bhatia, Deputy Directors of Education, Kangra
- 2) Mr. Jagdish Chand Negi, Deputy Directors of Education, Solan
- 3) Mr. Basant Kumar, Deputy Directors of Education, Kinnaur
- 4) Mr. Shanti Lal Sharma, Deputy Directors of Education, Kullu.
- 5) Mr. Piya Singh, Deputy Directors of Education, Chamba.
- 6) Mr. Raj Kumar, Deputy Directors of Education, Bilaspur.
- 7) Mr. Karam Chand, Deputy Directors of Education, Sirmaur.
- 8) Mr. Sudesh Kumar, Deputy Directors of Education, Mandi.
- 9) Mrs. Ankita Verma, Deputy Director, Legal, Directorate of Health Services cum Ombudsman (HIV/AIDS Act, 2017) HP.
- 10) Mr. Vishal Acharya, Regional Coordinator, NACO.
- 11) Mrs. Surindra, Assistant Director, Directorate of Higher Education-cum-Nodal Officers HIV.
- 12) Mrs. Neerja Thakur, Assistant Director (Publicity/Mainstreaming) HPSACS.

At the outset, Mrs. Neerja Thakur, Assistant Director (Publicity/Mainstreaming) HPSACS briefed about the agenda of the meeting. After that Mr. Vishal Acharya, RC (NACO) also briefed the participants about the present scenario of HIV in HP & why we are talking about the implementation of HIV Prevention & awareness activity in schools of HP. After that Mrs. Ankita Verma, Dy. Director, Legal, Directorate of Health Department also briefed about the HIV/AIDS Prevention & Control Act, 2017 to the participants so that there will be no stigma in schools with the Children living with HIV & affected by HIV studying in schools. She also informed that complaints related to the same can be sent to the Ombudsman, HIV/AIDS Prevention & Control Act, 2017, HP or the Complaint officer of Deptts of Higher Education. A copy of the HIV/AIDS (Prevention & Control) Act, 2017 is attached herewith


Further, Mrs. Neerja Thakur, Assistant Director (Publicity/Mainstreaming) HPSACS briefed about the support required from the Deputy Directors of the Education department in the HIV Prevention & awareness campaign to be implemented by HP State AIDS Control society. The following activities will be carried out in schools with the prior directions from the Deputy Directors in schools of HP:

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- 1) There should be no Stigma and Discrimination related to HIV in schools for which instruction has also been issued by the Department of Higher Education. (Copy Enclosed)
- 2) As awareness is the only cure for HIV and adolescents and youth being vulnerable to HIV it becomes more important that the right information is available to these vulnerable youths in schools. So the following activities will be initiated in schools for the students from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> class:-
  - i) Display of messages related to HIV prevention in schools
  - ii) Question box activities in which students will drop questions related to HIV & these questions may be answered by a Trained Teacher, Counsellor, Medical Officer or Staff of Health Department during awareness activities in schools.
  - iii) Organizing Sessions on HIV prevention for students
  - iv) Short Movie shows – TeachAIDS the link will be <https://youtu.be/6zd5tsVnnuQ>
  - v) Reports of the activity may be sent to HPSACS through email to [iechpsacs2020@gmail.com](mailto:iechpsacs2020@gmail.com) at least on Quarterly basis.
- 3) Observing Special Days in schools such as:
  - i) World AIDS Day 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.
  - ii) National Youth Day 12<sup>th</sup> Jan.
  - iii) International Youth Day 12<sup>th</sup> August
  - iv) International Women's Day 8<sup>th</sup> March
  - v) The above-mentioned days may be observed in coordination with Distt AIDS Programme officers in HP for which directions will be issued to Distt. AIDS Programme officers from HPSACS.
- 4) Implementation of 16 hours Adolescence Education Programme (AEP) in the schools in which teachers have already been trained. Once the training of Teachers will be completed by Samgra Shiksha Deptt. /DIET, the Deputy Directors will also monitor the implementation of the activity in schools. The list of 1000 schools from which teachers trained for AEP is enclosed herewith.
- 5) Including HIV prevention awareness in the activities of NSS , NCC, Eco clubs. Scouts & Guide in schools for which directions will be issued by Deputy Directors to all the Govt. as well as private schools in HP.

- 6) Awareness of social media to students in which the right information on HIV prevention is available i.e.:-
- i) Website-[www.naco.gov.in](http://www.naco.gov.in) and [www.sacs.hp.org](http://www.sacs.hp.org). These websites link may also be uploaded on website of institutions.
  - ii) Facebook - @hpsacs
  - iii) Twitter - @hpsacs
  - iv) Toll Free Helpline – 1097- This may be displayed at a prominent place in schools so students are aware of this number.
  - v) NACO AIDS APP
- 7) Activities organized on HIV by schools and AIDS Helpline number 1097 may be mentioned in the school prospectus & yearbook of the school.
- 8) HIV prevention may be promoted in the:-
- i) Youth Festival- through including one of the topics on HIV Prevention with context on HIV Testing, NACO AIDS APP, Helpline, Route of Transmission & EMTCT.
  - ii) Annual Festival- through the display of banners, and performing of activities by students on HIV prevention such as skits, poems, debates etc.
  - iii) Sports events- Display of banners, sessions on HIV prevention
- 9) Awareness by students in the vicinity places people on HIV prevention through NSS under the adopted village programme.

The meeting ended with thanks to all participants.

  
**Director Health Services  
-cum-Project Director,  
HPSACS, Shimla-2.**

Endst. No. as above

dated Shimla-2, the 20

Copy to:-

1. The Director, Higher Education, HP for information, please.
2. To all the participants present in the virtual meeting for information & necessary action, please.
3. All the District AIDS Programme officers for information & necessary compliance.

  
**Director Health Services  
-cum-Project Director,  
HPSACS, Shimla-2.**