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Declaration of “Institutional Dengue Prevention Day “ for prevention and control of Dengue

This is further to the Circular No. PS/EAD/Circular/06/2023 dated 20.04.2023 issued by the Secretary to the President under captioned prevention and control of Dengue.

02. Dengue epidemic situation which spreads speedily has become a main health issue faced by the society and as per the information related to the health sector, Western Province has been identified as the high risk zone. Similarly, it appears that there is a risk for spreading Dengue speedily in other Districts in the island also and the public and private institutions, construction premises, schools, religious places, areas related to fisheries activities, houses and common places, have been presently identified as more risk areas for spreading mosquitoes.

03. In this background, a special attention should be paid to the prevention of spreading Dengue mosquitoes and the attention has been also paid to importance of implementation of Dengue prevention activities with the active participation of the all sectors such as national, provincial, District, rural and house level. The special attention had been paid on importance of taking relevant measures at a discussion held under the patronage of Hon. President pertaining to this matter. At that discussion, it has been decided to declare “Friday” as “Institutional Dengue Prevention Day” and to implement the special programs for that.

04. Accordingly, it is informed to all Heads of institutions to take under-mentioned measures for control of spreading of Dengue mosquitoes in the premises of public institutions.

- i. The cleaning activities should be carried out with the active participation of all workers having identified larvae breeding sites about one hour from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. on every Friday and aforesaid program should be implemented with the cooperation of the health sector as far as possible.
- ii. The Heads of institutions should be held responsible to take arrangement in the premises of institutions to be conducted frequent awareness programs on Dengue mosquitoes or infectious disease situations.
- iii. Having appointed a committee for examining the activities on Dengue prevention in every public institution (hospitals, schools, offices), these functions should be formally performed under their supervision and Dengue prevention activities should be implemented weekly in minimum. The pertinent instructions are provided by the Medical Officer of Health in the area and the necessary action should be taken to monthly submit a report in relation to such activities to Regional Medical Officer of Health by every institution.

05. Since the direction of such activities in line with Dengue prevention activities should be strictly monitored, the under-mentioned monitoring activities should be carried out as follows by the Heads of all public institutions, public corporations and statutory bodies.

- i. The plans for the prevention and control of spreading of Dengue epidemic and its progress should be discussed in the agendas in District Coordination Committees and Regional Coordination Committees and the activities and programs implemented as regionally should be implemented with the active participation of the local authorities including municipal councils, urban councils and Pradeshiya sabhas in the relevant area and with the guidance of Regional Coordination Committees.
- ii. The special attention should be given to the public places including construction premises, schools and religious place which can be considered as Dengue High Risk Zones , and any other place named as Dengue High Risk Zone by the health sector. The necessary action for prevention of spreading Dengue in these zones should be immediately implemented as per the guidelines given by the National dengue Prevention Unit and Provincial Health Ministry.

- iii. The laws for the construction premises and the health guidelines should be included in the construction agreements with an objective of preventing Dengue and the legal provisions should be implemented for the prevention of spreading Dengue in bare lands, non-resident properties and boats not used/neglected or without owner related to fisheries harbor. Similarly, the action should be expeditiously taken with regard to this matter in the jurisdiction of every local authority.
- iv. The providing of active cooperation of the relevant parties to the health sector should be considered as a priority activity when informing by national, provincial or district health sectors on the risk of Dengue epidemic situation. Furthermore, the taking necessary action for providing required human and physical resources for Dengue prevention and control activities should be promptly performed by the Heads of institutions.

06. In accordance with foregoing procedures, the activities should be taken under your personal monitoring in order to prevent the Dengue epidemic situation and it is highly appreciated your cooperation for keeping the premises of all institutions as health friendly.

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