To

State Mission Director/Chief Executive Officers
State Rural Livelihoods Missions

Sub: Advisory to SRLMs on Convergent Planning Process – reg

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the MGNREGA division, Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) is rolling out Intensive Participatory Planning Exercise-II (IPPE-II) for developing Gram Panchayat level planning for works and preparation of labour budget 2016-17.

Context and Purpose
1. Looking at the opportunity offered by IPPE II, MoRD has decided to use this as platform for convergent planning by including NRLM, IAY, DDU-GKY and NSAP in this planning exercise. The convergent planning will be launched in the Gram Sabhas to be held on 2nd October, 2015. The data collected as a result of this participatory planning exercise would eventually be fed into the State Rural Development Plan for 2016-17 that each state would prepare. The State Rural Livelihoods Mission (SLRM) would take lead in IPPE II exercise in the 967 NRLM intensive blocks for which a separate budget support has been given from NRLM to meet all the requisite expenditure.

2. The convergent planning exercise offers an immense opportunity to SRLMs. The fundamental rationale behind this is that NRLM is driving the rural development agenda and it has to draw resources from other programs by:
   • Involving in an intensive planning process to be taken up in all the villages in selected Intensive Blocks
   • Collecting and subsequently using the authentic data for future planning and execution of NRLM programs- prioritization during MCP as well
   • Broad basing the SHG network using SECC data to include all deprived and automatically included HH
   • Ensuring asset improvement for the SHG members through MGNREGA fund
   • Developing a strong relationship with the PRIs
   • Building community awareness for Govt. programs and
   • Building relationship with the poor who are part of the deprived households under SECC
• Reducing dependence of poor households on MGNREGA and ensure alternate livelihoods by building opportunities in multiple livelihoods

Role of SRLM
3. Convergent Planning exercise would focus on usage of a minimum of 60% of MGNREGA fund on agriculture, irrigation and asset based livelihoods including ODF free villages. The role of SRLM is extremely important to
   a. ensure participation of the staff and community members under SRLM (SHGs, Village Organisations, other collectives and Community Based Organisations) at large in the planning exercise and specifically in the Gram Sabhas on 2nd October,
   b. train the Block Program Team (BPT) to generate high quality information/data for creating shelf of works under MGNREGA,
   c. carry out further analysis for focussed livelihoods interventions and
   d. ensure close coordination with MGNREGA team in the states for the execution of the planning in the intensive blocks,

4. Apart from this, other programs that support livelihoods promotion would also be a part of this convergence planning exercise. The data collected would support developing a crisp gram panchayat level plan and eventually a State Rural Development Plan for 2016-17.

Action Points

5. A workshop chaired by Additional Secretary (RD) has already been organized by NMMU on 16th September in Vigyan Bhavan with the Mission Directors, SRLM Nodal Officers and State Project Manager (Livelihoods) with all the concerned states. In this workshop all the necessary steps have been explained to the participants and each state has prepared few action plans as well.

Role of SRLMs for convergent planning:

• To build good coordination mechanism with all counterparts-MGNREGA, IAY, NSAP at every level
• To hold weekly coordination meeting with Commissioner MGNREGA at the State level
• To engage empaneled resource pool for training and capacity building of State Resource Team (SRT), District Resource Team (DRT) and Block Resource Team (BRT)
• To ensure involvement of State, District and Block team in training of Block Planning Teams
• To ensure participation of State, District and Block functionaries in the execution process –training calendar, planning calendar, data entry, attending the Gram Sabha to be held on 2nd October
• Identify the best CRPs and other para professionals to get trained as BPT member
• Develop HH livelihoods plan using the data by integration with MCP.
• Place a dedicated and full time livelihoods person in every intensive block to drive the livelihoods interventions preferably from agriculture or livestock back ground

6. On 2nd October 2015, a Gram Sabha is planned to orient all the stakeholders and develop a calendar for the planning exercise. SRLMs have a role in identifying the SHG leaders
and VO leaders, who will be involved in the planning exercise. SRLM would ensure their active participation in the Gram Sabha, so that their roles are clear and they are fully aware of the objectives of the planning exercise. The role of the SHG/CBO leaders is to support the BPT in mobilizing the community and planning process. The SRLMs should ensure that the SHG representatives should have finalized a plan to mobilize community members for the concept-seeding meeting in the villages. They should ensure that a discussion around livelihoods focused intensive planning, particularly for vulnerable household thorough convergence and MGNREGA is held during the Gram Sabha.

Outcome areas

7. Through this intensive process, the objective is to reach every deprived household identified in SECC and to ensure sustainable livelihoods for them based on their priorities and resources. The key objectives of this exercise is to enable the deprived households to create/improve on their productive assets like land, livestock, compost pits etc.

The focus of IPPE II planning process would yield the following outputs:

- Leveraging MGNREGA for a comprehensive household livelihood assetization plans of the most vulnerable and deprived members in the NRLM community (SHGs and households with at least one more deprivation criteria as per SECC list)
- Each deprived HH engaged in agriculture to have vermi compost pits, NADEP pits from MGNREGA
- Inclusion of left out poor deprived households into SHGs and ensuring that every deprived household would have job card
- Identification of farm and non-farm livelihoods activities in 967 selected blocks (overlapping intensive and resource blocks with IPPE 2), basically indicating gaps within the identified agriculture value chain and animal husbandry value chain
- Ensuring saturation approach with at least 50% coverage of the village for the planning process
- Entitlements and services like IAY, NSAP etc.
- Scoping for skill training under DDU-GKY, RSETI

Formats

8. During the IPPE II planning process, the eligible households belonging to the automatic inclusion category and the deprived category under the SECC will be surveyed on five programs – MGNREGA, NRLM, DDU-GKY, IAY and NSAP. There are five different formats (in five different colours) for collecting information on these five different programs. Apart from this there is one base format to be filled for all SECC automatically included and deprived households.

9. The SRLM has an important role in preparing the training calendar and also impart participatory training to the BPT. In the 967 NRLM blocks (resource, intensive and MKSP blocks) a 4 (four) day process will be followed by the BPT with more time and expertise available for the development of household livelihoods plans.

The BPT team would use Form B (available in http://nrega.nic.in/netnrega/writereaddata/Circulars/1108Final_IPPE_Framework.pdf) for
household livelihood planning exercise, as well as data from the PRA tools used during mapping exercised like social, resource and institutional mapping etc.

The Form B has two parts. Part I is used for household livelihood plan in non-NRLM blocks (this is to be filled in the selected NRLM intensive blocks as well) in which data on land holding, agriculture related opportunities, livestock related opportunities, NTFP based livelihoods, and priority list of household level productive works are captured. Part II of Form B is used for additional form for household livelihood plan in NRLM Blocks. Information related to enterprise, indebtedness, livelihood mapping, food availability and livelihood extension services are also to be collected.

**Budget support to SRLMs from NRLM**

10. NRLM is going to provide an additional fund for SRLMs to take up few activities in the selected Intensive Blocks as described below. The detailed budget allocation is mentioned in Annexure 1.

The fund may be used by SRLMs for the following activities:
- Payment to BPT @ Rs.175 per day/member
- Travel of BPT @ Rs.25 per day/member
- Training Costs @ Rs.1250 per BPT Member
- Planning Material @ Rs.2500 per BPT Sub Team

Your Faithfully

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CC: Additional Secretary (RD), Jt., Secretary (MGNREGA), Principal Secretary (PR & RD) all states
## Annexure - 1

### DETAILED BUDGET ALLOCATION

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