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To

State Mission Director/CEOs
All State Rural Livelihoods Mission

Subject: Minutes of the review of SRLMs on farm livelihoods interventions through Video Conference on 15th, 18th and 26th November, 2019.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to circulate the minutes of the review meeting of SRLMs on farm livelihoods interventions through Video Conference on 15th, 18th and 26th November, 2019. The minutes of the meeting are enclosed herewith for further necessary action.

Yours Sincerely,



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Minutes of the review of SRLMs on farm livelihoods interventions through Video Conference on 15th, 18th and 26th November, 2019:

The review meeting with the SRLMs on farm livelihoods interventions was held through video conference on 15th, 18th and 26th of November, 2019 under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Rural Livelihoods), MoRD. Director (RL), Deputy Secretary (RL), NMMU Farm Livelihoods, States & UTs were participated in the review. Day wise States / UTs participated in the VC review is given below:

Date	Name of States/ UTs participated
15th November 2019 10 AM to 1:30 PM	Rajasthan, Assam, Tamilnadu, Odisha and Gujarat
18th November 2019 10 AM to 1:30 PM	Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Maharashtra
26th November, 2019 10 AM to 1:30 PM	Uttarakhand, Punjab, Telangana, Haryana, Bihar, Puducherry, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh

Common review points:

- 1. Data Sanctity:** The sanctity of data reported in online MPR by the states needs to be examined. It was observed that the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh have not reported any achievement for the farm livelihood indicators in online MPR. Also, it was observed that there are many discrepancies in the data provided by the states during the previous review meeting and the data submitted now. *The state has to report the entry of corrected data in online MPR by 15th December*
- 2. Human Resource:** Farm livelihoods interventions are being implemented under NRETP, organic farming, MKSP, value chain projects & SRLM Annual action plan. Engagement of dedicated human resource is critical for timely completion of the activities. Human Resource with relevant qualification is critical for quality implementation of desired interventions. *All States have to ensure adequate human resources at block and state level for NRETP, MKSP and SRLM AAP by January end.*
- 3. Orientation cum induction of newly recruited staff:** Orientation & induction of newly recruited staff is utmost important as it will seed idea about the program and give them exposure to different farm livelihoods interventions under DAY-NRLM. NMMU has developed a five days modules for orientation-cum-induction training for newly recruited staff engaged by SRLM for farm livelihoods intervention. The states has to ensure proper orientation of newly recruited staff to be completed as per the training module developed by NMMU. The training is being imparted by selected National Resource Persons. Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and J&K have already initiated the process and imparted training to their staff. *All states who are recruiting staff under farm livelihoods may ensure the orientation of their newly recruited staff through the module.*
- 4. NRETP implementation:** For the implementation of value chain activities under NRETP projects, states have to take Technical Support Agency on board from the very beginning of the project. A call down list of six (6) Technical Support Agencies have been shared with SRLMs to support the States on value chain interventions. The states taking up value chain initiatives may initiate the hiring of Technical Support Agencies following due procedures.
- 5. Value Chain interventions:** As per the information from SRLMs, a total of 133 number of Producers Enterprise have been promoted till date. All States have been requested to share the information on the Producers Enterprise promoted beyond the list of existing 133 PEs. State has to submit the information on the support provided to PEs

promoted under DAY-NRLM by the end of November 2019. All the states have been requested that the PGs promoted in the state will be supported by the Udyog mitra. NMMU has already circulated the advisory in this regard.

6. **Lack of adherence to MKSP project conditions as per the sanctioned orders:** Mandatory deliverables are to be adhered in all the MKSP projects. No further extension will be given to SRLMs for the extension of time. The closure report needs to be submitted with all other relevant documents for the completed MKSP projects. *The SRLMs are requested to share the plan of action for completing the project on time.*
7. **Organic cluster initiative:**
 - a. *State missions to take the Regional Councils on board and take the TSA for higher order activity. As per information only six states namely Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Kerala have taken Regional Council on board.*
 - b. *A call down list of six (6) Technical Support Agencies has been shared with SRLMs to support the States on organic farming and certification interventions. States taking up initiatives may initiate the hiring of Technical Support Agencies following due procedures*
 - c. *Organic clusters should be promoted in the areas already under implementation of MKSP or areas where SRLM has implemented farm livelihoods initiatives for promotion of agro-ecological practices*
 - d. *Local groups registration in PGS portal should be taken up with the support of Regional Council under organic cluster programme.*
8. **Livelihood MIS:** Quality data would be critical to justify the interventions in any project, hence a detailed and clear protocol on data collection and interpretation is to be prepared and implemented. *SRLMs to ensure timely uploading of corrected data of Mahila Kisan and CRP profile (Krishi sakh, Pasu sakh, Van sakh and Udyog Mitra etc.) on the portal. Further, MIS update will be non-negotiable for release of installment and closure of the sanctioned projects.*
9. **Knowledge management:** The good works/best practices being undertaken need to be shared and showcased. *Hence, all States should give focus on knowledge management around farm livelihoods interventions. Best practices, documented by any SRLMs (print & AV format) since April 2018 may be shared with NMMU. State may organize the CRP conclave like the one done by NMMU.*
10. **Livelihoods CRP certification through MANAGE:** DAY-NRLM has assigned the task of third party assessment of Livelihoods CRPs to MANAGE, Hyderabad. MANAGE is going to implement the initiative in the country. The manage certification will be based on skill and knowledge. Those CRPs who are clearing the test will become certified CRPs. *All states are requested to support MANAGE in the certification of livelihood CRP.*
11. **Convergence :** SRLM may give focus on convergence with MGNREGA, as per the advisory issued from the Ministry of RD, "for plantation (for tasar based livelihoods), creation of community infrastructures like storage shed for Custom Hiring Centres, go-downs for Producers Groups / Producers Companies, sheds for milk collection centres, shed/storage units for tasar interventions etc." *States are requested to share a report on convergence for livelihoods interventions with output numbers such as intervention wise households covered, community infrastructure established etc.*
12. **NRP engagement plan:** NMMU as part of support mechanism to SRLM has rolled out NRP engagement plan. Under NRP engagement plan the NRPs have been allotted states where these NRPs will work along with the state farm livelihoods team to achieve the state farm livelihoods objectives. *States are requested to utilize their service and render necessary support.*

Followings are the day wise state specific observation and actionable points (Farm Livelihoods):

15th November 2019:

1. Rajasthan

1. **Human Resources:** The state has yet not placed its staff for 36 NRETP blocks. SRLM has yet not recruited anyone for the approved NRETP positions. SRLM need to submit a report on recruitment with a timeline to NMMU. *SRLM to ensure to complete the recruitment process for NRETP by December 2019. HR under SRLM-AAP should also be positioned as per the advisory circulated by NMMU.*
2. **NRETP:** The engagement of TSA for value chain and organic has not yet been started. *RFP expected to be issued by the end of Nov 19.* For dairy value chain the proposal from NDS is expected by Nov 19. HR is still to be placed in last review meeting it was said that it will be completed by Oct 19. *The state to share the ToR with NMMU for further comments and inputs.*
3. **Value chain:** *The state may submit the project proposal on dairy value chain by the end of Nov.*
4. **Training & Capacity building:** State should ensure that the CRPs should qualify on skills, adoption and knowledge during its selection process through MANAGE
5. **Organic Cluster:** To start the organic cluster activities state may take up Regional Council immediately and higher order support should come from TSA. State to focus on identification of organic CRP. State has identified the villages for organic farming and certification.
6. **MKSP:**

Name of the Project	Status of the Project	Action to be taken
MKSP - PIA	Status of last instalment released: 3rd installment 1st tranche The proposed project completion was 2016 and 1 time extension given to the project	<i>The SRLM need to take necessary steps to close the project and submit the relevant documents to the Ministry.</i>
Rajasthan SRLM	Status of last instalment released: 2nd installment The proposed project closure was 2019 and no extension given to the project	<i>The SRLM need to take necessary steps to close the project and submit the relevant documents to the Ministry.</i>

2. Assam

1. **Human Resource:** The state has yet not placed its staff for 20 NRETP blocks. *The state to complete the recruitment process immediately under NRETP by the end of January.*
2. **TSA hiring:** The state is in final stages for issuing RFP of organic farming. The SRLM should expedite hiring of TSA - Value Chain development. *The ToR should be shared with NMMU for any comments and inputs.*
3. **Training & Capacity building:** *The state to share the Udyog Mitra training module with NMMU.*
4. **Value chain:** The state to share the business plan template and few of the business plan to be shared with NMMU. *The future plan (3 years plan) of the PE promoted under the dedicated fund to be shared to NMMU.*
5. **Organic cluster:** The state may take on board RC for LG registration and higher order support should come from TSA. The NMMU has provided inputs on the draft RFP for organic. *State may float the RFP for hiring TSA.*

6. **Livelihood MIS:** State to complete the updation of MIS by the end of December, 19. The state may think for engaging external persons through outsourcing basis.
7. **MKSP:**

Name of the Project	Status of the Project	Action to be taken
NORTHEAST DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM	3rd installment 1st tranche The project proposed completion was year 2016 and one extension already given to the project	<i>The SRLM need to take necessary steps to close the project and submit the relevant documents to this Ministry.</i>
Assam SRLM	1st installment; The proposed project completion is in year 2019	<i>The SRLM need to take necessary steps to pre-close the project and submit the relevant documents to this Ministry.</i>

3. Gujarat

1. **Human Resource:** The state has yet not placed its staff for 9 NRETP blocks. The state has already on boarded HR agency for the recruitment of staff. The state is waiting for approval from the department on human resource engagement. *The state may complete the engagement of HR for NRETP implementation by the end of January. The state may also complete the hiring of staffs under SRLM-AAP as per the timeline including SPM-LH.*
2. **TSA hiring:** SRLM may take support from NMMU in preparing the RFP for TSA on value chain and organic. The Farm livelihoods team along with procurement team may be sent to NMMU for preparation of the same. *The ToR should be shared with the NMMU.*
3. **Training of staff:** *A three days review workshop of all the district level functionaries may be called in the month of December 2019. The workshop will support the state in thematic understanding.*
4. **Organic Cluster:** *SRLM should immediately start the process of hiring TSA on organic farming.*
5. **Livelihood MIS:** *SRLM has to initiate the entry of Mahila Kisan and CRPs in Farm livelihoods MIS portal with the other details from the beginning for SRLM-AAP login Ids has been shared to State.*
6. **MKSP:**

Name of the Project	Status of the Project	Action to be taken
2 partners (Deepak, Shroff)	1st installment The project period expired in year 2016	<i>Due to withdrawal of the partners from the project, the revised cost has decreased. So as per the IFD and auditor's observation closure report needs to be submitted. Along with the closure report the relevant documents need to be submitted to this Ministry</i>
GLPC	1st Installment The project period is expiring on Feb 2020	<i>The SRLM need to take necessary steps to close the project and submit the relevant documents to this Ministry.</i>

4. Odisha

1. **Human Resource:** The SRLM has ensured that the staff for its 37 blocks under NRETP will be on boarded by the end of January. They are waiting for approval from the Finance department. *The state can book the cost of the existing staff who are dedicatedly involved in NRETP. The state can hire YPs through campus recruitment route.*
2. **Training and Capacity building:**
 - a. *The state has to conduct the training for the newly recruited staff from Agri graduate from OUAT. Training is planned in Nov 19.*
 - b. *Udyog Mitra training modules to be shared with NMMU*
3. **Value chain**
 - a. *Value Chain - Separate TSA for value chain is to be hired.*
 - b. *Business plan template, business plan & the process related to Producers Groups to be shared by State to NMMU.*
 - c. *While doing financing producers group, advisory sent in this regard is to strictly adhere like settling the accounts by PG with CLF.*
 - d. **Value chain project implemented under the dedicated fund project:** *State has to submit the status of expenditure made in the project and future plan on the sustainability of the Producers Enterprise promoted.*
4. **Organic village cluster:** RFP has been approved as state level for the issue. *State to share the ToR and draft RFP for comment from NMMU.*
5. **MKSP:** The state has to submit the closure report of MKSP through NGO by December end.

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MKSP PIA (PRADAN with CSB)	1 st tranche 3 rd installment The project period has been expired in March 2019	<i>The SRLM should facilitate the closure of the project and submit the relevant document to this Ministry.</i>
Life Academy of Vocational Studies.	2nd installment The project period has been expired in March 2019	
Harsha Trust	2nd installment The project period has been expired in March 2019	
Madhyam foundation	3rd installment 1st tranche The project period has been expired in March 2019	
M.S. Swaminathan	2nd installment The project period has been expired in March	

Research Foundation (MSSRF).	2019	
Professional Assistance for Development Action (PRADAN)	3rd installment 1st tranche The project period has been expired in March 2019	
Organisation for Rural Reconstruction & Integrated Social Service Activities (ORRISSA)	3rd installment 1st tranche The project period has been expired in March 2019	
SODI	3rd installment 1st tranche The project period has been expired in March 2019	
Odisha SRLM (MP)	1st installment The project period is expiring in December 2019	<i>The project period is expiring in December, 2019. The SRLM may proceed for closure of the project and submit the relevant documents to this Ministry.</i>
OLM (Tasar)	1st tranche of 1st installment The project period is expiring in May 2020	<i>The SRLM need to take necessary steps to complete the project in the approved timeline. The SRLM need to submit the relevant documents to this Ministry</i>

6. **NTFP:** State may ensure the cost of price of cocoon being procured by producers from Serifed
7. **Livelihood MIS:** States has to be uploaded for NTFP project data. Data for remaining CRPs also needs to be uploaded.

5. Tamilnadu

1. **Human Resource:** As the state is engaging the existing staff for NRETP activities, the cost of these staff may be booked under NRETP, till dedicated staff recruited and placed under NRETP.
2. **Agro Ecological practices:** Management of CHC is very critical. One advisory on CHC has been issued by NMMU. The state has to adhere to the advisory issued on CHC.
3. **Training and capacity building:** The state has to send a formal request to NMMU for the training requirement.
4. **Livelihood MIS:**
 - a. MIS Profile entry is slow in Tamilnadu SRLM. SRLM may hire MIS Person on board and upload the profile on Farm livelihoods MIS portal with the other details.
 - b. States has to complete the uploading of SRLM-AAP 2018-19 target of 2.74 lakh of Mahila Kisan into MIS.
8. **MKSP**

Name of the Project	Status of the Project	Action to be taken
Tamilnadu SRLM	2nd installment : The project period has been expired on 2018	<i>The project period has been expired. So the SRLM should facilitate the closure of the project with the submission of relevant documents to the Ministry</i>
SRLMs	1st installment The project period is expiring on Feb 2021	<i>The SRLM need to take necessary steps to complete the project in the approved timeline. The SRLM need to submit the relevant documents to this Ministry</i>

