

Anandadhara

West Bengal State Rural Livelihoods Mission (WBSRLM)

(A Society under the Panchayats & Rural Development Department, Govt. of West Bengal)



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To:

1. Principal Secretary, GTA
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Sub.: Vulnerability Reduction Fund Guideline of WBSRLM

Ref: Memo No. 1728/WBSRLM/Prog./6P-187/2015 dtd. 05/02/2016 from CEO, WBSRLM:
Vulnerability Reduction Policy of WBSRLM

Madam/Sir,

Earlier WBSRLM (Anandadhara) had developed and shared its Vulnerability Reduction Policy (referred Memo) with the districts to address (in principle) the needs of the vulnerable sections of the community who also happen to be the main target group under NRLM. It was felt that the most vulnerable need proper targeting with special provisions created in the project. Towards the creation of such special provision for addressing those needs, under NRLP, the intensive blocks have received a special Vulnerability Reduction Fund (VRF) in the current financial year. At the close of the second quarter, fifty Sanghas in thirty two Intensive Blocks have received this VRF from WBSRLM. In the remaining two quarters another fifty Sanghas will be financed similarly. This Guideline will provide the spending principles for administration of the VRF.

However vulnerability as a situation is not project driven and contingent poverty and emergency situations can arise anywhere, anytime. Further, VRF given under the project is only a seed money and any Sangha willing to take up the issue can do so with or without VRF support from Anandadhara. Hence the Guideline has been developed beyond the fund provision under NRLP and is being shared to the Non-Intensive districts (also) where interested Sanghas may take up the initiative with their own endeavour.

The detailed Guideline is enclosed herewith in bilingual versions (English and Bengali). As the Sanghas would be administering the fund, mostly, the Bengali version was a felt need. The Bengali version must be shared with the Sanghas in your district. Districts which have requirement of the guidelines in any other local language may do so from their end.

Already, a team of professionals from the Intensive Districts (DPMs, BPMs, Area Coordinators and DLTs) were meticulously capacitated on the processes spelt out in the Guideline. The purpose of circulating this Guideline would be served, if it is seen that the processes are adhered to, for retaining transparency and accountability, and the fund reaches those in actual need.

Yours faithfully,


(SMD & CEO)

Enclosed: VRF Guideline of WBSRLM

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