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Provincial Director of Health Services, Uva, Central, Western, Southern, Sabaragamuwa Province.

RE: Suplimentation of Thriposha to children aged 6 months to 6 year, pregent and lacting women living in the plantation sector

With reference to the letters sent by Estate and Urban Health Unit dated 12.07.2018 & 27.09.2018 , reference numbers PA/E&UH/D/08/2018 (annexed to this letter), I urgently need to clarify the situation regarding responsibility for thriposha distribution in estates in the districts under your purview. I was made to understand on communicating with the RDHSs during the first week of March 2019, that thriposha requirements for the entire district, inclusive of the estates would be sent to the thriposha co-ordinator immediately to enable its distribution through the Medical Officers of Health (MOOH) from April 2019, the second quarter of the year. However, there was a written memo at the PHDT meeting held on 29th March 2019, that it has been informed through the thriposha co-ordinator that it was decided to revert to the system of thriposha distribution to the estates through the PHDT, as many RDHSs have opposed the distribution, through MOOH.

A clarification on this is needed urgently as the Minister's meeting is on the 5th April and the issue of thriposha distribution would be taken up at it. The responses of the RDHSs would need to be presented by me at this meeting as this task has been given to the Estate & Urban Health directorate. The earlier decision taken at this meeting was for thriposha distribution to the estates to be through the MOOH, similar to the procedure for the rest of the district. However, currently only the Nuwara Eliya district has taken over the thriposha distribution through the MOOH.

Several districts had responded positively in August 2018 when communicating with the Estate and Urban Health Unit, when asked about the possibility of thriposha distribution to the estates through the MOH system, although this system is now currently operating only in Nuwsra Eliya.

Please be kind enough to include the thriposha requirement for the entire district, inclusive of estates and send to the thriposha co-ordinator, with a copy to me by the 4th April 2019. If this is not possible, please give reasons and send me as to why it is not possible, also by the 4th April 2019...

Act Director.

Estate & Urban Health Unit.

RDHS-Kaluthara, Colombo, N'Eliya, Kandy, Badulla, Monaragala, Matale, Matara, Galle, Rathnapura, Kegalle

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