

**Administration of the  
Union Territory of Lakshadweep  
(Directorate of Education)  
Kavaratti-682 555**

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Sub:- Implementation of Mid Day Meal Programme in School- regarding

Community participation play a vital role to the successful implementation of Mid Day Meal scheme as it ensures effective monitoring at the island level and also generates a sense of ownership of the programme in the society. The Principals/ Headmasters of all schools are directed to ensure MDM guidelines issued time to time on the following points

1. Community/SMC members and teachers should ensure that children eat Mid Day Meals together in an orderly manner in a spirit of camaraderie.
2. Menu of the meals to be decided locally keeping in view the availability of ingredients/food items.
3. Steps to improve community participation in Mid Day Meal Scheme and design the menu with variety and according to the taste and liking of children.
4. The weekly inspection of Mid Day Meal by the island level officials to be carried out to ensure quality and hygiene.
5. Daily tasting of the Mid Day Meal by a teacher and SMC members in every school before distribution of Mid Day Meal to children is mandatory. The Principals/Headmasters should record the name of the SMC member and teacher who tasted the Mid Day Meal in a register every day.
6. Ensure food grains and ingredients are properly stored in Kitchen cum Store in storing bins to avoid moisture and pest infestation. The storage bins should be properly labelled for safe storage to avoid any contamination.
7. Procurement of quality Agmark pulses, edible oils and condiments for MDMS to ensure quality nutritional MDMS for the children, Similarly, only "double fortified salt" should be used for cooking Mid Day Meals. The cooks to be directed carry out cooking with lid on to avoid loss of nutrients.
8. Cooks to be encourage to wear apron and cap while preparation of Mid Day Meal and hand washing before starting preparation of Meals
9. Mid Day Meal Menu, rates, other benefits etc of the scheme to be displaced near the MDM hall and publicised through local digital/print media to know the stakeholders.
10. Cleaning of Kitchen and premises to be carried out every day and kept clean and hygiene. Ensure that ingredients are not reach of pests.



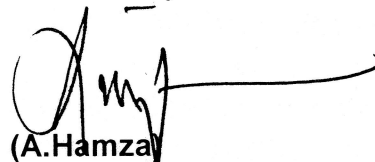
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11. SMC members and Teachers put in charge daily to monitor the implementation of Mid Day Meal in school to ensure hand washing of children before & after taking Mid Day Meal and trimming of nails in hand of the children weekly.
12. MDM logo should be placed on outside wall of the school at prominent places for the awareness of children, parents and community members.
13. Display contact number of Medical Officer, Deputy Collector/Sub Divisional Officer, Hospital/PHC/CHC, Ambulance, Fire Service in all schools to contact if any an untoward situation and linkage to be created with Hospital/PHC/CHC to ensure early treatment of the children in such situation.

The Principals of Govt. Senior Secondary School in islands are directed to acknowledge the compliance of the above instructions to this office on or before 15.9.2014.

This issue with the approval of Secretary Education vide Dy.No.6949 Dated 27/8/2014.

Yours faithfully



(A. Hamza)

Director of Education

To

1. The Chief Executive Officer, District Panchayat, Kavaratti
2. The Senior Administrative Officer, Department of Education, District Panchayat, Kavaratti
3. The Principal, GSSS /Headmasters in islands for necessary action
4. The Deputy Collector/Sub Divisional Officer in islands for kind information