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**FROM : DIRECTOR – NATIONAL SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMME**

**DATE : 07 FEBRUARY 2022**

**SUBJECT : THE NATIONAL SCHOOL DEWORMING AND HPV CAMPAIGN 2022**

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### **1. BACKGROUND**

The National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP), and School Health & Social Planning Directorates are entrusted with the responsibility of driving the Deworming Campaign and HPV vaccination programmes. Under the auspices of the Integrated School Health Programme, the department of education together with health are gearing up for the 2022 Deworming Campaign and HPV vaccination campaign (PHASE ONE), scheduled to be conducted during the period 14 February to 31 March 2022.

The Medicines Control Council (MCC) has granted approval for the mebendazole 500mg (deworming tablet) to be administered in schools by professional nurses (and teachers under indirect supervision of a professional Health Worker). The importance of this programme cannot be overemphasised, as South Africa is a signatory to the World Health Assembly (WHA) and is bound by Resolution 54.19 of (May 2001), which calls for regular and synchronized treatment of worms in high-risk groups.

The reach/target group for 2022 remains between the ages of 5-13-year olds (grades R – 7) in Quintiles 1-3 Public Ordinary Schools. Districts and schools are called upon to ensure the following takes place before the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022:



- Education Support Services (NSNP & School Health and Social Planning) ensures that all targeted schools receive consent forms by the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- Mitigate the consent forms (where there is a need) and any other relevant document to ensure uniformity and understanding by respondents.
- Ensure that all consent forms are signed by parents and returned to schools before 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- Revive critical partnerships, especially with DoH & DSD who must play a lead role in dispensing and managing the medicines and other social factors.
- **Ensure the availability of NSNP & School Health and Social Planning personnel and vehicles during the campaign period.**
- Ensure the availability of water in all the participating schools, especially during the campaign period. Link up with Local Municipalities where necessary for the delivery of water.

The departments of education and health shall always be available for assistance during this critical period. Schools are reminded to always observe COVID19 rules and regulations.

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