Subject: Utilising Hospitals run by Voluntary Organisations/ Not-For-Profit Organisations for Bridge Programme training ..... reg.

Dear Colleague,

This is with reference to scaling up of the training under Certificate Programme in Community Health (i.e. the Bridge Programme) presently being conducted through IGNOU's notified Programme Study Centres.

As per the recent policy initiative of the Govt, 1.50 Lakh Health Sub- Centres across different States/ UTs are to be upgraded as Health & Wellness Centres (H&WCs) over the next four years. It is required to prepare larger number of personnel appropriately trained in Community Health to man these H&WCs.

In order to upscale this course and train larger number of MLHPs, the State may utilise hospitals run by Voluntary Organisations/ Not-For-Profit Organisations as Programme Study Centres (PSCs) for Bridge Programme, provided they fulfil the technical criteria for being a PSC.

In regard to above, NHSRC shall provide technical support and facilitate the process if needed by the States/VOs.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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