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Date: 17-06-2023

To

The Head of Institution

Shri Krishna Medical College, Muzzafarpur

Subject: Expression of Interest on Tobacco Burden Online Survey among Healthcare Students, Professionals and Allied Staffs in Medical & Dental Colleges of Bihar & Jharkhand

Dear Sir/Madam

Greetings from AIIMS Deoghar.

Under The Project Funded by 'The Union' Titled "**Strengthening commitment to tobacco control through stronger participation of medical institutions to counter tobacco industry interference**" at AIIMS Deoghar there is an objective of "**Sensitize and develop strong commitment among medical associations and institutions including leading hospitals at national and sub-national level to advance tobacco control**".

There is limited literature available regarding burden of tobacco use among healthcare students, professionals & allied workers. in context of Bihar & Jharkhand. As we are committed to address this issue in this project and to gain more deeper knowledge on Burden of **Tobacco Use among Healthcare Students, Professionals and Allied Staffs in Medical and Dental Institutions of Bihar & Jharkhand**, a cross-sectional survey is required. This will help us in designing tailored interventions to in curb the problem. Brief methodology attached in **Annexure I**.

This will be a **google form-based survey**. One **co-ordinating person** (maximum three) per medical or dental institution of Bihar / Jharkhand **will co-ordinate the google form-based survey in their respective institutions**. Separate questionnaire will be used for healthcare students, professionals & allied workers.

Benefits of participating in the survey are as follows:

Sri Krishan Medical College, Muz.

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Receiver Sign



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1. Participate in generating literature on burden of tobacco use among healthcare students, professionals, and Allied Staffs in context of Bihar and Jharkhand
2. **Certificate of acknowledgement** from AIIMS Deoghar & The Union.
3. **Authorship** in publication (Minimum 1, Maximum 3 per medical or dental institution)
4. Participating Institutes **can publish** their own data separately if wish to do so (we will provide you data sheet for your institute if asked)

Therefore, if interested we request you to designate person / persons from your institute who will be co-ordinating this activity by 30.06.2023 as per **Annexure II**. Once we receive responses from all there will be online meeting/s to discuss and finalise the methodology and tool of the tobacco burden study. The tentative timelines of various activities under the project are attached in **Annexure III**. Notable, there is no provision of any financial aid to conduct the survey as it is completely digitalised.

We look forward to hearing from and receiving your kind confirmation in this regard.

Your support for this noble social cause will be appreciated.

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17.06.23

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(Principal Investigator, The Union Tobacco Control Project)

Annexure I

Brief Methodology of the Tobacco Burden Survey



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Study Title: Burden of Tobacco Use among Healthcare Students, Professionals and Allied Staffs in Medical and Dental Institutions of Bihar & Jharkhand: A Snapshot Study

Study Objectives:

1. To assess Burden of Tobacco Use and Its Attributes among Healthcare Students, Professionals and Allied Staffs in Medical and Dental Institutions of Bihar & Jharkhand.
2. To explore Awareness Regarding the Antitobacco Laws and Perceptions Regarding Interventions for Effective Tobacco Control and Their Attributes among the study population.

Study design: Explorative cross-sectional

Study duration: 3 months (July to September 2023)

Study population: All the Healthcare Students, Professionals and Allied Staffs in Medical and Dental Participating Institutions of Bihar & Jharkhand.

Sample size: Complete Enumeration Method.

Eligibility criteria: All the Healthcare Students, Professionals and Allied Staffs in Medical and Dental Participating Institutions of Bihar & Jharkhand. There are no exclusion criteria as such excepting those who will not agree to participate.

Project implementation: The study will be conducted using google form. First the questionnaire will be pretested in 30 Healthcare Students, Professionals and Allied Staffs who will not be part of the final sample. After the necessary modifications and inputs from participating institutions the tool will be finalized and used for the survey. Email and WhatsApp invitation will be sent to the potential participants along with the link of the google forms. They will be asked to forward the study link to other potential study participants in their institute too.

Study tool: The information will be collected using a predesigned pre-tested semi-structure questionnaire. It will have following sections: Section 1: Study description and consent; Section 2: Background Characteristics; Section 3: Tobacco use behaviour (For tobacco users only); Section 4: Nicotine dependence for smokers; Section 5: Nicotine dependence for smokeless tobacco users; Section 6: Awareness Regarding the Antitobacco Laws; Section 7: Perceptions Regarding Interventions for Effective Tobacco Control.

Annexure II

Expression of Interest to be Part of Tobacco Burden Survey



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Name of the Survey: Burden of Tobacco Use among Healthcare Students, Professionals and Allied Staffs in Medical and Dental Institutions of Bihar & Jharkhand: A Snapshot Study

Principal Investigator: Prof. (Dr.) Saurabh Varshney, Executive Director & Chief Executing Officer, AIIMS Deoghar

I, _____ on behalf of the management of _____ (institute name) concur to our institute being part of the survey titled “Burden of Tobacco Use among Healthcare Students, Professionals and Allied Staffs in Medical and Dental Institutions of Bihar & Jharkhand: A Snapshot Study”.

The following person (s) will co-ordinate the survey from our institute

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Email	Contact Number
1				
2				
3				

Signature:

Name:

Designation:

Institution:

Date:

Annexure III

Tentative Timelines of The Survey



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Activities	Timelines
Expression of Interest from participating institutions	By 30.06.2023
Online meeting	By 15.07.2023
Data Collection	By 15.08.2023
Statistical Analysis	By 22.08.2023
Report Writing and Dissemination among Participant Institutes	By 30.08.2023
Manuscript writing & Communication to Journal for Publication	By 30.09.2023