Directorate of Mission Shakti Department of Women & Child Development and Mission Shakti Government of Odisha

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From

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All DSWOs

Sub: Management of GP and ULB level free kitchens by WSHGs during lockdown on account of COVID - 19

Ref: 1. Letter No - 2040/R&DM (DM) dated 28.3.2020 of the SRC & the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue & Disaster Management Department.

2. Letter No - 8086/HUD dated 27.3. 2020 of the Housing & Urban Development Department.

Madam/Sir,

Honourable Chief Minister has announced that free kitchens will be opened in every GP of the state to provide cooked meals to needy people like the poor, sick, elderly, indigent and the destitute during this lockdown on account of COVID-19. WSHGs have a big role to play in the management of these free kitchens.

It is, therefore, intimated that the ICDS and Mission Shakti functionaries should extend all required support to the SHGs engaged for smooth preparation and distribution of cooked food in close coordination with the district and local administration. It shall be ensured that the SHGs observe all counter corona advisories like regular hand washing, maintaining social distancing and hygiene while preparing and distributing food to the people.

Arrangements may also be made among the sector supervisors and other field officials under your jurisdiction to regularly monitor the programme. In no case should there be crowding either during preparation of meals or serving.

A daily status report on number of GP/ ULB level free kitchen centers, no of SHGs engaged, name and address of the group, contact number and number of meals served etc shall be shared with this Directorate for record.

Yours fathfully,

Commissioner cum Director