



# GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

## RELIEF REHABILITATION & SETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT

Dated Peshawar the 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

### NOTIFICATION

**No. SO(Admn)RR&SD/2-49/2020:** In pursuance of the declaration of emergency throughout the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa due to Corona Virus (COVID19), vide this Department Notification No. SO (Estt) RR&SD/3-5/2019 dated 05.03.2020 read with powers conferred on the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Provincial Disaster Management Authority under clauses (c), (g) and (i) of sub-section (2) of Section 16 of the National Disaster Management Authority (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) Act, 2010, the Authority, is pleased to lay down the following **Guidelines for safety of women and children in Quarantine facilities** developed in consultation with UN Women:

#### Purpose:

The department is emphasizing on protection of vulnerable population. Therefore, specific SOPs for the protection of women and girls was needed and may be adapted for necessary protection measures for women and girls at the quarantine facilities.

#### 1. General Protection Measures for Women and Children in Quarantine:

- (i) All women and girls should be treated with respect and dignity in the quarantine facility.
- (ii) Taking photographs of women and girls at the quarantine facility shall be prohibited. If for administrative purposes inevitable, consent shall be obtained;
- (iii) No visitors should be allowed to enter the facility without written permission of the concerned authorities;
- (iv) Women in quarantine should be informed about the point of contact that they have to reach in case of any issue; and,
- (v) Separate black coverings shall be provided to the females to dispose of their used items of hygiene kits.
- (vi) Separate and dedicated toilets/washing areas to be ensured that are near to the living areas of women and children all women should be provided separate hygiene/dignity kits while in quarantine facility.
- (vii) Specially abled women should be provided with all the facilities as per their need.
- (viii) Such staff shall also be directed to listen, register, record, resolve, where possible, and report complaints or problems of such woman to the concerned for resolution.

#### 2. Single woman without any other female, male or child relative:

- (i) While in quarantine such woman shall be accommodated in a room or hall with other women. Preferably, she shall be allotted a room with another woman having same or similar language of communication. Dedicated female staff shall be deputed to deliver food items, hygiene kits and other required or distributed items to such room or hall; and,

#### 3. Woman with female relatives:

- (i) Such females shall be accommodated in halls or rooms that has the capacity to house all such female relatives together keeping the health safety measures;
- (ii) If no such hall is available, they shall be accommodated in adjacent rooms, where the requirement does not exceed two rooms;
- (iii) Where the requirement exceeds two rooms, a side of a wing shall be allotted to them; and,
- (iv) If the women of the group are not relatives or have any other direct connections, then their requirement kits, hygiene kits, and food kits shall be separately provided.

4. **Unmarried woman with male relatives:**

- (i) If the relative is other than *mehram*, then conditions for 'Unmarried woman without any female, male or child relative' shall be applied; and,
- (ii) If the relative is *mehram*, then general accommodative, delivery of items and other measures shall be applied to them.

5. **Woman with a child/children:**

- (i) A woman with a child shall be accommodate in same room;
- (ii) In case of newborn (0 to 2 months), and infant (2 months to one year), then such a woman shall be accommodated with another woman of same or similar status in a room;
- (iii) A woman with a newborn shall have access to gynecologist and pediatrician, as the case may be. This shall be carried out through helpline 1700; and,
- (iv) Females with adolescent shall be accommodated, wherever possible, so that the adolescents do not inadvertently violate the minimum distance necessary for maintaining physical distancing.

6. **Women in the way of family:**

- (i) Such women shall be accommodated on the ground floors, wherever applicable;
- (ii) Such women shall be kept under close supervision of an expert obstetrician and/or gynecologist; and,
- (iii) Their requirement for food, medicine and other items shall be provided for on priority basis.

7. **Newborns, Infants, Toddlers, Child and Adolescents:**

- (i) Newborns, Infants, and Toddlers kits including hygiene kits and toys shall be provided to the guardians or mothers of such newborns, infants and children;
- (ii) For adolescents as their requirements are different, therefore, children books, board games, white-boards with markers;
- (iii) All the above categories of minors especially toddlers, child and adolescents shall not be allowed to roam around in the premises of quarantine without adult supervision. Preferably, the adult shall be one of the parents or both; and,
- (iv) Arrangements shall be made for these minors to remain and stay as close to parents as possible during the stay in quarantine.

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Secretary

Relief Rehabilitation & Settlement Department

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