

## Annex 10. Case study School Based Mass Deworming Round 3

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“I was so surprised and shocked to see when I saw worms passed out with my stool the very next day when I ate albendazole tablet in 2012. This year I only came to school on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2014 to have the medicine in spite of the very cold weather condition...Neha says with glitter in her eyes”



These are a few words by Neha, a student of Class 8<sup>th</sup> who holds Prime Minister Post in the Children’s Parliament of Ramji Chak Madhya Vidhyalay -Danapur Patna , a village on the outskirts of the capital city Patna in the Patna district. This village is densely populated with very poor sanitation and hygienic conditions. Every year this village witness floods from the

river Ganges and leaves residual waste behind.

Last year, Neha was surprised and fearful after seeing the worms in defecation, post deworming . She realised that hosting worms in her intestine was the reason she used to feel tired, most of the time.

This year she took the drug with excitement and even likes its taste. The medicine dissolves in the mouth immediately after taking it. She smiles and narrates to us proudly the importance of this medication as informed to her by her teacher through the poster that was put in her school on deworming.

### “I was not aware why I get stomach cramps at night during sleep”



But this year my teacher informed me that worms may be one of the possible causes, says Manoj Kumar, a student of class 6<sup>th</sup> at the Ramji Chak Madhya Vidhyalaya . He is satisfied now that he is aware of the possible reason for his cramps. He also added that a day before the Deworming day on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2014, the Children’s Parliament at the school informed to all student about the worms and their impact on health. Aarti Kumari the Health Minister of the Children’s parliament led this information sharing event at the school.

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Manoj attended the school on 23<sup>rd</sup> January and took the Deworming tablet-Albendazole. Manoj feels much assured that his cramps at night will subside now. He is all smiles and is hoping for his good health.

These girls come out of their classroom after taking the deworming tablets on the 23<sup>rd</sup>... their laughter amidst the deworming activity in their school.



I have defecated worms last year after taking the Albendazole tablet and I am sure my siblings also have worm infestation. So this year, on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2014 , I brought both my siblings to my school on deworming day. The headmaster provided deworming tablets to all of us, says Shahina Aazmi student of class 8<sup>th</sup> from a small town called Digha Patti.

Not Only Shahina, but her class mates Kajal, Deepawali , Babita and many more suffer from worm

infestation. Now they all know about worm infestation and the importance of deworming for their good health and well-being.

Their smiles speak the message on the deworming poster! We are worm free! They are happy to share with others that one tablet can do such a mighty job.