

## FOREWORD

The Directorate of National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) has adopted an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) to ensure that sound environmental practices are carried out while implementing the programme as per the World Bank operational policies. As part of the EMP Implementation Programme, Environmental Codes of Practice (ECoP) have been developed which define specific directives for different activities proposed to be undertaken in the programme.

The ECoP provides guidelines to minimize adverse environmental impacts associated with the use of insecticides under the “National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme”. The Codes of Practice aim to establish environmental management standards among all stakeholders involved in the Vector Borne Disease Control Project. This document serves as a guide on Environmental Safeguards which are needed to be adopted in the programme and also as a guidance document for the stakeholders in the programme.

The Guidelines define responsibilities of each of the officials and workers associated with the programme and would help them undertake the activities in a manner which do not adversely affect the environment or the health of the workers and the communities associated with the programme.

It is envisaged that these ECoPs would be very useful in understanding the responsibilities as they have been written in very lucid language and define the action and roles very clearly. Recognising that the limitations of knowledge about these environmental issues would be an impediment in the implementation, the “Environmental Codes of Practice” have been supplemented by a “Training Manual” in which the activities have been pictographically presented for easy understanding of every team member.

These “Codes of Practice” would ensure that the programme is undertaken in an environmentally sustainable manner. It is expected and intended that the District Officers, Consultants and the health workers associated with this programme would utilise this manual to ensure an environmentally sound programme.