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MONITORING, REVIEW AND CONVERGENCE AT DIFFERENT LEVELS

Monitoring, Review and Convergence at National Level

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) will be requested to give directions to the State Governments to ensure the constitution of a Task Force headed by the Department of Women and Child Development. Further MWCD shall monitor and issue relevant policy guidelines from time to time. Being the nodal ministry to implement the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (Revised ICPS), MWCD shall ensure that the street and working children are benefitted under the Open Shelters for children in need in urban and semi-urban areas who lack shelter and access to basic services like sanitation, safe drinking water, education, health care, recreational facilities, etc.

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR): NCPCR has been constituted under the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005. Being the apex body on child rights in the country, its mandate is to protect, promote and defend child rights, besides monitoring implementation of the provisions of the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009; the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012; and the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 at the national level. NCPCR shall evolve Action Plan for generating awareness on issues and concerns of Children in Street Situations, and ensure their inclusion and access to safe shelter, formal education, healthcare, leisure, and sports.

Monitoring, Review and Convergence at State Level

The Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD) shall constitute a Task

Force for care and protection of Children in Street Situations. The Task Force may be headed by the Principal Secretary in charge of DWCD with representation from the following:

- The State Education Department;
- State Project Director, Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA);
- Police Officers in-Charge of Child Protection and Welfare;
- Representative from State Child Protection Society;
- Divisional Railway Managers;
- Representative (s) from local Municipal Corporation (s);
- Representation from Health Department;
- Representation from Labour and Resource Department;
- Representative from Child Line India Foundation (CIF);
- Prominent NGOs working in the city in the field of Children in Street Situations.

The Committee to be responsible for:

- Ensuring that the objectives of Revised ICPS are fulfilled and the activities for Children in Street Situation are appropriately implemented;
- Bringing to the knowledge of SCPCR, any shortcomings in the implementation of Revised ICPS;
- Ensuring that children living in Street Situation are provided Aadhar Card;
- Ensuring that Children in Street Situation are enrolled in schools.
- The State Task Force shall ensure proper convergence of Revised ICPS (for financial

resources), authorities under the JJ Act, 2015 (for all services and protection) and of relevant authorities under POCSO Act, 2012 (for prevention, protection and prosecution of sexual crimes against Children in Street Situations).

The Revised ICPS mandates the provision of preventive, statutory and care and rehabilitation services to children in begging, and street and working children; and the provision of open shelters for Children in Street Situations in urban and semi-urban areas. Financial grants to States are provided under Revised ICPS, which therefore, automatically includes financial provisions for the above two activities regarding Children in Street Situations. State Governments will have to bear NO ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS in implementing this SOP in providing all required services to children in street situations.

State Child Protection Society (SCPS):

SCPS under the overall administrative control and supervision of the State Principal Secretary, Department of women and Child Development in the State Government/UT Administration shall ensure the following:

- Effective implementation of Revised ICPS and all other child protection policies and programs at the State/UT by facilitating formulation of the State Child Protection Policy and State Plan of Action for Children.
- Maintain database at state level on the basis of inputs from the DCPUs.
- All statutory bodies like State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR), Child Welfare Committees (CWCs), Juvenile Justice Boards (JJBs) and Special Juvenile Police Units (SJPU) are in place and functional.
- Mandatory licensing of all voluntary/charitable organizations housing children under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015.
- Facilitate inter-sectoral convergence with allied departments like home, health, labour, education, State AIDS Control Society, social welfare/women and child development, youth services among others.
- Take all administrative decisions pertaining to the implementation of the Revised ICPS and related fund disbursement.

Department of Sports

Sports authorities at the district level should coordinate with the Department of Women and Child Development and other local sports federations for involving Children in Street Situations in sports related activities.

Monitoring, Review and Convergence at District Level

The District Magistrate has been given the responsibility and authority under the JJ Act, 2015 to conduct a quarterly review of the functioning of the Child Welfare Committee [Section 27(8)].

During the quarterly review of functioning of the CWC –

- The DM should direct CWC to provide a report on the disposal and pendency of cases related to Children in Street Situations, children in need of care and protection and the challenges in working with other stakeholders.
- The DM should direct other line government departments and the non-governmental stakeholders (as many as are required) to attend the meeting to bring about a convergence of efforts and to find solutions to bottlenecks as brought out by the CWC.
- When there are issues of coordination and convergence of efforts, line government departments and the non-governmental stakeholders may also independently approach the DM, to work out solutions with the involvement of the CWC.
- The DM may designate a nodal government officer to liaise and coordinate on a regular basis, with the CWC and other line government departments and the non-governmental stakeholders, to find solutions to the gaps and challenges in the convergence and networking of the various agencies.

District Child Protection Unit:

District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) shall function under the overall administrative control and supervision of the District Magistrate of the concerned district, wherein the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) shall function as the head of the DCPU. The DCPU will ensure the following:

- coordinate and supervise implementation of the Revised ICPS and all other child protection activities at district level,
- monitoring and supervision of all institutions/ agencies/ projects/programs/NGOs and shall report to SCPS at the State level,
- report to SARA on matters relating non-institutional care program at district level,
- coordinate developing of an Annual District Child Protection Plan, resource directory of child related services and child tracking system at the district level,
- coordinate and network with all the line departments/officers at district level
- lead the Home Management Committee of every institution in the district and recommend suitable institutions for release of grants from the SCPS, and
- conduct a monthly review meeting with all stakeholders including representatives of community and local bodies as well as media.



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