

Synopsis on Study on Standard Care Practices in Child Care Institutions (CCIs)

Introduction

There are several Child Care Institutions in the state that provide institutional care to children in crisis and those who need support. Many of these institutions are registered under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, Many of these Child Care Institutions (CCIs) are also registered under the Orphanages and Other Charitable Homes (Supervision and Control) Act, 1960. There are also institutions run by religious and charitable organisations and are not registered under any law. Institutional care remains the default option for children without adequate family care. It was strongly realized that better institutional care for such children can be provided with adequate support services and proper monitoring and periodic evaluation of care provided by the institutions. In Odisha it was observed that, lot of children residing in the institutions who have their biological parents (?). It is violation of the principles, the institutionalisation of children should be treated as the last resort if all other options are closed.

Ensuring standards of care in child care institutions is also one of the mandates for the Government to ensure safety and protection of children as well as their wholesome development. In this regard the Women and Child Development Department, in its Notification No.18594/WCD-CW-Misc. Dated 30/10/2012 and Notification No. 20297/WCD-CW-Misc. Dated 22.11.2012 has recommended the Standards of Care Guidelines and Grant In Aid guidelines respectively for all the CCIs with the intention of enforcing minimum standards of care for services provided to the children in the homes.

Objectives of the study

- **To assess standards care services and activities related to all areas of care, support and protection of children that are socially and culturally acceptable, in accordance with the state guideline, national instruments and internationally accepted best practices.**
- **Identifying the challenges and opportunities of CCIs in maintaining agreed standards of care and come out with a set of guideline.**

Outcomes:

- It is expected that the assessment will give a deep insights on the standards of care being followed by different Institutions.
- It will provide a feasible direction for finalizing some of the key indicators in setting standards of care in such institutions, effective functional and operational linkages, credibility in service delivery and overall capacity to handle and execute minimum standards of care.
- The study will capture the infrastructural provisions and gender responsiveness in the service provided to the children to ensure their holistic development and reintegration in the society.

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- To assure and improve the quality of services for the well being, protection and development of children in need of care and protection in institution in line with the govt. guideline.
 - The document shall create a platform where all stakeholders will have an opportunity to support quality in the provision of care and protection to orphans and vulnerable children in compliance with agreed guidelines and standards of practice.

Geographic location of the study

State – Orissa,

1. Micro level: Selected Child Care institutions (20%) and direct stakeholders Orissa covering all geographical locations including Utkal Balashrams
2. The study will only take the children homes which are register under Juvenile Justice Act, in the state all most all the districts have one or more than one children home which are register under Juvenile Justice Act. These institutions are running by different agencies like Govt., NGOs, some religious group etc. Many institutions are getting support from the Govt., whereas some homes are running with supported from other sources.
3. There are around 150 CCIs register under JJ act in the state, but the study will include 25 to 30 institutions, which is around 25 % of total registered CCIs in the state. The entire state covered under the study by delineating into three different clusters based on three key parameters as (i) geophysical features including different zones, like western zones, coastal zones, south and north zone etc.

Method of Work

- The study will be conducted at care giver and care recipient level at institutions.
- A stratified & purposive sample method will be adopted for information collection.
- Besides this, the research team will hold separate meetings with managers of the institutions, decision makers in care giving and community groups benefiting to verify the findings as well as to capture their perceptions & opinions.
- This section elaborates the methodology and process adopted for setting the field, sample selection, devising data collection tools, data collection, processing and analysis.

Deliverables:

1. The study on Standard Care practice of institution /document in word format (hard and electronic) – estimated not more than 50 pages excluding annexes and references.
2. One Power point presentations on key findings in collaboration with SCPCR

Time frame

The Commission intend to finish the study by end of November 2014.

Cost and payment modalities

- To accomplish the assignment OSCPCR will pay maximum 2 lakhs , which includes all expenses.

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- The said amount includes consultant fees for data collection, desk review of documents, interview with various stakeholders and preparation of final report.
 - Forty percent of the agreed cost will be paid as advance while signing the agreement and rest will be paid after receiving the final draft.
 - The amount will be paid in shape of account payee check only.

Contact focal person in the OSCPCR:

Mr. Rajendra Meher, Member, OSCPCR will be the focal person in the Commission to whom the Researcher has to work and finalise various process.

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