

Session : 8

Children's Right to Participation



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Right to participation under UNCRC

- Article 13 – Freedom of expressions – right to get and share information
- Article – 14 - Freedom of thoughts, Conscience and religion – able to form their own views on practices and culture
- Article – 15 – Freedom of association – right meet together and joined groups
- Article – 16 – Right to privacy – protection from defamation
- Article – 17 – Access to mass media – information on health and well being

These rights has to be protected for the development of personality and social and emotional intelligence

Participation

Right to participation is an entitlement that the children have in any decision made for and on behalf of them, affecting them in family schools community, governance or in any other settings. Children have their own freedom to decide upon, choosing friendship, sports games, arts, recreations, social work, gaining knowledge for skills.

Why special emphasize for Participation

- There are many schemes to protect the right to survival development and protection
- However right to participation is not considered essential until recently
- Even now there are no much schemes for ensuring child participation
- Capacity to make informed choice and decision is the essential quality of a citizen
- The capacity for decision making has to be acquired through activities and experience
- There are several possibilities for GPs to ensure space for participation including sports and games

Domains of Child Participation

1. Adolescent club
2. Participation in school based forums
3. Children's Participation in planning processes
(Special Grama Sabha for Children)
4. Representation of the children gramsabha's in the regular Gram Sabha
5. Child friendly public space

Adolescent clubs

Goal – Functional and active Adolescent clubs at all AWCs and Govt. run Hostels

Objectives

1. To provide all children with full opportunity for participation
2. To ensure adequate nutrition for all adolescent girls
3. To form and activate adolescent girls clubs, boys clubs and teens clubs

Strategy

1. Formation, strengthening and monitoring of AG clubs
2. Formation of boys and girls clubs and teens clubs

Participation of all Students in school based forums/clubs

Goal

To promote active membership and participation of every student in school based forums/clubs

Objectives

1. To encourage every student to get enrolled at least in one club based on their interest.
2. To provide opportunities to the students to develop and exhibit their abilities/m talents
3. To provide equal opportunities for meaningful participation of both boys and girls in school based clubs

Children's Participation in planning processes

Goal: including children's views in GP plan

Objectives

- To introduce children to the democratic decision making process of GPs

Strategies

- Conduct of Children's Grama Sabha at Ward and GP level
- Discussion of proposals of Children in Plan Gramasabha
- Inclusion of children's views in annual plan of the GP
- Membership of children in working groups
- Child Participation in plan implementation
- Social Audit by Children

Child friendly public space

Goal :Promote child friendly public space for children

Objectives

- To standardise the public spaces available for children

Strategies

- Availability of play grounds in all anganwadi centres and public schools
- Play and recreational activities in residential areas and flats
- Promotion of sports and games by effective conduct of Keralolsavam
- Promoting commemorative day celebrations
- Physical fitness of all children in the GP

Group Discussion

- Participants discuss in GP –wise sub groups
- Carefully read CFLG Operational Manual Chapter 4
- Decide the targets/indicators to be attained under each domain.
- Select 5 action points under each target
- Reported in given format

Group Work Format – Participation Rights

CFLG targets /indicators	Action points

Thank You