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Protection Rights of Children



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Convention on the Rights of the Child and Child Protection

Article 19

- The State should ensure that children are protected from neglect, exploitation, and abuse from parents or legal guardians

Article 34

- Governments have a responsibility to protect children from sexual abuse and every form of violence.

Right to protection

- Right to protection is to create a protective environment to be safe guarded against all sorts of abuse, violence and dangers in any situation in the family, schools, establishments, community and public space.

Domains of Child Protection

- Safeguarding the rights of children as per Law
- Prevention of child abuse and child labor
- Safe and Protective School Zones
- Safe adolescent phase
- Prevention of child marriages prior to Legal Age
- Supportive and caring family environment
- Disability reduction and disable friendliness

Safeguarding the rights of children as per Law

Objectives

- To ensure that all children are protected by citizenship rights and delivery of services
- Special provisions to children in conflict with Law
- Care and protection – special care for children
- To ensure adherence of Laws and Acts promoting child protection
- **Strategies**
- 100% of birth registration and certification
- Special programs to reduce child labour and exploitation
- Raise awareness to prevent child abuse and violence

National Legislation for Child Protection

- Right of Children to Free & Compulsory Education Act, 2009
- Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015
- Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO), 2012
- Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006
- The Pre-Natal Diagnostic Technique (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act 1994
- Amendment Proposed in Immoral Traffic Prevention Act 1956

Prevention of child marriages before attaining the Legal Age

Goal

- To ensure zero child marriage in the LSG area

Objectives

- To ensure that no girl is married before 18 years and no boy is married before 21 years
- To provide every opportunity for optimum development of children

Strategies

- Prevention of school Drop Out
- Discussions with Religious organisations
- Report Child Marriages for further procedures

Supportive and caring family environment

Goal

- Make sure that all families provide supportive and caring family environment for children

Objectives

- To ensure conducive environment for all children to live in their family
- To standardise the quality of care in homes for children

Strategies

- Alcohol/Substance free families
- Families with healthy environment
- Avoid joining children in Orphanages
- Sponsorship, Scholarship benefits

Prevention of abuse against children

Goal

- To ensure zero abuse against children

Objectives

- To ensure that no child faces physical, emotional and sexual abuse

Strategies

- Generation and analysis of data on vulnerable children
- Strengthening Jagratha Samitis*, formation of CPCs
- Services for the children of guest labourers
- Awareness on prevention of abusive behaviour against children

VLCPC – Roles

- VLCPC is a group of individuals at Village level including duty bearers, who are primarily responsible for creating and promoting a safe environment for children
- VLCPC works for prevention, reporting, monitoring, protection and responding on the issues of child right and protection.
- VLCPC works in collaboration with the Gram Panchayat members, Standing/Sub Committees and other various village level functionaries like the ANM, AWW, ASHA, SMC, school teachers etc.
- VLCPC will engage in raising awareness on children's rights and protection at the community level.
- VLCPC is responsible for recommending and monitoring the implementation of child protection services at village level.

Safe School Zone

Goal

- Safe and fear free school environment

Objectives

- To provide safe and fear free environment for children at schools and surroundings
- To protect the children from all forms of abuse/violence (emotional, physical, sexual and neglect) in school/ premises

Strategies

- School Zero Zone
- Crime Mapping
- Road Safety Measures
- School Vigilance Committee

Safe Adolescent Phase

Goal

- To ensure safe environment for all adolescents

Objectives

- Safe adolescent phase
- Opportunities which help for the development of their full potential

Strategies

- School Health Program
- Life Skills Education
- Adolescents Club
- School Counselling

Disability reduction and Disabled friendliness

Goal

- To reduce avoidable causes of disability and creation of disabled friendly environment

Objectives

- To create a disabled friendly environment in the GP
- To reduce incidence of children born with disability
- To build confidence among disabled children

Strategies

- Early developmental delay detection
- Barrier Free Zones / Environment
- Linkage with different Services
- Coordination Committee and Review

Group Work

- Participants discuss in GP –wise sub groups
- Carefully read CFLG Operational Manual and guidance note Chapter 3
- Decide the targets and indicators to be attained under each domain.
- Select 5 intervention areas that are specific to each GP
- Use the format to record

Group Work Format – Protection Rights

| Targets /Indicators | Action points |
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