

Sensitization and Prevention of violence against school going



Children in Tamil Nadu

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Quarterly Program Report of **Sensitization and Prevention of Violence Against School going Children** **July to September, 2019**

I. Introduction:

Sensitization and Prevention of Violence Against School going Children (VASC) in Tamil Nadu is a new initiative that aims to sensitize all Government functionaries engaged with children in Schools, Hostels and any type of Child Care Institutions or Child related institutions. By monitoring and documenting cases of Child Rights violation against School going children; dissemination of Child Rights Violations reported in Tamil Nadu to the District Level Officials, State Commissions and Institutions; intervention by sending complaints and submitting RTIs to the concerned authorities; undertaking advocacy efforts with Government authorities at the district, and state levels working with school going children; by providing legal intervention for and on behalf of victim' children and by undertaking lobbying efforts with Members of the Legislative Assembly for bringing about policy changes through interventions coinciding with the Sessions of the Legislative Assembly.

Geographical Coverage:

S.No	Name of Region	Name of District	No of Blocks
1	Sivagangai Region	Ramanathapuram	5
		Sivagangai	5
2	Tiruchirappalli Region	Perambalur	5
		Tiruchirappalli	5
3	Dharmapuri Region	Dharmapuri	5
		Salem	5
4	Kanchipuram Region	Kanchipuram	5
		Thiruvallur	5
Total		8	40

II. Activities of the Program:

1. Online monitoring of Violence Against School Going Children – On a Daily Basis:

In the Project Office, staff have been deputed to perform ***“Online Monitoring on a Daily Basis”***. The news items collected from the publications are all on the types of Violence against Children and School going Children. These news items are to be catalogued and sorted into various categories, one of them being Violence Against School Going Children (VASC) for which special attention is given while collecting intimations. These VASC intimations are then sent to the State Program Coordinator on a daily basis. The intimation received from the Online monitoring Staff is then reviewed by the State Program Coordinator to decide on the extent of intervention that the Violence against Children and School going Children will initiate. The monthly intimation data are disseminated to concerned Government Officials through email once every month. From July to September, 2019 the number of VAC Violations recorded is 321.

S.No	Type of Violence	July-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Total
1	Attempt to Suicide	4	2	4	10
2	Discrimination	-	-	-	-
3	Child Marriage	3	5	16	24
4	Child Trafficking / Kidnap	18	15	17	50
5	Corporal Punishment	-	4	3	7
6	Death	10	12	9	31
7	Murder	1	8	4	13
8	Suicide	17	15	10	42
9	Sexual Assault	25	15	20	60
10	Sexual Harassment	17	19	14	50
11	Other	9	8	17	34
Total		104	103	114	321

III. Training Program on Child Protection to the school children and school teachers of the De La Salle Brothers (DLS) in Tamil Nadu:

Based on the previous project with the DLS and they assessed the impact of the programs, they approached us and requested to conduct the same pattern of the training programs for their students, teachers, Children Home Mothers, Managers, Hostel Wardens on Child Protection. Hence, we have facilitated an exclusive training program on child protection and child rights to class 8 students and school teachers of the De La Salle Brothers (DLS) in Tamil Nadu in 3 phases. This program has been organized at RTU, Theni District. This program has been coordinated by Ms.Priya. The following programs have been organised by our team.

S.No	Date	Venue	Participants	Number
1	st 21 & nd 22 Aug 2019	Phase 1 - St. James Hr. Sec. School, Suranam, Sivaganagai	Children	40
2	th 28 & th 29 Aug 2019	Phase 1 - RTU, Theni	Teachers, Mothers in Children Homes, Managers, Hostel Warden	32
3	th 20 & st 21 Sep, 2019	Phase 2 - RTU, Theni		32

Program Content

Phase 1 for Teachers:

- 1. Session 1:** Understanding of Human Rights
- 2. Session 2:** Why Child Rights Protection?
- 3. Session 3:** Rights of Children
- 4. Session 4:** Understanding Child Abuse and Violence against Children - Cases reported in Media
- 5. Session 5:** Gender and Caste based violence against Children and Causes of violence against children.
- 6. Session 6:** Signs and symptoms of abuse & Effects of Violence on Children
- 7. Session 7:** NCPCR Guidelines for eliminating Corporal Punishment in Schools & Types of positive disciplining techniques

- 8. Session 8:** Open Session
- 9. Session 9:** Plan of Action
- 10.** Evaluation, Feedback and Conclusion

Phase 2 for Teachers:

- 1. Session 1:** Feedback Session
- 2. Session 2:** Understanding the Rights of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009
- 3. Session 3:** Understanding the POCSO Act 2012
- 4. Session 4:** Safe and Unsafe Touch of children
- 5. Session 5:** Introduction to Right To Information Act 2005
- 6. Session 6:** Introduction to Prohibition of Child Marriage Act
- 7. Session 7:** Introduction to National / State / District Level Child Protection Mechanisms
- 8. Session 8:** Introduction of UNCRC
- 9. Session 9:** Introduction to International Mechanisms for Protection of Child Rights
- 10. Session 10:** Open Session - Clarification
- 11. Session 11:** Evaluation, Feedback and Conclusion
- 12. Session 12:** Plan of Action and Conclusion of Phase II Training

Phase 3 for Teachers:

- 1. Session 1:** Feedback Session
- 2. Session 2:** Introduction to Life Skills
- 3. Session 3:** How to Handle Children – Alternative methods and Role Play
- 4. Session 4:** Understanding Stress and Stress busters for healthy life
- 5. Session 5:** Anger Management
- 6. Session 6:** Monitoring of VAC issues in the school neighborhood and complaint drafting.
- 7. Session 7:** Need for a Child Rights Club in school Concept / Content / Activities & Rules
- 8. Session 8:** Personality Development
- 9. Session 9:** Child Protection Policy (Introduction of CPP, Presenting Existing Policy, Modifications, Implementation)

10. Session 10: Open Session - Clarification

11. Session 11: Evaluation, Feedback

12. Session 12: Valedictory Session

IV. District Level Advocacy and Campaign Activities:

Evidently the Regional Coordinators had organized the following events in the name of “Federation of Violence Against Children” along with their local partners. These programs have been organized in Schools as well as with the community in Dharmapuri, Perambalur, Sivagangai and Kanchipuram Regions by the Regional Coordinators. The State Program Coordinator was present at these events. The following activities were carried out by the VASC Desk for the months of July – Sep 2019 in collaboration with Local NGOs, Activists & District Level Officials.

Regional Level Sensitization and Awareness Program on VAC issues:

In this awareness program they gained more knowledge about the important component on the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, POCSO Act, Discrimination in Schools, Child Trafficking legal provisions and intensely shared their practical experiences, common issues and multiple problems they had faced. This meeting was facilitated as well as organized by the Regional Coordinators.

S.No	Date	Awareness program on Violence Against Children
1.	02.07.2019	To the school students of Government Girl’s Hr. Sec. School, Town Hall in collaboration with Child Trafficking Unit.
2.	03.07.2019	To the school students of the UDV Hr. Sec. School, Panchayat Union Middle School, in collaboration with Child Trafficking Unit in Trichy District
3.	09.07.2019	To the school students of Government Higher Secondary School, Thiruvallarsollai, Trichy district.
4.	25.07.2019	To the school students of the Panchayat Union Middle School, Vaiyampatti, Trichy district
5.	06.08.2019	To the school students of the Panchayat Union Middle School, Perugamani, Andhanallur block, Trichy district
6.	14.08.2019	To the School Students of Vestry Girls higher secondary School, Trichy District.
7.	20.08.2019	To the School Students of Adi Dravidar Welfare Higher Secondary School, Periyamilagu, Trichy District.
8.	04.09.2019	To the School Students Government Higher Secondary School, Mellur, Andhanallur Block Trichy District

9.	07.09.2019	To the women federation members in Manachanallur block, Trichy District.
10.	09.09.2019	To the school students of the Nehru Middle school, Melakondyampettai, Trichy district
11.	10.9.2019	To the school students of the Thiruvaniaval ADW Hr. Sec. School, Trichy district
12.	18.9.2019	To the school students of the Government Middle School, Somarasanpettai, Trichy district.
13.	17.8.2019	To the Higher Secondary School HM's in Dharmapuri District at CEO office.
14.	24.9.2019	To the ICDS staff in Pelamaranaalli, Palacode Taluk, Dharmapuri District.

V. State Level Advocacy and Campaign Activities:

- The State Program Coordinator and Trichy Regional Coordinator have visited the Trust for Rural Development Organization located at Kavalkaranpatti Village, Thogamalai, Karur District for discussing the issues in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme on 31.07.2019. We also met the director, Ms. Ursula and his team members to understand the issues behind in implementation of the Scheme.
- The Regional Coordinator has a good rapport with the District Chief Education Officer (CEO). He met him and discussed about the POCSO cases in the Government schools. The CEO was more concerned about the issues of POCSO in the school premises. He requested our team to organize an exclusive training for all the High School Headmasters on POCSO Act. Hence, our team organized the, "One Day Sensitization Training Program on POCSO Act to the High School Head Masters in Dharmapuri District" on 17th August 2019. More than 120 headmasters have participated in this program. All the District Level Child Protection Officials like, Chairperson of the Child Welfare Committee, District Child Protection Officer, Child Line, District Social Welfare Officer, Chief Education Officer and Two Judges from the District Legal Service Authority have participated in this program.

- The State Program Coordinator was invited to deliver the address on POCSO Act to the District Coordinators of the Child Friendly School Forum on 28.09.2019 at Pollachi, Coimbatore District.

VI. Follow Up Intervention - “Sitting of NCPCR Bench”:

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights conducted a “Sitting of NCPCR Bench” at Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu on 21.06.2019. The honourable Chairperson of NCPCR Ms.Priyankarora and a member as well as Chairperson of SCPCR Ms.Nirmala IAS (Rtd) and members, District Collectors of Ramanathapuram and Sivagangai and Police Superintendent of Ramanathapuram took part in the “Sitting of NCPCR Bench.” We already submitted a memorandum to the Chairperson of the NCPCR. This event has been recorded in the last quarter report. The follow up action initiated in this quarter. We have sent RTI Applications to the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) and State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR). We also got partial responses from the both the institutions. We have sent communication to both the institutions requesting to get the complete details.

VI. Preparing Projected Activities of VAC at 2020:

I. Monitoring of Child Rights Protection Bodies in Tamil Nadu:

To ensure that child rights in the entire state are timely and effectively monitored and acted upon by the different institutions that have been specially created, staffed and funded for this purpose. Mainly the following institutions will be monitored by us.

- Tamil Nadu State Commission for Protection of Child Rights
- District Child Welfare Committees
- Juvenile Justice Board
- District Child Protection Unit
- POCSO Court

II. Activities proposed in the year 2020:

1. Monitoring child rights protection institutions

- Through information sought under the Right to Information Act, 2005

- Undertake interventions with these institutions on specific cases of violence against children.
 - Monitoring of the working of these institutions through reports released with factual information.
 - Public Interest Litigations initiated pro bono on the issue of child rights protection at the High Court on various issues that are highlighted during the monitoring of working of these institutions
2. Advocacy efforts will be undertaken with Parliamentarians and Legislators to raise issues regarding violence against children and the working of child rights protection bodies in Parliament and state legislature.
 3. Fact Finding will be done in crucial and important cases regarding violence against children.
 4. Work closely along with the respective District Legal Services Authorities to ensure free legal representation for all victims in case of violence against children.
 5. Annual and periodic reports of this monitoring experience undertaken will be made available in English and the regional language and then made available as print copies but more shared in the social media for wide circulation.

III. Law related to Monitoring Child Rights Protection Institutions

1. Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005
2. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection Of Children) Act, 2015
3. Tamil Nadu Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2017
4. The Protection of Children From Sexual Offences Act, 2012
5. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Rules, 2012.
6. Revised Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)
7. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009.
8. Tamil Nadu Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2011
9. The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006

10. The Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Child Marriage Rules, 2009.

11. The Right To Information Act 2005

IV. Applications sent under Right To Information Act – From July 2019 till date

The following table contains the status of interventions by sending applications under the Right To Information Act (RTI) seeking information related to the functioning of the institutions of Child Protection and Child Rights.

S.No	Applications sent to the concerned authorities under Right To Information Act
1.	Seeking particulars about the SCPCR TN General statutory responsibilities
2.	Seeking particulars about the SCPCR responsibilities in RTE & POCSO Cases
3.	Seeking particulars about the SCPCR responsibilities to monitor implementation of the Right to Education Act 2009
4.	Seeking particulars about the dual role of Child Welfare Committee Members
5.	Seeking particulars about the information regarding this NCPCR's Special Sitting Bench.
6.	Seeking particulars about the salaries and allowances payable to the Chairperson and Members and the administrative expenses, and pension payable to the Secretary, other officers and employees (as per the section 22 of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005).
7.	Seeking particulars about the annual and special reports of SCPCR (as per the section 23 of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005).
8.	Seeking particulars about the certain provisions relating to SCPCR (as per the sections 24 of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005).
9.	Seeking particulars about the establishment and functioning of the "State Inspection Committee" of the State Child Protection (as per the section 42 of the Tamil Nadu Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2017).
10.	Seeking particulars about the Periodic / Annual Report to be submitted to the State Information Commission by the SCPCR (as per the section 25(2) & (3) of the RTI Act 2005).
11.	Seeking particulars about the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights to monitor the implementation of the provisions of the JJ Act. (as per the section 109 (1) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection Of Children) Act, 2015).

V. Impact:

1. Federation of Organizations Fighting Violence Against Children was formed by the NGOs, Movements and individual activists working for child protection and child rights in Dharmapuri, Salem, Thiruchirapalli, Perambalur, Sivagangai, Ramanathapuram districts. This federation representatives met the Government officials once in a month and submitted the memorandum / complaint to take action against the Violence Against Children's issues.
2. In our teacher's training, one of the participants have expressed that the training has ensured a deeper understanding of how to better handle children in class. The teachers have shifted from looking at them as "students" to looking at them as "children". The teachers have realized that they need to spend time with each of their students both inside and outside their classrooms. The significance of understanding the socioeconomic background of the child has been realized.
3. The Regional Coordinators had maintained an upright rapport in a monitoring manner with child protection officials as a result, it confirmed their intervention to stop violations against children in all possible ways.
4. Based on the success of the previous training program with the De La Salle Brothers (DLS) and they independently assessed the impact of the programs, they approached us and requested to conduct the same pattern of the training programs for their students, teachers, Children Home Mothers, Managers, Hostel Wardens on Child Protection.
5. This new phase of the training program's content has been simplified due to the heterogeneous group of participants like, teachers, Child Home mothers, managers, hostel wardens. This simplified content with the participatory methodology has highly impressed all the participants. Our team received a positive feedback from the participants and the organisers.

Annexure 1 - Photo Documentation



Awareness Program on Child Protection in Government Girl's Higher. Sec. School, Town Hall, Trichy on 2.7.2019.



Awareness Program on Child Protection in Vestry Matriculation Higher. Sec. School, Trichy on 14.8.19



**Awareness Program on Child Protection in Government Middle School, Somarasanpettai
Trichy on 18.9.19**



**Our team has represented before the Chairperson of the NCPDR and other functionaries at
the dais at Ramanathapuram on 21.06.2019**



One Day Sensitization Training Program on POCSO Act to the High School Head Masters in Dharmapuri District on 17th August 2019

Annexure 2 - Projected Activities of VAC at 2020

Monitoring of Child Rights Protection Institutions in Tamil Nadu

RTI Application Number	Code No	Institution to Monitor	Law related to that particular Institution for Monitoring	Areas to Monitor
1	A 1	1. RTI Application for State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR)	A. Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005	1. The salaries and allowances payable to the Chairperson and Members and the administrative expenses, including salaries, allowances and pensions payable to the Secretary, other officers and employees. (Section 22 - Salaries and allowances to be paid out of grants)
2	A 2			2. Annual and special reports of State Commission. (Section 23)
3	A 3			3. Application of certain provisions relating to State Commissions. The provisions of sections 10, sub-section (1) of section 13 and sections 14 and 15 shall apply to a State Commission (Section 24)
4	B		Tamil Nadu Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2017	To monitor the functioning of the "State Inspection Committee". The Government shall constitute an Inspection Committee consisting of not more than five members to inspect and review the functioning of the child care institution in the State. The Committee shall consist of members chosen among, the State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights, the State Human Rights Commission, medical and other experts, voluntary organizations and reputed social workers. The Member Secretary, State Child Protection Society shall be the Chairperson of the State Inspection Committee. (Section 42)
5	C		RTI Act 2005 Section 25(2) & (3)	Periodic / Annual Report to be submitted to the State Information Commission.

6	D		The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection Of Children) Act, 2015	The State Commission for Protection of Child Rights to monitor the implementation of the provisions of the JJ Act. (Section 109 (1))
7	E		The Protection of Children From Sexual Offences Act, 2012	Whether the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights has properly monitored the implementation of the provisions of the POCSO Act. (Section 44(1))
8	F		The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Rules, 2012.	<p>1) Monitoring whether SCPCR is performing the following functions in the implementation of the provisions of the Act:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To monitor the designation of Special Courts by State Governments; • To monitor the appointment of Public Prosecutors by State Governments; • To monitor the formulation of the guidelines described in section 39 of the Act by the State Governments, for the use of non-governmental organisations, professionals and experts, or persons having knowledge of psychology, social work, physical health, mental health and child development to be associated with the pre-trial and trial stage to assist the child, and to monitor the application of these guidelines. • To monitor the designing and implementation of modules for training police personnel and other concerned persons, including officers of the Central and State Governments, for the effective discharge of their functions under the Act. • To monitor and support the Central Government and State Governments for the dissemination of information relating to the provisions of the Act through media including the television, radio and print media at regular intervals, so as to make the general public, children as well as their parents and guardians aware of the provisions of the Act. <p>2) To monitor in how many cases the SCPCR has called for a report on any</p>

				<p>specific case of child sexual abuse, falling within the jurisdiction of a CWC.</p> <p>3) To monitor how the SCPCR functions, regarding collection of information and data on reported cases of sexual abuse and their disposal under the processes established under the POCSO Act, including information on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and details of offences reported under the Act; • Whether the procedures prescribed under the Act and rules were followed, including those regarding time frames; • Details of arrangements for care and protection of victims of offences under this Act, including arrangements for emergency medical care and medical examination; and, • Details regarding assessment of the need for care and protection of a child by the concerned CWC in any specific case. <p>4) To monitor whether the SCPCR has included a separate chapter in the Annual Report of the SCPCR on the format.</p> <p>5) Creating an awareness – IEC materials preparation and distribution.</p> <p>6) Victims compensation</p>
9	G	2. Monitoring the functioning of the various committees constituted under the Tamil Nadu JJ Rules, 2017	Tamil Nadu Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2017	<p>Monitoring the functions of the State Inspection Committee:</p> <p>State Inspection Committee constituted by the State Government consisting of not more than five members to inspect and review the functioning of the child care institution in the State. The Committee shall consist of members chosen among, the State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights, the State Human Rights Commission, medical and other experts, voluntary organizations and reputed social workers. The Member – Secretary, the State Child Protection Society shall be the Chairperson of the State Inspection Committee. (Section 42 (1))</p>

10	H			<p>Monitoring the functioning of the District Level Inspection Committee:</p> <p>To monitor the functioning of the District Level Inspection Committee constituted by the District Collector consisting of a minimum of three and not more than five persons to inspect the child care institution including Government run institutions. The following persons shall be included in the committee. Our roles to monitor, who is appointed to this committee.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The member of the Board or the Committee of the district concerned; District Child Protection Officer of the District concerned as the Member Secretary; The medical officer, nominated by the Health Department One member of the civil society working in the area of child rights, care, protection and welfare, nominated by the District Collector; One mental health expert who has experience of working with children, nominated by the District Collector. <p>Whether as per the Section 42 (2), the following roles are being performed by the District Inspection Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To visit and oversee the conditions in the institutions and the appropriateness of the processes for safety. To look out for any incidents of violation of child rights. The Committee may make suggestions for improvement and development of the institution. The Committee may visit the institutions either by prior intimation or make a surprise visit. The follow up action on the findings and suggestions of the children shall be taken by all concerned authorities. The action taken report, findings and suggestions from the Inspection Committee shall be sent to the District Child Protection Unit or the Government, as the case may be.
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11	I			Monitoring the Block Level Child Protection Committee: To monitor the functioning of the Block Level Child Protection Committee (BLCPC) under the chairmanship of the Block / Ward Level elected representative with the Block Development Officer (BDO) as member secretary, responsible for recommending and monitoring the implementation of child protection services at the block level.
12	J			Monitoring the Village Level Child Protection Committee: To monitor the functioning of the Village Level Child Protection Committee (VLCPC) under the chairmanship of the head of the Gram Panchayat responsible for recommending and monitoring the implementation of child protection services at village level.
13	K	3.District Child Protection Unit (DCPU)	Revised Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)	Monitoring the functions of the DCPU: Whether the DCPU coordinate and implements all child rights and protection activities at the district level. The following Specific functions of the DCPU will be monitored on a periodic basis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ensure that for each child in need of care there is an individual care plan and that the plan is regularly reviewed. Monitor the implementation of the plan. b) Identify families at risk and children in need of care and protection through effective networking and linkages. c) Assess the number of children in difficult circumstances and create district specific databases to monitor trends and patterns of children in difficult circumstances. d) Map all the child related service providers and services at the district for creating a resource directory. e) Ensure to setting up of District, Block and Village level Child Protection Committees for effective implementation of programs, as well as discharge of its functions; f) Network and coordinate with all government departments to build inter-sectoral linkages on child protection issues, including Departments of Health, Education, Social Welfare, Urban - Basic Services, Backward

				<p>Classes & Minorities, Youth Services, Police, Judiciary, Labour, State AIDS Control Society, among others;</p> <p>g) Network and coordinate with voluntary and civil society organizations working in the field of child rights and protection;</p> <p>h) Develop parameters and tools for effective monitoring and supervision of ICPS in the district;</p> <p>i) Supervise and monitor all institutions / agencies providing residential facilities to children in the district;</p> <p>j) Organize quarterly meetings with all stakeholders at district level, including Childline Services, SAA, superintendents of homes, NGOs and members of public to review the progress and achievement of child protection activities;</p> <p>k) Maintain a database of all children in institutional care and non-institutional care at the district level. This Data Management System will ultimately be uploaded on to a comprehensive, integrated, live database for children in care and in need of care in the country- the 'Track Child'.</p>
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14	L	4.Sponsorship	Revised Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)	<p>To monitor whether the ICPS norms, CHAPTER 10 - CARE & REHABILITATION SERVICES the “Sponsorship support” will be implemented properly by the DCPU. The Sponsorship support provided to a family to enable a child to continue to remain in the family, continue his/her education. This is an effort towards preventing children from becoming destitute / vulnerable, running away, forced into child marriage, forced into child work etc. The DCPU with the help of its social workers, outreach workers, volunteers as well as the Village Child Protection Committees shall identify vulnerable families or children for sponsorship support.</p> <p>The Children within institutions can also be restored to families with sponsorship assistance. On the basis of the Individual Care Plan, an institution has approach the CWC/JJB to recommend a suitable case to DCPU for rehabilitation through the sponsorship fund. Cases will be reviewed by CWC/JJB before recommending to the DCPU for sanction of sponsorship fund. The Criteria for selection of children for Sponsorship will followed by the DCPU.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Children in institutions who can be restored to families (de-institutionalization) b) For preventive sponsorship children in conditions of extreme deprivation based on the “proxy parameters” of - types of residential locality, social deprivation and occupation shall be selected, whose family income is not exceeding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Rs 36,000 per annum for Metro cities b) Rs 30,000 per annum for Other Cities c) Rs 24,000 per annum for Rural areas <p>The quantum of sponsorship will be of Rs.2000 per month per child.</p>
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15	M	5. State Child Protection Society (SCPS)	Revised Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)	<p>The State Child Protection Society (SCPS) is the implementation of the ICPS scheme. The following key functions of the SCPS will be monitored on a periodic basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Implementation, supervision and monitoring of ICPS and all other child protection scheme/programs and agencies/institutions at the State/UT level. b) Setting up, supporting and monitoring performance of DCPU and ensure proper flow and utilization of funds to the districts through ICPS c) Ensuring of effective implementation of other legislations and policies for child protection in the State viz. Child Marriage Prohibition Act, 2006, Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 (CPCR Act), Protection of children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012, etc. and any other Act that comes into force for protecting child rights. d) Networking and coordinating with all government departments to build inter sectoral linkages on child protection issues, including Departments of Health, Education, Social Welfare, Urban - Basic Services, Backward Classes & Minorities, Youth Services, Police, Judiciary, Labour, State AIDS Control Society, among others. e) Networking and coordinating with voluntary and civil organizations working in the field of child rights and protection; f) Carrying out need-based research and documentation activities at state-level for assessing the number of children in difficult circumstances and creating State-specific databases to monitor trends and patterns; g) Providing quarterly progress reports to MWCD on Program implementation and fund utilization; h) Maintaining a state level database of all children in institutional care and family based non-institutional care and update it on a quarterly basis. i) SCPS – Annual meeting to be held j) Auditing the accounts under Societies Act k) Flexi funds from ICPS
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16	N	6. Child Welfare Committee (CWC)	Revised Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To monitor, the inspection carried out by the District Magistrate in relation to the functioning of Child Welfare Committees. To monitor whether the Child Welfare Committee are inspecting and evaluating the activities of the children home at least once in a year to ensure that the child's developmental needs have been adequately addressed in terms of educational, vocational, medical, behavioural management or any other condition stipulated by the Committee while sending a child to such an institution.
17	O	7. Juvenile Justice Board (JJB)	Revised Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)	To monitor the Inspection carried out by the Chief Judicial Magistrate or Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, as the case may be, in relation to the functioning of Juvenile Justice Boards.
18	P		Tamil Nadu Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2017	<p>As per the Section 43 (5), To monitor whether the Juvenile Justice Board has inspected and evaluated the activities of the observation home or a place of safety or a special home at least once in two months to ensure that the child's developmental needs have been adequately addressed in terms of educational, vocational, medical, behavioural management or any other condition stipulated by the Board while sending a child to such an institution.</p> <p>As per the Section 10, To monitor whether the JJB sends the quarterly report in Form VI to the Chief Judicial Magistrate or Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, District Magistrate and the Director of Social Defence.</p>
19	Q		JJ Act	To Monitor the functioning of the Juvenile Justice Committee at the High Court and District Courts.
20	R	8. Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU)	Tamil Nadu Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2017	As per the section 43 (10), to monitor whether the Superintendent of Police / Deputy Commissioner of Police are the inspecting the Special Juvenile Police Unit in the concerned District and arranging for a meeting once in three months with the JJB, probation officer, Police officers, Assistant Public Prosecutor of the Board to resolve issues, if any.

21	S	9 District Magistrate	Tamil Nadu Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2017	<p>As per the Section 43,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To monitor whether the District Magistrate has performed his duty as the Inspecting Officer of the activities of the Child Welfare Committee under whose jurisdiction the Child Welfare Committee functions. • To monitor whether the District Magistrate has performed his duty as a Vigilance Officer for the purpose of entertaining any allegations or complaints if any made on the activities of the Child Welfare Committee. • To monitor whether the District Magistrate has arranged for a review meeting once in three months consisting of the Chairperson and members of the Child Welfare Committee, Officer-in-charge of the children's home, probation officers, medical personnel to ensure that children related issues and rehabilitation are being carried out effectively.
22	T	10. District and Sessions Judge	Tamil Nadu Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2017	<p>As per the Section 43,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To monitor the duties undertaken by the District and Sessions Judge as an Inspecting Officer of the activities of the Juvenile Justice Board under whose jurisdiction the Juvenile Justice Board functions. • Whether the District and Sessions Judge inspects the functions of the Juvenile Justice Board at least once in six months and report to the Government and the High Court for follow-up. • Whether the District and Sessions Judge who is also the Vigilance Officer for the purpose of entertaining any allegations or complaints, if any, made on the activities of Juvenile Justice Board or against the Principal Magistrate, social worker members and other staff of the Board. • To monitor whether the District and Sessions Judge has arranged a review meeting once in three months consisting of the Principal Magistrate and the members of the Juvenile Justice Board, Police, Assistant Public Prosecutor in the Board, Officer in charge of the observation home or special home or probation officers, medical personnel to ensure that children related issues and rehabilitation are being carried out effectively.

23	U	11. Monitoring the Designation of Special Courts and trials.	The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012	<u>Designation of Special Courts:</u> As per Section 28, the State Government shall, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court, by notification in the Official Gazette, designate for each district, a Court of Session to be a Special Court to try the offences under the Act for the purposes of providing a speedy trial. But till now, the State Government has not taken any steps to establish the Special Court. Need to intervene in this matter with proper monitoring.
24	V			<u>Monitor the Trials to be conducted in camera:</u> To monitor whether the Special Court shall try cases in camera and in the presence of the parents of the child or any other person in whom the child has trust or confidence.
26	W	12. Compensation	The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Rules, 2012	Rule 7 of POCSO Act specifies that the Special Court may, order that the compensation to meet the immediate needs of the child for relief or rehabilitation at any stage after registration of the First Information Report. Such interim compensation paid to the child shall be adjusted against the final compensation. An RTI query has revealed that interim compensation to victims under POCSO Act has only been provided in 3% of cases committed to court. According to the response to an RTI query filed by an NGO, as many as 3,153 cases have been committed to court under POCSO in 25 districts of Tamil Nadu. Of these, in only 95 cases has interim compensation has been awarded. Hence, the need to monitor the interim compensation has to reach the victims of POCSO cases in the project areas.
27	X	13. Monitoring RTE Violations	Tamil Nadu Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2011	To monitor whether the admission of children belonging to weaker sections and disadvantaged groups in private schools in Tamil Nadu. (Rule 8)
28	Y		The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009.	As per the section 17, to monitor the prohibition of physical punishment and mental harassment to the child. No child shall be subjected to physical punishment or mental harassment.

29	Z	14. Monitoring the Duty of the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer as per the Act	The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006	<p>To monitor the section 16 of the Act, such as, the duty of the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To prevent solemnization of child marriages by taking such actions as he may deem fit; b) To create awareness of the evil which results from child marriages. c) To sensitize the community on the issue of child marriages. d) To furnish such periodical returns and statistics as the State Government may direct.
30	AA	15. Monitoring the Duty of the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer as per the Rules.	The Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Child Marriage Rules, 2009.	<p>To monitor the Section 3 of the Rule, such as, the Duties and Functions of the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To act immediately upon any information of solemnization of any child marriage that may be received through any mode of communication including written or oral i.e. through a letter, telephone, telegram, e-mail etc. or by any other means and forthwith initiates all necessary action. b) To furnish quarterly returns and statistics to the Commissioner of Social Welfare in Form I; c) To file a petition for annulling a child marriage in District Court in case the petitioner is a minor;
31	AB	16. Panchayat Level Core Committee	The Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Child Marriage Rules, 2009.	<p>To monitor the Section 5 of the Rule, such as, the Duties and Functions of the Panchayat Level Core Committee. To monitor the appointment of the below mentioned officials in all the project areas. A Committee consists of the Panchayat President – Chairperson, the Extension Officer (Social Welfare) – Convenor, the four members of the Village Administrative Officer, Secretary of the Panchayat Level Federation of Self Help Groups, Head Master / Senior Teacher, One Woman Ward Member.</p>