**Concept Note**

**Workshop with Protection Officers and Outreach Worker**

**17th May, 2019**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) introduced The Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), in 2009. ICPS recognizes the importance of a creating a protective environment for children through establishing preventive child protection systems, at the state, district and sub district level, and provides a range of child protection services for children. It is based on cardinal principles of “protection of child rights” and “best interest of the child”**.** Recently, the Government of India re-named the ICPS as “Child Protection Services” (CPS).It strengthens the implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. ICPS emphasizes partnership between state and civil society as a key strategy for child protection.

The State Of Rajasthan was among the first states to sign MoU with center in 2009-10 for the implementation of ICPS. The DCPU have been established in all 33 districts of the State. ICPS envisages setting up a District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) in each district as a fundamental unit for the implementation of the scheme. The district is the core at which a number of programs and services for children converge. Meaningful interventions through DCPU are possible if the specific vulnerabilities of the district are identified and a plan is made to address them. According to ICPS every district must develop a comprehensive child protection plan, based on an in-depth district level analysis of child protection concerns, vulnerability, and availability of services. A number of Child protection issues exist at the district and village level, and that in order for children to be protected, there needs to be awareness and consciousness of the vulnerabilities experienced by children in communities and a demand for protection services. To cope with such demand there would need to be supply of systems and services for the care and protection of children.

The DCPU plays the most critical role in weaving together the child protection system at the district level with a team of 7 staff. The DCPO would have to prepare an annual plan, and delegate tasks and responsibilities among the team to ensure maximum effectiveness and reach of their support to the district. The DCPU must work towards achieving a plan and must undertake goal setting and have an annual plan which is monitored by the DC on a quarterly basis. Since ICPS emphasizes partnership between civil society organizations, it is also essential that the district administration engages with civil society and takes benefit from their expertise and experience working in communities.

Understanding the importance of the specific interventions and need for building technical expertise of the core Unit at district level, CRC has been organizing series of orientation programmes and capacity building workshops for the staff of DCPU. In line with the above CRC has oriented the Protection Officers and Outreach Workers on key aspect related to child protection, vulnerabilities of children with emphasis on the roles, duties and responsibilities in context with ICSP. Taking forward this, Child Resource Centre in collaboration with Department for Child Rights, Rajasthan is planning to organize a day long workshop with the Protection Officers and Outreach Workers on development of District Child Protection plan on 17th May, 2019 at HCM RIPA, Jaipur.

**Objectives of the workshop**

* Orient on child protection needs, vulnerabilities of children and community engagement in the districts;
* Identifying and mapping key child protection indicators and response mechanisms
* Equip and facilitate development of District Child Protection Plan

**AREAS TO BE COVERED**

* Issues related to children and vulnerability indicators in the State of Rajasthan
* Situation of implementation of child protection scheme and service, child focused social protection schemes, establishment of child protection structures, committees and other programmes in the State
* Roles and responsibilities of Protection Officer and Outreach Workers
* Understanding significance of District Need Assessment and District Child Protection plan
* Resource Mapping and development of District Child Protection Plan

**DATE & TIME**

* 17th May, 2019 at 9:30 AM to 6 PM

**VENUE**

* Room no. 114, Nehru Bhawan, HCM RIPA

**PARTICIPANTS**

* Protection Officers and Outreach Workers from Rajasthan

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| **Programme Schedule** | | |
| TIME | SESSION | FACILITATOR |
| 09.30 AM – 09:45 AM | Registration | Child Resource Centre |
| 09:45 AM -10:00 AM | Welcome & Introduction of Participants  Sharing of expectations | Ms. Lavina Rathore,  Technical Expert, Child Resource Centre, HCM RIPA |
| 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM  10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | * Revisiting ICPS – Overview & roles and responsibilities of Protection Officers and Outreach Workers * Status of child protection in Rajasthan * Significance of District Need Assessment (DNA) & District Child Protection Plan (DCPP) | Dr. Shahina Parveen, Director, Taabar Sansthan, Jaipur Mr. |
| 11:30 AM – 11:45 AM | **Tea** | |
| 11: 45 AM – 1:15 PM | * District wise mapping of child protection issues * Status and functioning of child protection mechanism, services, social protection schemes, structures committees * Mapping Resources | Mr. Govind Beniwal,  Officer on Special Duty, Department for Child Rights, Rajasthan |
| 1:15 PM- 2:00 PM | **Lunch** | |
| 2:00 PM – 3:15 PM | Development of District Child Protection Plan   * Forming objectives and identifying strategies * Listing key activities and action points * Defining indicators and setting accountabilities * Setting timelines | Mr. Govind Beniwal,  Officer on Special Duty, Department for Child Rights, Rajasthan  Ms. Lavina Rathore,  Technical Expert, Child Resource Centre, HCM RIPA |
| 3:15 PM – 3:30 PM | **Tea** | |
| 3:30 PM – 04:45 PM | Development of District Child Protection Plan - Group work | Department for Child Rights, Rajasthan |
| 4:45 PM - 05:30 PM | Presentation on DCPP and sharing of key Action points | Department for Child Rights, Rajasthan |
| 5:30 PM | Conclusion and Vote of thanks | Child Resource Centre |