



Concept Note

Workshop on Role of Media in protecting rights of children

“If the Media is not utilized as an instrument of social change, then change will pave its own way, which can have lethal repercussions for society”

– Prof Qasim Raza Siddiqui

About TAABAR

TAABAR is a registered not for profit organization. TAABAR is a registered not for profit organization. A modest beginning in the year 2006 with an informal idea to help the needy children, with the help of some like-minded friends undertook a station project to address immediate needs of railway children having focus on health counseling. Formally, it came into existence in 2007 as a TAABAR Society. Presently TAABAR is taking care children living in difficult circumstances through various programmes and projects with direct and indirect interventions.

Direct Interventions

1. Institutional Care-long term and short term (Care and protection, Reunion, reintegration and rehabilitation)

Indirect Intervention

1. Training of key functionaries and stake holders
2. Information, education and communication
3. Sensitization of allied department
4. Advocacy for effective implementation of children Acts

TAABAR is a self-learning organization and based on our experience, learning we evolved a child protection mechanism having focus on Restoration, Reintegration and Rehabilitation of the children in difficult circumstances. Our good practices like CCI management based on the provisions of Juvenile Justice Act 2000, childcare system, successful restoration, and regular follow up helped us to develop a partnership with government and local administration. TAABAR has collaborated with a number of state departments including Department of Child Rights, Labour Department, District Administration, Department of Local Bodies, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Urban Development Authority, Jaipur Nagar Nigam etc. TAABAR is extending its support to strengthen Child Protection Mechanism and Machinery by way of imparting trainings, conducting researches, developing IEC material and sensitizing stakeholders like police, CWC, JJB, GRP-RPF, railways and other actors, advocating for implementation of various children Acts.

Since 2014, TAABAR has been striving towards strengthening child protection mechanism by implementing the project “an Initiative for strengthening child protection mechanism in Rajasthan” with generous support of Paul Hamlyn Foundation which aims to strengthen the child protection mechanism in Rajasthan by establishing interdepartmental coordination, enhancing capacities of stakeholders and demonstrating model districts and model homes to be replicated by state and non-state actors.

TAABAR has played an important role in starting dialogues with different stakeholders who plays a significant role in child protection mechanism but remains untouched or neglected. We all understand the importance of media in our life. Media reaches to unreached, become a voice of voiceless but still there are number of gaps between children and media. As a catalyst, change agent, watchdog, have a distinct role in the process of improving the image, rights and prospects of children. Hence awareness, capacity building, sensitization among the media professionals is the requisition to enhance ethical, sensitive and actual reporting of children issues.

In this context, a one day workshop with media professional is being organized by TAABAR on..... At

Back ground

Media, an important stakeholder holds a significant space in protecting child rights. It contributes in bringing awareness for essential change in the society. Media has a power to

mould and motivate government and public response. People move towards media when there is no other hope and media show cases its power in many cases. But the 444 million children who are regarded as voiceless population, media is not accessible for them. Reporting and covering the issues of child protection or child right is not merely covering a sensational news piece but it goes much beyond this. It is an act of bringing the issue of child rights and child protection in public debate and policy discourse and thus resulting in serious effort to capture the route followed to avail justice.

The issue of bringing about mass awareness around child right is a serious sustained commitment and political will. We house millions of children in our country who are malnourished, live in extremely unprotected environment, who are often abused in and are engaged in labor instead of spending their childhood in school.

There is serious challenge for modern day Media to responsibly keep taking up child rights issue and keep them alive in public discourse. There is tremendous potential and need for media and communications to contribute to the protection of child rights. But in reality it is not so simple to achieve full contribution of media due to following reasons:

1. Disdainful attitude towards children and youth severely limits the space that children get in the mainstream media
2. Absence of realistic, authentic and socially relevant media coverage
3. Lack of technical knowledge and skills to report or cover child rights issues
4. Lack of motivation
5. Unawareness on Child protection Mechanism and its key functionaries
6. Low level of child right among media professionals
7. Increasing competition in journalism
8. Absence of network between child rights advocates and media
9. Absence of established mechanism for collaborative or long term partnership
10. Apathetic attitude of government
11. Political Pressure and corruption

Goal of the workshop

1. Build links and develops dialogue between media professional and other engaged in the area of education, health, human rights and those who work with children and those who are responsible for the development of policy and legislation to protect children

Objectives of the workshop

1. Awareness on National and International instrument and guards of protecting child rights for ethical reporting
2. Discussing role of media in light of Children Acts (JJ Act, POCSO Act, Labour Act)
3. Sensitization on responsible coverage of child related issues
4. Stimulate discussion and mobilization among media professional

Target Group

Media Professional from print and electronic media

Maximum No 30

Duration:

One day

Date :-----

Tentative Agenda

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Time	Session	Speakers
	Registration	
	Inaugural Session	
	Opening Remark Keynote Address	
	Tea-coffee break	
	Role of Media in protecting child rights	Shahina Parveen
	<i>Panel Discussion: exploring the role of Media under Juvenile Justice Act, POCSO Act, Child Marriage Prevention Act and Labour Act</i> Opening Remark Role of Media under various Act Challenges faced in reporting in context of various laws Understanding the need of collaboration with child protection mechanism Open discussion Wrap up Remarks by Moderator	
	Lunch	
	<i>Panel Discussion: Ethical, authentic and realistic coverage</i> Opening remark Guidelines for media Reporting Strategies to encourage ethical , authentic realistic reporting and coverage Engaging different forms of media to build awareness on child rights and child protection issues Open discussion Wrap up Remarks by Moderator	
	Way forward	
	Closing session Vote of thanks	