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## Revised Guideline for Formation and Functioning of Block Level Child Protection Committee (BLCPC) and Panchayat Level Child Protection Committee (PLCPC)

**Background:** The Integrated Child Protection Scheme mandates the formation of Child Protection Committees (CPCs) at the State, District, Block, and Panchayat/Village Level for addressing various child protection issues. The guideline for formation and functioning of the Block Level Child Protection Committees (BLCPCs) and Panchayat Level Child Protection Committees (BLCPCs) and Panchayat Level Child Protection Committees (PLCPCs) has been issued on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2013. The revised guideline shall provide clarity on role, modus operandi, sitting procedure and reporting of both the committees. This revised guideline will supplement the previous guideline.

## <u>Chapter- I</u> <u>Panchayat Level Child Protection Committee (PLCPC)</u>

1. Panchayat Level Child Protection Committee (PLCPC): A committee consists of representatives from Government, Civil Society, and children to address the child protection issues at Gram Panchayat Level.

#### 2. Composition:

- a. The Sarpanch Chairperson
- b. An Anganwadi Worker, nominated by CDPO -Member
- c. School Teachers, One from Primary and one from Secondary level, recommended by BEO and DEO respectively-Members
- d. Auxiliary Nurse & Midwife, recommended by CHC Medical Officer Member
- e. Socially respected person (2) of the Gram Panchayat, recommended by the Panchayat Samiti- Members
- f. Children Representatives, (01 boy and 01 girl) nominated by Cluster Resource Centre Coordinator-Members
- g. Civil Society Representatives (2), recommended by the Panchayat Samiti Members

#### 3. Role and responsibility:

- a. It will generate awareness among the people at grass root to address child protection issues of their respective areas.
- b. Every member of PLCPC shall act as a facilitator for issues related to Protection of Child Rights at grass root level.

- c. Recommend potential families/children in need for availing support services under ICPS and/or other Govt. Welfare Schemes to BLCPC.
- d. Convergence with other existing structures at the community level for effective implementation of ICPS.
- e. Act as a liasioning body between the community and various Child Protection Structures.

#### Chapter- II

#### **Block Level Child Protection Committee (BLCPC)**

#### 1. Block Level Child Protection Committee (BLCPC):

The BLCPC shall consists of the following representatives to work in coordination with PLCPC towards ensuring child protection issues at their respective block.

#### 2. Composition:

- a. Block Chairman Chairperson
- b. Block Development Officer Member Secretary
- c. A representative from DCPU nominated by DCPO -Member
- d. A representative from ICDS, CDPO- Member
- e. A representative from Education Dept., BEO- Member
- f. A representative from Health & Family Welfare Deptt., Medical Officer, CHC-Member
- g. Chairpersons of all PLCPCs of the block- Members
- Socially Respected (Eminent person of the community) Community Members (2 or more depending upon the requirement to make the committee odd in number) recommended by DCPC – Members
- i. Civil Society Representatives (2 or more depending upon the requirement to make the committee odd in number) as decided by DCPC- Members

**[Explanation:** The strength of the BLCPC shall vary from block to block depending upon the number of Gram Panchayats.]

#### 3. Role and responsibility:

- a. It will coordinate with Panchayat Level Child Protection Committees to address child protection issues at their respective areas.
- b. Create awareness on child protection issues.
- c. Every member of BLCPC shall act as a facilitator for issues related to Protection of Child Rights at block level.
- d. The committee shall ensure that the Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP) must reach to Child Welfare Committee.

e. Convergence with other existing structures at the community level for effective implementation of ICPS.

## <u>Chapter –III</u> Functioning of BLCPC and PLCPC

#### 1. Meeting

- a. The meeting may be held preferably at Block Office for BLCPCs and at Gram Panchayat Office for PLCPCs.
- b. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting shall be held within a month from the date of notification issued.
- c. The BLCPC & PLCPC shall meet once in every quarter.
- d. The quorum for the meeting of BLCPC & PLCPC must be 50 percent of the members including chairperson.
- e. Special invitees may attend the meeting.

#### 2. Reporting and Follow-up

- a. The minutes of every meeting of PLCPC shall be sent to BLCPC with copy to DCPU within two weeks of the meeting.
- b. The minutes of meeting of BLCPC shall be sent to DCPU.
- c. The DCPO will present the extract of minutes which has been collected from BLCPC and PLCPC before District Child Protection Committee (DCPC).
- d. Necessary action will be taken by the DCPO or concerned authorities of the district on the basis of the minutes of the meeting of the BLCPC and PLCPC.