

FINAL ACTION PLAN MEETING ON SCHOOL ENROLMENT CAMPAIGN
Organized by UNICEF and NCRC

Dated: 6th July 2005.
Venue: Main conference hall,
Collectorate, Nagapattinam

One of the important developments in the recent days in Nagapattinam is the spirited response from District Administration, Educational Officials, International Organizations and NGOs regarding the school enrolment. The final action plan meeting on school enrolment campaign meeting was organized by Unicef and NCRC on 6th July 2005 Wednesday 4.00 p.m. at Main Conference Hall, Collectorate, Nagapattinam. This meeting came after three meetings held on this issue; the first on 14th June and the other two block level meetings at District Collectorate on 24th June and in Sembanarkoil on 27th June respectively.

The Final meeting began by summing up the results of the three previous meetings. Some crucial issues that have cropped up during the meeting were fees and donations issues, children from marginalized communities, focusing on areas where still children were not ready to go to school, working children, importance of survey and campaigns.

The participants debated over the issue of student fee in the schools and both the Government officials and NGOs representative shared their ideas on how to bring amicable solution to this problem. The debated points were;

- Proper implementation of G.O. which will take care of the fee problems.
- No proper receipt is given to the students who had paid fees so the questions of who will be reimbursed emerge.
- Shortage of teachers in the schools and parents and teachers association.
- The flout of GO by schools knowingly.
- The necessity of Social mapping of children to identify drop outs by involving the H.Ms, teachers etc.
- An NGO informed during the meeting that Natarajan Damayanthi School in Nagapattinam had collected Rs. 989 as school fees and gave receipt for just one rupee and similar incidence in Vedaranyam where a dalit girl was a victim of fees problem.

There was clash of opinions between the Government officials and NGOs representative and some suggestions that came over the debated issues were;

- The DEEO suggested that there are special schemes like AIE which promotes residential camp and EGS for more permanent solutions.
- A survey to be carried out by the external agencies with a formal request from the Educational Department for which UNICEF is willing to provide the fund.

- On behalf of the district administration the Adl. Collector elucidated certain important things which have to be adhered by all the NGOs who will be involved in the enrolment campaign that is uniformity in effort and common strategy for the enrollment campaign.
- Regarding fees the Adl. Collector said that the state Government has allotted 3.4 crores and claims are being verified in order to reach the correct persons.
- Finally the Adl. Collector explained the implications of G.O. which clearly says fees will be exempted for those who are not capable to pay.
- And there was information about the drop out situation in Nagapattinam which has improved after the intervention of SSA.

Plan of Action:

- NGOs will help the Govt. in the survey which will come to a end by 15th of this month.
- The mode of campaign will be door to door targeted the non-enrolled and drop out children.
- The respective NGOs will document their success stories.
- Those NGOs who were not able to attend will also join in their respective areas where they wish to work with the already selected ones.

The following are the list of Affected Schools and the NGOs who have volunteered to carry out the Survey and campaign along with the District Educational Officials

S. NO	Name of the School	Block	Name of the NGO
1.	Akkaraipettai	<u>Nagapattinam</u>	PDA, ICCW
2.	Kallar		World VSION, Karunakarya
3.	Keechankuppam		ICCW
4.	Vedanayagam Chetty Street		Avvai, TMSSS
5.	Nambiar Nagar		World Vision, TMSSS, Phoenix
6.	Samanthanpettia		Mathaarthamayi
7.	Pattinachery		Avvai, ICCW
8.	Nagoor		DWCDS
9.	Saint Thomaiyar		TMSSS, ICCW
10.	Natarajn Dayamayanth, Cooks Road		Phoenix, World Vision
11.	Gowdhiya, agoor		ICCW, DWCDS
12.	Lourdu Middle School		TMSSS
13.	RC Middle School, Theruku Poigainallur		TMSSS
14.	Vilunthamavadi Thepathi East	Keelaiyur	PDA
15.	Vilunthamavadi East		VESA, TMSSS, PDA
16.	Seruthur		PDA, ICCW
17.	Velankanni		TMSSS, ICCW
18.	Vailankanni (Aided)		TMSSS, World Vision, PDA, ICCW
19.	Palathaddi		VESA, TMSSS

20.	Meenavarkuppam		PDA
21.	Kameshwaram East		PDA, HESAT, Gramodhya
22.	Pudupalli East		VERDT
23.	Prathabaramapuram		Gramodhya, PDA
24.	Vanavamahadevi East	Thalaignayar	Phoenix, PDA, Gramodhya
25.	Vellapallam Meenavar Colony		Phoenix, PDA, Gramodhya, VESA
26.	Arukattudurai	Vedaranyam	TNSF, TMSSS, ICCW
27.	Pushpavanam south		Phoenix, HESAT
28.	Pushpavanam (Aided)		Gramodhya, VESA
29.	Chinnamanickapanku	Sembarnarkoil	RIM
30.	Chandrapadi		Phoenix, ICCW, Gramodhya
31.	Chinnurpettia		ICCW,
32.	Perumalpettia		RIM, ICCW, SJDT
33.	Chinnankudi		ICCW, SJDT, RIM
34.	Veppanchery		ICCW, SJDT
35.	St. John, Tharangabadi		ICCW, World Vision
36.	Pulichoch, Tharangabadi		ICCW, RIM
37.	TELC, Periyamanickapanku		ICCW, World Vision, RIM
38.	Muslim, Tharangabadi		ICCW
39.	Konyampattinam	Sirkali	Avvai
40.	Vnagirikuppa		Avvai
41.	Kaveripoombattinam		Avvai
42.	Kaveripoombattinam (Meenavar)		Avvai
43.	Kadaikadu		Avvai
44.	Neithavasal		Avvai
45.	Saraswathy, Kaveripoombattinam		Avvai
46.	Kotaimedu	Kollidam	Avvai, VDS
47.	Madavamedu		Avvai
48.	Thanadavankulam		Avvai, SJDT
49.	Thoduvai		Avvai, SJDT
50.	Kodiampalayam		Avvai
51.	Pazhiyar		Avvai, Phoenix
52.	Thanadavankulam (Aided)		Avvai
53.	Arunmozhithevan	Thirumarugal	Phoenix
54.	Alalthur		Phoenix
55.	Melavanjoor		NESA
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