

Children Core Group Meeting

Date : 08.06.2006

Time : 05.00 pm – 06.50 pm

Venue : Front Office, Collectorate, Nagapattinam

Mr. Jerald informed about the transfer of Rs.77, 709 that belonged to the children sector that was deposited in the SIFFS' bank account and now has been transferred to the core group committee following the transfer of the personals from the SIFFS office. The NGO has asked a letter from the children core committee for receipt of the same.

Enrolment campaign

In discussion on enrolment campaign, there was a proposal to identify the drop outs since the schools are already open. There was also a suggestion to monitor the previous year's enrollment with a view to finding if the students are in school. In order to ensure child-friendly atmosphere in schools a district level training programme for teachers on child rights was decided. The followings would be accomplished for the same:

- Schools in Nagapattinam municipal area would be selected for trial and tested workshops. Basing on the learning, it would be replicated to the rest of the district
- The following schools and NGO personals were identified for the same:

Name of the school	NGO in-charge	Contact person & phone
CSI School	KARUNA KARYA	Anand, 93809 54321
Natarajan Dhamayanthi Hr. Sec. School	AVVAI	Gopi, 98944 99114
National	AVVAI	Gopi, 98944 99114
Jaya Matriculation School	AVVAI	Gopi, 98944 99114
Antony's school	AVVAI	Gopi, 98944 99114
Schools in Akkaraipeitai, Keechankuppam & Kallar	PDA	Xavier Prince, 264048

- The in-charge persons would give the schedule of the programmes on or before 12th June. The actual training programme across the district would be realised by end of July
- Few resource persons for the training were identified. Ms. Revathi of *Vannavil* would facilitate the resource persons. The resource persons are:
 1. Mr. Shanmuga Velayutham, Department of Social Work, Loyola College Chennai
 2. Aruna Rethinam
 3. Gnani
 4. Vasanthi

Helping the educational cause of the poor

Followed by this, discussion on assisting poor children in education came up. It was decided to sanction the proposal of *Vanavil* to help the 70 students in the school for the drop outs with two sets of uniform and a school bag each. The estimated amount is Rs.27,880. The money would be given from the children committee's fund for education.

Mr. Jerald also informed about the sum of Rs.5000 given to Lenard Cheshire International towards summer camp for the physically challenged.

In the same line, raising fund for helping more poor children for their education was proposed and the following were decided:

- The children committee would target helping a thousand students in the current academic year
- Funds would be mobilised from corporate, firms, big shops, pilgrim centres and NGOs. It was decided to collect Rs.1000 from each NGO involved with child related activities in the district. Other than these, INGOs also would be approached for monitory helps
- A group consisting of Sr. Mercy, Ms. Dhanalakshmi, Mr. Anand and Mr. Jerald would take up visits to the following places on 12th and 19th June: Banks, Mura Sons, Mohan Store, Nila, Matha Ice Plant, Akkarapettai (Rich persons), Malika Sons, Hotel Thamizhagam, Velankanni Church, GS Pillai, House of the Jesuits and voluntary clubs like Rotary and Lions. A courier letter also would be despatched on 11th June seeking permission of the visit to offices/places necessary.

Strengthening Children Core Group

The following steps were taken to strengthen the functioning of the children core group:

- A total of 15 NGOs would officially form the members of the core group committee. NGOs that fail to attend three consecutive meetings would loose the privilege of the membership without notification
- Children representatives from across the district, nearly 7 would be pooled in the core group committee

A district level workshop on children parliament would be organized on 24th June. The workshop is aimed to form a parliament consisting children which would facilitate for the 'Ministers Conference' during the quarterly holidays. The venue of the workshop is tentatively Hope school, Tharangambadi. The workshop also would provide a general body meeting of the NGOs to discuss about the Taluk level meetings for teachers training programme. The following persons would be the resource persons to talk about children parliament in the workshop:

1. Ms. Dhanalakshmi, SNEHA
2. Mr. Manivannan & Mr. Raman, AVVAI
3. CREATE

A meeting of the resource persons would be convened to discuss the content of the workshop.

Annexure: List of Participants

**List of Participants Attending
Children Core Group
on 08.06.2006 (Thursday) at NCRC Front Office, No : 313, Collect orate,
Nagapattinam.**

Sl. No	Village / Oraganisation	Name of the Person	Phone / Mobile	Email
1	Peoples Development Association	D.Xavier Prince	264048	
2	Good Shepherd	Sr.Mercy Joseph	240029 / 9840570122	Srmercy_ngt@sancharnet.in
3	Good Shepherd	Sr.L.Vinnarasi	240029 / 9840570122	Srmercy_ngt@sancharnet.in
4	Sheha, Nagai	N.Janalakshmi	9443885119	
5	Avvai, Nagai	T.Gopi	9894499114	avvai@yahoo.com
6	Karunakarya Trust	Anandan	9380954321	ranandan@rediffmail.com
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