

Report of the Meeting on Child Care and Protection

Venue: The Conference Hall, Collectorate

Date: 09/03/2005 4 pm

Moderator: Ajay Kurvilla (NGO Co-ordination Center)

*Government Representatives: Mr. Ranvir Prasad, Additional Collector,
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The meeting began with a round of introductions of all the participants and their work. There was a recap of what had been occurring in the previous meetings.

The main points that came up in the meeting:

- A co-ordinated effort, led by Seethalakshmi (REAL) for a memorandum/policy on child welfare is under progress.
- A database of children information is required.
- There needs to be a concrete plan to tackle child trafficking.
- All the information that has been collected in 45 of the 73 affected villages, from various sources would be made available at the NGO Co-ordination Center in the third week of March.
- There needs to be continuity in the meetings. It is found that the participatory list in these meetings keeps changing. The communication also needs to be streamlined.
- A child-protection surveillance system was discussed that would discourage adoption for 6 months post-tsunami.
- The role of the Juvenile Justice Act and the focus of intervention, the possibilities of decentralizing child welfare issues at the taluk level was also discussed.
- Although no trafficking has been reported formally in Nagapattinam, about 10-20 children have been found missing in Vellapalayam. It was also reported that some children were missing in Tirupur. But it turned out that they had actually gone out seeking jobs; besides it wasn't clear if they were youths or children.
- The District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) emphasized that it was necessary for NGOs to update her and seek appropriate sanctions from the Government for all the crèches/orphanages etc that they set up.
- She also mentioned that she would make available a list of all orphans & semi-orphans along with surveillance reports to the NGOs.
- Abandoned children must be brought to the Collectorate to ensure that they are being sent to the right centers. The mandate is to bring institutional care into child welfare committees. All child support issues must be routed via the Social Welfare Officer as per procedure.

List of the organizations who attended the meeting with the District Social Welfare Officer on 9th March, 2005 at 4:00 pm on “ Child Care and Protection” at the Conference Hall, Collectorate, Nagapattinam

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