

**Minutes of Core Group Meeting**  
**(DRAFT)**

**Date:** 20.01.07  
**Time:** 4PM to 6PM  
**Venue:** No.313, Collectorate, Nagapattinam.

**AGENDA**

- Briefing of previous meeting's minutes and finalizing
- Exposure Visit experience sharing
- NGO Snap Shot
- Drafting of the Guidelines
- Orphan and Children living with single parents survey details.
- Cluster level workshop on Child Protection Committee
- Discussion on Medical Insurance
- Other Issues

**Annexure 1 - Participant List**

**1. Briefing of previous meeting's minutes and finalizing**

After welcoming the members Mr. Jerald read out the minutes of the earlier meeting and the members finalized the minutes and signed as a token of approval.

**2. Exposure Visit experience sharing**

Sister Mercy was asked to share her experience on the Kolkotta visit. She told that the main purpose of the visit was to see the activities of The **City Level Program of Action** (CLPOA) and how the network was more effective in coordinating the activities of the NGOs working in Kolkotta. She explained in detail that this exposure visit has helped to a large extent to form a similar type of net working mechanism in Nagapattinam District.

**3. NGO Snap Shot**

Mr. Jerald told that the Core group had decided to document the NGOs activities with regard to children, the area where they work, the infra structure they have built, the issues they have identified and their future plan of action etc. A format was sent to all the 45 NGOs who are working with children giving a deadline as 8<sup>th</sup> December and out of 45 NGOs only 10 NGOs had sent. So he asked what we should do about the remaining. The other NGOs suggested that they will take up the responsibility of collecting.

### **3. Drafting of the Guidelines**

The Guidelines drafted for the children in the residential care centers is almost ready and the members were asked to give suggestions regarding the ways and means to implement this guidelines. The members came with a suggestion -

- To have a meeting with the important people who are involved in running children home and discuss the guidelines with them.
- As Juvenile Justice Board has made it mandatory that all the Children Home has to be registered.
- These guidelines are to be seen more as standards instead of rules.
- Mr. Jerald asked the group if a state level program can be organised to discuss these issues.
- to bring in Government officials, Juvenile Justice Board and other people working with children.

### **4. Survey of Orphan and Single Parent Children**

- At the outset around 4086 children in the district are orphans & children living with single parents, and the data entry is in progress and so how can we take this further.....?
- It was suggested that the findings of the survey to be presented to the Collector, Juvenile Justice Board and other Children Specialists and further to discuss what can be done.
- Similarly NGOs working in a particular area to monitor these children in coordination with the Panchayat.
- But all of these would be easier if we get Collectors permission prior.

### **5. Cluster level workshop on Child Protection Committee**

Mr. Jerald explained about the workshop conducted for the Sirkali and Kollidam cluster on Child Protection Committee on Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> at Sirkali, where in Ms.Girija and Mr. Kanayiram were the resource people. Like wise he said that it would be useful to have similar workshops in other clusters so that we can form Child protection committee.

The NGOs were positive about this and said they will be able to organise the participants.

It was decided to have a workshop in each cluster. It was decided that the NGOs will bring 3 to 5 participants from their working areas.

The following are the Villages NGO took responsibility to bring the participants,

## NAGAPATTINAM

### REAL PLAN

- Kallar
- Ariya natu Street
- Pandagasalai
- Naliyanthotam
- P.R.Puram
- Manalmedu

### AVVAI

- Salt Road
- Nagathopu
- Chokanathar koil
- South Poigainallur
- M.G.R.Nagar
- Velankanni

### SNEHA

- Akkaraipettai
- Keechankuppam
- Nambiar Nagar
- Nagoor
- Seruthur
- North Vilundamavadi
- South Vilundamavadi
- Kameshwaram
- Vellapallam
- Vanavanmahadevi
- Arcottuthurai
- Pushpavanam

### Psycho Trust

- Samantham Pettai

### Good Shepherd

- Pappa Koil
- Erum Salai
- Keela Pattinachery
- Thamarai Kullam

- New Arch Street
- Vedaranyam
- Veda nayagam chetty Street
- Karuvelankadai
- Nandhavanam

## **VEDARANYAM**

### CREATE

- Naluvedapathy
- Periya Kuthagai
- Kolithheevu
- Motandithopu
- Manian theevu
- Agasthiyanpalli
- Kodiyakadu
- Kodiakarai

## **6. Discussion on Medical Insurance**

Sister Mercy from Good Shepherd told that we should discuss about the merits of medical insurance for children. Most of us are not aware of the insurance that are covered for children. A medical claim up till Rs.15000 and free treatment in 10 hospitals in Tamil Nadu are also provided for them.

It was recommended to have an orientation on the Insurance which covers for children, where in we can invite officials from New India Insurance and LIC.

## **7. Other Issues**

### ➤ Venue for the Children Core Group Meeting:

Mr. Alfred of REAL gave a suggestion that the Child Core Group meetings can be held in different NGOs on a rotation basis, so that others members will be able to see each organization. The Core group members approved this idea and REAL volunteered to organise the next Core Group meeting in their office at Kadambadi.

➤ Sister. Mercy of Good Shepherd showed a petition which she got from a family Who had seeked assistance from the Children Core group and other NGOs for the expense of Kidney transplantation. The Core group suggested that the case has to be checked for genuineness and further refer it to Mata Amritanandamayi Mayi Trust as they take up such issues related to medical.

- To send a petition to World Vision to give the Children Core Groups view on the advertisement which is aired in Vijay TV to collect funds for the children affected by Tsunami.
- SNAP SHOT Format  
The NGOs from the core group has taken the initiative of collecting details from NGOs who are yet to provide,  
The following are

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>NGO to provide information</u>	<u>NGO in charge for collecting formats</u>
1	CASA	Avvai
2	DMI	Good Shepherd
3	DonBosco Anbu Illam	Avvai
4	Exnora	Avvai
5	Kudumbam Leisa Network	REAL Plan
6	SOS Children's Village of India	Psycho Trust
7	VESA	Avvai

- Announcement's
  - 26<sup>th</sup> January 2007 – Children's talent show in REAL Kadambadi.
  - 28<sup>th</sup> January 2007 – Children's Day celebration in Tharangambadi.

### **Participants List**

S.No.	Name of the Representative	NGO
1	Mr. Gigil Mathew	Psycho Trust
2	Mr. M.Raja	Psycho Trust
3	Rev.Sr. Mercy	Good Shepherd
4	Rev.Sr. L.Vinnerasi	Good Shepherd
5	Mr. T.Gopi	Avvai Village Welfare Society
6	Mr. Alfred	REAL Plan
7	Ms. S.M.Jenitha Rani	SNEHA
8	Ms. J.Dayana	CREATE- Plan

### **Children Participant**

S.No.	Name of the Representative	School
1	D.Vinithra	N.T.High School

