

Children Core Group Meeting

Date : 14.10.2006

Time : 04.00 pm – 05.10 pm

Venue : Front Office, Collectorate, Nagapattinam

The meeting began with self introduction by the participants. Mr. Jerald explained the newly participating children the purpose of their presence in core group. He also informed that a couple of NGOs had been included in the core group following the departure of Karuna Karya Trust. They are TLAC and Psycho Trust. However, the latter did not attend the meeting. The participants discussed various events and issues related to children. Following are the outcome:

Selection of new member in Finance Committee

Mr. Pappu of RIM was included in the three member Finance Committee after resignation from Mr. Rajan who has left Nagapattinam on a new job. The other two members in the committee include Ms. Dhanalaksmi of SNEHA and Sr. Mercy of Good Shepherd.

Children meet with MLA revitalised

It was informed that the children from Sirkali constituency, who took a rally on 16th September, could not meet the MLA due to problem in getting appointment from him. However, in order to bring in more effect to the programme, it was decided to give the lead role of organizing children's meet with MLAs to the NGOs part of the core group. Consequently, the following NGOs took up the responsibilities:

Constituency	Name of the NGO	Contact person	Contact number
Tharangambadi	RIM	Mr. M. Pappu	94443 82062
Nagapattinam	AVVAI	Mr. T. Gopi	98944 99114

Workshop for NGOs

A workshop would be organized by NCRC for all the NGOs working for children in the district on 2nd November 2006. The meeting would place deliberations on JJ Act and guidelines for Children Homes which has been prepared by the core group. Eventually, the guidelines would be submitted to the district administration for approval.

Children's Day Celebration

Opinions on celebrating the Children's Day on 14th November were posed by the participants. Few children felt that a programme similar to that of the last year could be conducted. Few others felt that the celebration could be based at the proper of children. However, the core group decided to host the Children's Day celebration in Taluks for better participation of children and management of the occasion. The NGOs covering the Taluks would spearhead the celebration with support from NCRC. A detail discussion would be held on the same during the workshop on 2nd November. As of now, RIM and

AVVAI have taken up the responsibilities of organising the event in Tharangambdi and Nagapattinam, respectively.

Exhibition to commemorate 2nd anniversary of tsunami

Mr. Jerald asked if the NGOs working for children could put up a stall each in the exhibition to commemorate the second year anniversary of tsunami. The NGOs answered affirmatively. The exhibition would be hosted by NCRC covering works of NGOs in other sectors as well.

Child Labour Act

Discussion also was initiated on the Child labour Act that has been recently passed by the Supreme Court of India that protects children from domestic labour. The participants, especially, the children were asked to give concentration on the issue and bring cases of child labour to the notice of the core group. Some NGOs suggested to print posters and flyers to disseminate the act. However, Mr. Jerald informed that the plan is in the anvil which would also cover larger issues of children.

Children parliament

The NGOs working for children had agreed in the workshop on Children Parliament held on 24th June in Tharangambadi to form Children Parliaments in their respective working places and host a parliament of ministers towards December. But as the initiative was lagging behind, Mr. Jerald asked the NGOs ways to go ahead. It was also felt that a meeting of ministers comprising CPOs of all the NGOs working in Nagapattinam (SNEHA, CREATE, PDA, AVVAI, GOOD SHEPHERD and others) could be planned at the district level. Meanwhile, Mr. Jerald also informed that SNEHA had been selected as the district convener to form CPOs in Nagapattinam in a state level meeting of CPOs held recently in Chennai.

Donation toward Children's Education Fund

Word & Deed, an NGO working in Nagapattinam has donated Rs.5, 000 towards poor Children's Education Fund.

GO 248 & PM Child Assistance Scheme

A discussion was initiated to deal with difficulties in getting benefits using the GO 248 and Prime Minister's Child Assistance Scheme. Sr. Mercy brought a list of 21 children who had been excluded in the list of beneficiaries for the Prime Minister's Child Assistance Scheme. Mr. Jerald asked to present the names with details. He also requested all the NGOs to verify the list of beneficiaries (given in the CD sent to NGOs by NCRC weeks back) and prepare the list of excluded in their respective areas.

Following the discussions, Mr. Jerald proposed a brief vote of thanks and the meeting came to an end.

Annexure: *List of participants*

List of participants attending CHILDREN REVIEW MEETING on 14.10.2006
(Saturday) at Front Office, No:313, Collectorate, Nagapattinam

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5	RIM	M. Pappu	94443 82062	pappuggm@yahoo.com
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7	Good Shepherd	P. Lakshmi		
8	TLAC	T. Rethina Kumar	93600 92499	trethinaa@yahoo.co.in
9	Phoenix Federation	Ka. Seethalakshmi	98426 57963	phoenixfederation@gmail.com

Sl.No	Name of the Student	Name of the NGO	Name of the village	Name of the school
1	Sugumaran	-	Thamarai Kulam	St. Antony's High School
2	D. Vinithra	-	Thamarai Kulam	Natarajan Dhamyanthi High School
3.	K. Sumathi	-	Veppancherry	Govt. High School
4.	C. Ranjitha	AVVAI	Nagathoppu	Natarajan Dhamyanthi High School
5.	D. Ajay	Phoenix Federation	Velippalayam	Natarajan Dhamyanthi High School