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 District Child Protection Unit,  
 Bagalkote, Belagavi, Bellary, Dharwad, Dakshina Kannada,  
 Gadag, Haveri, Hasana, Kalaburgi, Koppala, Mysore,  
 Raichuru, Shimogga, Vijayapura, Yadagiri

**Subject: Implementing "NERAVU" programme in association with UNICEF to give Handholding Support for Enhancing Standard of Care in Child Care Institutions**

Reff: E-mail by Mr. Sonykutty George, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF, Dated: 25 August, 2021.

The comprehensive assessment of registered Child Care Institutions was undertaken by KSICPS through the support of GoK-UNICEF Child Protection Programme in the year 2019-20 to enhance the standards of care for children living in Institutional Care. As a follow-up of the assessment Transformation Teams are formed to improve the Standards of Care in selected CCIs in 15 districts and the work of enhancing standard of Care in these selected CCI was started in January 2021. During the outbreak of Covid-19 the visit of the support person was not possible which will be resumed to provide handholding support from August 2021 till December 2022.

Enhancing the Standards of Care in CCI is very important for the implementation of the provision of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 and adherence to Supreme Court directions dated May 5, 2017 direction given in WP (Crl) No 102 of 2007. Better standards of care for Children in Institutional Care and Systematic Case management will improve Child Protection System in the District and one of the key functions of DCPU. In this regard District Child Protection Units will be supported by UNICEF Child Protection Programme Koppal and Shanthi Sandesha Trust, Resource and Development Centre on Child Rights will provide support to DCPU by appointing a Support Person who will visit the district and the selected CCIs once or twice a month and facilitate the following activities:

- a) Support in Case Management process and updating case file documentation
- b) Enhancing standard of care in the Child Care Institution
- c) Providing Psycho-social Support for the staff of the CCI
- d) Forming and animating Care Leavers Association in the District

The support person will visit the selected CCI once or twice during the month and will accompany the staff in improving the CCI according to the indicators mentioned

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in CCI Assessment Format. The above support will be provided to 100 CCIs during the next 18 months which will institutionalize certain minimum standards in the CCIs and help in further improving Child Protection System in the District. Implementing this "NERAVU" program will make the DCPU achieve one of the mile stone in Child Protection and set up better monitoring system in the district.

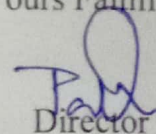
The peer support person will interact with children above the age of 16 in the CCI and those who have left the CCI and motivate them to form Care Leavers Association and build their life skills and provide career guidance. This will make Karnataka Aftercare Services strong and provide mentoring support to the Care Leavers.

The intervention of Directorate of Child Protection through DCPU is in partnership with UNICEF. Therefore during the visit of the Support person, DCPU Protection Officer Institutional Care (while visiting SAA PO-NIC) and DCPU Counsellor should be with the UNICEF team in the CCI. All Staff of the CCI have to be present during the whole process of the work. The staff of CCI and DCPU should be ready to develop and implement the plan for transformation. Participation of other staff of DCPU, CWC members and volunteers is encouraged. The whole process will be for 6 to 9 month in a CCI along with regular activities planned by KSICPS. In the first month the CCI Transformation plan will be developed and in the following months the plan will be implemented. During the visit, the Support Person will stay in the CCI as far as possible, it would help to understand the situation of the CCI in a better way and improve it accordingly. These Support Persons and all the team members visiting CCIs to implement this "NERAVU" program of UNICEF and Directorate of Child Protection shall wear "NERAVU" ID cards for smooth coordination and cooperation at all levels of implementation.

Psycho-social Support person will visit the CCI and help the CCI staff to understand themselves and deal with the personal/emotional baggage that prevents them for effective engagement with children or better team work in providing standards of care for the children. Psycho-social support will include psychological re-education sessions, individual counseling to the staff and group therapies to the staff.

Mr. Raghavendra Bhat, Mr. Harish Jogi and Sr. Dulcine under the guidance of Mr. Sonykutty George, Child protection Specialist UNICEF, will supervise the process in your district. Please cooperate and make best use of the services of the Neravu team and make this Neravu program meaningful and successful.

Yours Faithfully

  
Director

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Bangalore



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