

**Minutes of 53<sup>rd</sup> PAB Meeting under ICPS held on 18th September 2012 to discuss the financial proposal of Delhi**

The 53<sup>rd</sup> PAB meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012 to discuss the financial proposal for release of grants for 2012-13 under ICPS for NCT of Delhi. The List of officials who attended the PAB is annexed.

2. At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the officials present and requested the Director, WCD, Govt. of NCT (GNCTD) of Delhi to present the process of implementation of ICPS in the GNCTD along with the financial proposal for ICPS. A copy of the presentation is at Annex-A.

**3. SERVICE DELIVERY STRUCTURES:**

The Director, DWCD, GNCTD informed that the service delivery structures viz SPSU, SCPS, DCPUs and SARA have been setup and all the staff has been appointed in SPSU. In case of SARA, it was informed that two staff out of total four had been appointed earlier and remaining two have been appointed on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2012. PAB noted that in case of SCPS only one staff i.e., an Accounts Officer has been appointed. The GNCTD representative informed that as NCT of Delhi is not geographically widely spread, therefore, the staff of SPSU is also undertaking the work of SCPS simultaneously. PAB clarified that SPSU will be functional only for 3-4 years for initial implementation of the Scheme following which the unit will cease to function and the SCPS will have to take over the responsibility of implementation of Scheme. Further, the roles envisaged for SPSU and SCPS are very different and hence it is imperative for the staff to be appointed in SCPS as well.

The GNCTD has requested recurring grants for full financial year for all the Service delivery structures at the State level. While approving recurring grants for the entire year, PAB directed that salaries be based on the actual date of appointment of staff which will be furnished by GNCTD. PAB directed the GNCTD to provide the date of appointment of staff in all the structures.

The GNCTD has requested funds for 9 DCPUs for full financial year and informed that DCPOs have been appointed in 2 DCPUs on deputation basis. However, they informed that though they had advertised for filling up of posts for 9 DCPUs, recruitment can be done for only 4 DCPUs as sufficient eligible persons could not be identified. The staff in these four DCPUs will be appointed immediately on receipt of sanction from the Ministry. On request from GNCTD, recurring grants were approved for 4 DCPUs for 6 months of the current financial year.

Director, GNCTD while informing that about 416 posts have been sanctioned for ICPS, mentioned that they are facing problems in recruitment and retention of staff due to low salary norms. The Chairperson suggested that the staff could be appointed through an outsourcing agency to reduce the frequency of attrition. To this, the GNCTD replied that they had approached an outsourcing agency, however, the quality of candidates offered was quite poor and hence, the appointment of staff is being done directly by the Government through advertisement.

The GNCTD has asked for funds under Grant-in Aid for Innovative Project, however, no detail for the same has been provided with the financial proposal. It was informed that 4 projects had been identified last year and sent to the Ministry for approval which could not be considered as these were received very late. GNCTD was asked to identify the project it wants to fund under this component and send the details to the Ministry. In principle approval was accorded for the same.

Grants have been requested for sponsorship and foster care fund. It was mentioned by Director, GNCTD that the family income criteria of Rs. 24,000/- per annum provided in the Guidelines is too low and the minimum wages are much higher in Delhi. He requested that proxy parameters for determining poor families, being used by GNCTD, could be utilized instead.

The GNCTD has requested grants for all districts under Aftercare component. PAB approved the Aftercare Fund for full financial year, subject to appointment of requisite staff in DCPUs who would implement the programme.

#### 4. STATUTORY SUPPORT SERVICES:

The GNCTD informed that 6 CWCs have been constituted in the GNCTD and Data Entry Operators have been appointed in each CWC. PAB directed the GNCTD to setup more CWCs as pendency of cases is high because the existing CWCs are overburdened. The GNCTD informed that they are unable to setup new CWCs due to space constraints. PAB advised the GNCTD to utilise space in underutilized Homes etc. for the purpose.

It was also brought to the notice of the PAB that CWCs are taking inordinately long to declare a child free for adoption. In view of the delay in the CWCs, the GNCTD proposed that the children may be placed in pre-adoption foster care pending clearance from CWCs. It was clarified to the GNCTD that the children cannot be placed in pre-adoption foster care without clearance from CWCs as the biological parents/guardian may be traced during the enquiry process and want to reclaim the child, which would be traumatic for both, the parents as well as the child.

The representative from GNCTD informed that they have formulated SOPs for various processes of CWCs, which will be shared with the Ministry.

The GNCTD informed that one out of the 3 JJBs constituted in the GNCTD has been discontinued by the Hon'ble High Court as the workload is less. PAB noted that there are more than 200 cases pending in the JJBs and advised the GNCTD to increase the number of sittings so that the pendency could be reduced. It was informed that Data Entry Operators have been appointed in each of two JJBs. The GNCTD requested recurring grants for full financial year for 6 CWCs and 2 JJBs, which was approved to by PAB.

#### 5. INSTITUTIONAL CARE:

The proposal for maintenance grant to Government and NGO run Homes, under Institutional Care was discussed. The GNCTD has requested recurring grant for full financial year for 18 Govt. run and 7 NGO run Homes. PAB noted that some of the Homes are underutilised and some are over-crowded. It was informed by the GNCTD that many children have been sent back to Observation Homes from Tihar Jail and hence, the occupancy of the children in the Homes has suddenly increased to 90. It was further informed that some of the Children's Homes are over-crowded as the restoration process of some children who are victim of crime, was held up for some time because of requirement for repeated attendance in court. In Delhi, the courts are not giving any cognizance to the statements recorded by CWCs and their directions regarding restoration of children. PAB also noted that 4 NGO run Homes have more than 100 children; however the GNCTD has requested for staff salaries for unit of 50 children only. PAB advised the GNCTD to ensure that staff is available in these Homes as per the requirement in JJ Rules and ICPS. PAB approved recurring grant for entire financial year for all these 25 Homes.

As regarding the registration of all child care institutions under the JJ Act, the GNCTD informed that 42 Homes have been registered and the renewal of registration of more than 20 Homes is under process. The GNCTD also informed that CWC members and District Officers have been visiting Homes and are meeting with the children on quarterly basis. It was informed by Member, NCPCR that a team formed by NCPCR has also visited 64 Homes recently on the directions of the High Court.

The representative from GNCTD mentioned that in addition to the model home being developed at Lajpat Nagar with support under ICPS, they would like to develop the place of Safety as a Model Home as well. PAB felt that this should be done as the concept of Place of Safety is not clear to most States and this would serve as a good example. GNCTD was, therefore, advised to send a proposal accordingly.

#### 5. NON INSTITUTIONAL CARE:

The GNCTD informed that there are 11 NGO run SAAs, out of which grant has been requested for only 2 SAAs as the other SAAs have sufficient resources of their own and do not require grants under ICPS. It was informed that out of these 2 SAAs, one, namely Matri Chhaya C/o Sewa Bharti had been receiving grants till 2008-09 under the erstwhile Shishu Greh Scheme and GNCTD requested for reimbursement of grants for the financial year 2010-11 and 2011-12. PAB approved the reimbursement grants as per old norms subject to the proposal for reimbursement being received from GNCTD. PAB also approved non-recurring grants for both the SAAs and recurring grants for Matri Chhaya as per old norms upto the date of sanction. Recurring grants as per new norms were approved for both SAAs from date of sanction.

Joint Director, CARA informed that only 9 out of 11 SAAs are updating data on CARINGS and the remaining 2 SAAs are not even registered on CARINGS. PAB directed the GNCTD to ensure that all SAAs update data on CARINGS regularly and the grant will be released to the SAAs only after confirmation that these are registered and are updating data.

## 6. OPEN SHELTERS:

The GNCTD has requested recurring grant for full financial year for 15 Open Shelters which were supported last year. However, of these, one Open Shelter, namely, Great India Dream Foundation has started functioning only since August, 2012. PAB advised the GNCTD to inspect this agency for proper functioning and recommend release accordingly.

The issue of non-release of grants for 2011-12 as reported by certain NGOs was discussed. It was informed by GNCTD representatives that grant to Prayas has been held up due to non-receipt of Utilisation Certificate.

## 7. OTHER ITEMS:

a) The PAB was informed that the GNCTD is not submitting monitoring data regularly. GNCTD was advised to submit monitoring reports for the first quarter of 2012-13 online without further delay

b). Member, NCPCR felt that the State Government should appoint a full time Officer to look after the implementation of JJ Act and ICPS, instead of giving additional charge to officers dealing with ICDS.

c) The implementation of 'TrackCHILD' in Delhi was discussed. It was informed that though training has been held for both ICPS/JJ Act and police personnel, data entry has not started in earnest. GNCTD has to take up the issue with Home Department. As regards, data entry in the Homes and CWCs, the State requested for assistance of data entry operators. They were advised to send a formal request based on number of entries that are required to be made. NIC would provide assistance to help cure the backlog data.

## 8. BALANCE/UNSPENT AMOUNT:

As per the Statement of Expenditure submitted by GNCTD, Rs. 68.65 Lakhs is unspent as on 01-04-2012, out of amount released as first instalment during 2011-12.

9. DECISIONS TAKEN BY PAB: The following decisions were taken and approvals granted by PAB:

### 9.1 SERVICE DELIVERY STRUCTURES:

- **SPSU and SARA:** PAB approved recurring grant as requested by the GNCTD as per ICPS norms, for full financial year 2012-13 except salary which was approved from the date of the appointment of staff.
- **SCPS:** PAB approved recurring grant as requested by the GNCTD as per ICPS norms, for full financial year 2012-13 except salary which was approved only for one appointed staff from the date of the appointment.
- **DCPU:** PAB approved recurring grant as requested by the GNCTD as per ICPS norms, for 4 DCPU for 6 months.

- In Principle approval was accorded as per ICPS norms for Grant-in aid for Innovative Projects subject to the GNCTD submitting details for the same.
- Grants were approved under the Sponsorship and Aftercare component for 6 months subject to appointment of requisite staff in 4 DCPUs.

#### 9.2 STATUTORY SUPPORT SERVICES:

PAB approved recurring grant for 6 CWCs and 2 JJBs as requested by the GNCTD as per ICPS norms, including salary for data entry operators (w.e.f their date of appointment), for full financial year 2012-13.

#### 9.3 INSTITUTIONAL CARE:

- Maintenance Grant for existing 18 Govt. run and 7 NGO run Homes as per the number of beneficiaries in each home and recurring grant, including salary as requested for the staff w.e.f their date of appointment, for the current financial year 2012-13 as per ICPS norms.

#### 9.4 NON- INSTITUTIONAL CARE:

- Non-Recurring and Recurring Grants approved from the date of sanction as per ICPS norms for 2 NGO run SAAs i.e. Holy Cross Social Services Centre and Matri Chhaya C/o Sewa Bharti. In-principle approval for Reimbursement grants as per old norms for 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 upto the date of sanction for 1 of the above NGO run SAA, subject to the GNCTD submitting a proposal in this regard.

#### 9.5 OPEN SHELTERS:

- PAB approved recurring grants for 14 existing Open Shelters for full financial year 2012-13.
- In-principle approval for recurring grants was accorded for 1 Open Shelter, namely, Great India Dream Foundation subject to confirmation from GNCTD regarding the Open Shelter being functional, from the date it is functional.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Mr. Prem Narain, Secretary (WCD)
2. Mr. Nilanjali Sanyal, Additional Secretary, (WCD)
3. Mrs. Nina Nayak, Member, NCPCR
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