



From Chairperson's Desk

Let us all focus on one thing that many adults overlook in their kids, which is – Mental Health. This because children's emotional being is as important as their physical well being. With Covid-19 pandemic setting its foot in its third phase around the globe, children have been left desocialised, with schools and colleges shut down and nowhere to go but spend their time with digital devices. You will be shocked to know that every one in six children are affected with mental health issues as stated by mentalhealth.org, which includes behavioural disorder, anxiety, depression, and so on.

It's alarming to see that 75% of these children and youths do not get the help they need. They need to feel loved, trusted, understood and safe. Be with the children, and help them cope up with this stressful situation. We all know this is possible with just a little extra effort.

I wish good mental and physical health for all the children across realms.



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Policy Dialogue on Child Labour - Achieving (SDG 8.7)



The “Policy dialogue on Child Labour- Achieving SDG 8.7” was organized at India International Center Annex, New Delhi on 14th Dec 2021. It was attended by representatives of Civil Society Organisations and many eminent dignitaries from different fields.

The house came up with the following suggestions: extension of RTE upto 18 years of age; increased accessibility of social security schemes for children and family across states, especially for those moving between states for work and other purposes; increase in the budget allocated for education of children and child welfare schemes; and a mandatory declaration by the business owners for no involvement of any child labourer which, should be submitted both during registration and in annual reports.

Mr. Ashok Kumar, Convenor, National Advocacy Unit, CACL welcomed all the participants & Mr. Ranjan Kumar Mohanty, Chairperson, NACG EVAC India chaired and share the purpose of the

policy dialogue. Dr. Shantha Sinha, Former Chairperson, NCPDR and Founder of MV Foundation spoke on the occasion. Introductory remarks were given by Dr. Bansari Nag, National Project Manager – MAP 16 Project on Child Labor, ILO. SJ Amod Kanth, Retd IPS, Founder General Secretary Prayas, Joint Coordinator, CSO Standing Committee NITI Ayog also spoke and gave his input. Ashok Mathew Philips, National Convenor, CACL address the occasion

The second session was moderated by P Joseph Victor Raj, Thematic Head Child Labour, NACG EVAC India, which was an open forum for participants and audience to share their experiences from grassroots and suggest strategies to resolve the big question of eradication of child labour keeping in mind the SDG 8.7. The major focus was to extend the Right to Education up to 18 years of age. The eminent speakers also reiterated over the immediate need to redefine “child” and “child labour”, while moving towards a zero-tolerance policy for child labour throughout the country and beyond. There were suggestions from the house to appoint DCPU as a permanent position in the district and the State should come up with a specific draft budget for children.

National CSO Consultation with CSOs to End Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation in India



The National Consultation with CSOs to End Child Sexual Abuse in India was held on 15th December 2021 at India International Center in Delhi. The programme was inaugurated by Ms. Razia Ismail, Head, India Alliance for Child Rights with presidential remark from the Chairperson, Mr. Ranjan Kumar Mohanty, NACG EVAC, India.



Mr. D. Roshan Kumar, Vice-Chair, NACG EVAC, India delivered the welcome address followed by context settings by Mr. Mikhael Pradhan, Head, Advocacy, WVI. Ms. Madhavi Kotwal, Mr. Sanjay Mishra and Mr. Manabendra Nath Mandal highlighted the situation of CSAE in India and NACG EVAC India's initiatives towards ending Child Sexual Abuse. Dr. Sunita Reddy, Associate Professor of Social Medicine and Community Health, School of Social Sciences & Deputy Director (R&D) JNU, discussed on the Child abuse in the COVID-19 context. The travel and tourism sector also got highly affected due to Child Sexual Abuse. The cases and causes were explained by Ms. Joyatri Rai, Director, EQUATIONS. Ms. Bhavna Sharma, Advocate, Senior Fellow, FLAIR also talked about the present online abuses and patterns in the present situation. Ms. Aakanksha Vyas, Delhi Judicial Services, DSLSA explained the legal provisions for child sexual abuse. Ms. V. Neeta Maria Sathish, Programme Manager, WVI was briefed on the BMZ project initiatives and achievement of the project so far.



The second session was continued under the Vice-Chair, NACG EVAC India Mr. Sanjay Gupta who had facilitated the session on Civil Society Response to End Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation. During the session, strategy by the state, milestone and good practices from over 20 states were discussed. Many best practices and Child Protection initiatives were shared by the participants.

Ms. Aditi P. Kaur, National Executive Committee Member & Child Participation Thematic Head,

NACG EVAC India and Mr. Ashok Kumar, Executive Director, A V Baliga Memorial Trust facilitated the last session on Combating Child Sexual Abuse and way forward Actions with 4 major thematic areas where participants from different CSOs participated in groups and provided their input.

Theme 1: Gaps and Challenges in implementations of CP Policies, Laws, Schemes/ Services etc.: Most of the organizations shared their state policies and schemes related to Child Protection.

Theme 2: Policy Interventions and Strengthening of CP System to address CSAE in India in different states: The participants shared their recommendations to be shared with the stakeholders.

Theme 3: Emerging roles of CSOs in addressing Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation in Social and Digital Space.

Theme 4: Child Participation/ Children led initiatives to address Socio-cultural norms and harmful practices.

Ms. Aditi P. Kaur and Mr. Ashok Kumar Jha presented each of the groups' recommendations and day long the programme concluded with vote of thanks from Ms. Anuradha Mohanty, Executive Director, PECUC.

National Consultation and convergence meeting to end Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation in India



The Consultation was organized at IIC, New Delhi on 16th Dec 2021 with a core aim of providing a platform for child protection functionaries and key stakeholders to stimulate discussions & share the child protection challenges, solutions and good practices in preventing CSAE. It also encouraged converging and collaborating with relevant ministries, commissions, departments, CSOs and

other key stakeholders to come up with strategies to end CSAE.

Mr. Sanjay Gupta, Vice Chairperson NACG EVAC India, gave the welcome note followed by an inaugural session moderated by Mr. Ranjan Kumar Mohanty, Chairperson, NACG EVAC India. The notable dignitaries in the dais were Mr. Priyanka Kanoongo, Chairperson NCPDR, Ms. Rashmi Singh IAS – Director, DWCD, Ms. Soledad Herrero, Chief of Child Protection, India UNICEF, Mr. Madhav Bellamkonda – CEO & National Director, World Vision India, Mr. Mikhael Pradhan – Thematic Head, CSAE, NACG EVAC India. The session had participants from 20 states.



Some very important strategies were shared along with reflective questions, which focused on data driven decision making, the online menace of sexual violence against children and the disaster and emergence pandemic that has raised concerns for protection of children. The panelists also shed some light on the need of this conversation keeping both the genders in forefront.



Mr. Priyanka Kanoongo, Chairperson NCPDR, said, "We must not advocate social media platforms, which combat the protection of children and steps must be taken to find offenders inside the house/families as we now know, how big are the number for offenders who are family members themselves. We must make efforts to make the immediate family and home safe for children."

Ms. Rashmi Singh IAS – Director, DWCD, insisted, “At Delhi we need to come up with a clear note on – what kind of support is needed from different roles and departments, ranging from Anganwadi worker – CWD officer - CSOs, for true convergence.”

Ms. Soledad Herrero, Chief of Child Protection, India UNICEF mentioned about the victory of being the first nation in South- Asia for moving the minimum age of girls for marriage to 21 years.

Mr. Madhav Bellamkonda – CEO & National Director, World Vision India, requested for some attention on the 4% decrease on growth rate of reported cases from 2018 – 2019, which happened through the tireless efforts of CSOs. He thus, suggested and requested CSOs to support government further through translators and interpreters and focus on the reason for less rate of conviction.

The first session was held on Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation – Strategies and Initiatives, with the panelists being Mr. Pritikant Panda, Programme Manager, Odisha State Child Protection Society, Mr. Premoday Khakha, Assistant Director, CPU & Litigation, DWCD, Govt of NCT of Delhi and Ms. V. Neeta Maria Satish, Project Manager, CPWCB CSA&E, moderated by Dr. Indrani Bhattacharyya, National Executive Committee Member, NACG EVAC India, wherein they spoke about the initiatives like 34 juvenile justice boards, translators at district level with a support person for each case, at Odisha. It also highlighted the gaps and possibility of support from CSOs at each step of seeking justice for the victim and how the law has ensured a safe space for children along with restoration.



The focused discussion was on multi sectoral approach to address CSAE, emerging context and child protection framework and approaches and coordination and convergence amongst various

stakeholders for ending child sexual abuse in India. The other dignitaries from various fields who gave their valuable inputs in this consultations were Mr. Shashank Shekhar, Advocate, Supreme Court of India & Director, CRACR&PD, Ms. Bharti Ali, Director, HAQ Centre for Child Rights, Ms. Parul Sheth, Director, SHAISHAV, Shri Sayyed Riyaj Ahemed, IAS, Mr. Murli Manjhar Manjhi, Deputy SP, AHTU, Weaker sections, CID Bihar, Ms. Dibyaa Saswati, Member OSCPCR, Ms. Vaidehi Subramani, Chairperson, CWC Delhi, Dr. Shankar Chowdhury, Ex UNSCO AIIMS, Consultant Health & Development & Technical Expert in ending violence against children, especially child marriage, Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Chairperson, CWC, Bihar, Ms. Mahuasur Roy, Chairperson, CWC, Kolkata, Ms. Kasturi Mohapatra, Former General Secretary Indian Council for Child Welfare, Razia Ismail, Head, India Alliance for Child Rights, Ms. Sandhyabati Pradhan, Chairperson, Odisha State Commission for protection of Child Rights, Ms. Nidhi Dwivedi, Member DCPCR, Dr. Vijendra Singh, RSCPCR, Shri Prashant Singh, IPS, Addl. D.G (CID), Jharkhand, Mr. Insaf Nizam, Regional Specialist, ILO, moderated by Mr. D. Roshan Kumar, Vice Chairperson NACG EVAC India, Mr. Manabendra Nath Mandal, National Executive Committee Member, NACG EVAC India, and Ms. Aditi P. Kaur, National Executive Committee Member, NACG EVAC India.

The entire consultation pushed a lot of reflections for the audience, while looking at the data and case studies of 15-year-old girls being pregnant with 2nd child and not being married and how the system doesn't provide access of law itself for differently abled children. Child participation was given priority in this consultation.

Delhi State CSO Consultation on Ending Child sexual Abuse and Exploitation



A State level consultation on Ending Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation was organized on the 7th Dec 2021 at IIC Delhi by NACG EVAC Delhi and People's Cultural Centre (PECUC) in collaboration with World Vision Germany, World Vision India and BMZ in cooperation with ABHAS – Action Beyond

Help and Support, Asha Deep, Dr. A.V Baliga Trust and SPID (Society participatory Integrated Development), hosted the Delhi state CSO consultation on Ending Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation.

The consultation was organized as an endeavour to bring together civil society organizations, actively working on child rights, child sexual abuse, and exploitation in New Delhi.

Madhavi Kotwal Samson, Delhi State Convenor, NACG EVAC India, & Founder Director ABHAS, gave introductory remarks. Joined as panelist, Anurag Kundu, Chairperson, Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Sh. Sumeet Anand Legislative Department Secretary, DSLSA, Namita Bhandare, Independent Newspapers Professional, Premoday Khakha, Assistant Director, Child Protection Unit, DWCD, Sanjay Gupta, Vice chairperson NACG – EVAC India & Founder Director Chetna, gave a legal perspective to the issue along with Govt's perspective.

The following session focused on CSAE and vulnerability of children in difficult circumstances. The strong and rich panel constituted of Rakesh Senger, Executive Director (Programs), Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation, Saudamini Pethe, Director, All India Foundation of Deaf Women Trustee, Access Mantra Foundation, Dr. Shankar Chowdhury, Consultant, Health and Development & Technical Expert supporting National and International CSOs in ending violence against children including child marriage and a representative from Childline, Delhi.



The session highlight was the learning and experiences shared by Saudamini Pethe, who is hearing and speech impaired, helped the participants understand the difficulties faced by differently abled children and their parents. One of key recommendations was to appoint interpreters at all police stations and CWD offices.

After learning about the status of CSA and various vulnerabilities in circumstances, role of media was discussed at length with Soumya Lakhani, Senior Editor Quint, Ravi Kant, President Shakti Vahini and Advocate Supreme Court of India, Razia Ismail, Founder and Convenor – India Alliance for Child Rights and Co-Founder NACG EVAC, India and Shambhu, ex-editor – Balaknama. The eminent panelists here reiterated on the need of making the voice of children as the center of focus while reporting such cases and how social media needs to be regulated.

State level consultation with Stakeholders to combat Child Sexual Abuse



On 25th November 2021, a two-day state level CSO and stakeholder consultation was organized by NACG EVAC, India, PECUC, and Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights in collaboration with WVI & BMZ.



Mr. Prakash Rath, State Convenor, NACG-EVAC India welcomed the participants followed by keynote address by Mr. Ranjan Mohanty, Chairperson, NACG-EVAC India. He raised his concern on the safety of children and the duty and responsibility of parents and stakeholders towards making community a safe place for children.

Ms. Sandhyabati Pradhan, Chairperson, OSCPCR, Chief Guest, gave emphasis on the elimination of CSA, implementation of laws, Acts for CSAE and its implications. She also highlighted the 40 days Child Rights Campaign starting from 1st November to 10th December. Among other OSCPCR members, Ms.

Dibya Saswati, Mr. Harihar Nayak, Ex. OSCPCR Member, Ms. Biswaswari Mohanty, Advocate, Ms. Kasturi Mohapatra, Ex. Chairperson, OSCPCR, Mr. Pritikanta Panda, State Programme Manager, OSCPS, and Ms. Anuradha Mohanty, Executive Director, PECUC spoke about JJ & POCSO Act, its implementation & challenges, online safety, role of CSOs, and enforcement of child friendly system.



On 26th November 2021, the second day of the two-day state level consultation among key stakeholder Mr. Prakash Rath, State Convenor, NACG-EVAC India welcomed the participants and keynote address was given by Ms. Kasturi Mohapatra, Ex. Chairperson, OSCPCR. Mr. Ranjan Mohanty, Chairperson, NACG-EVAC India in his presidential remark briefed about the role of stakeholders, and need for convergence with the stakeholders at the state level.

Ms. Shradhanjali Khatei, Child representative, presented the children recommendations to the stakeholders in the workshop, in which few of those include inclusion of education.

Dr. Minati Behera, Chairperson, Odisha State Commission for Women highlighted the formation and smooth functioning of Child Protection Committee in her speech. Ms. Sandhyabati Pradhan, Chairperson OSCPCR, Chief Guest, on her address raised her concerns on Child Abuse, friendly behavior and awareness among the parents is needed.

Among others Mr. Pramod Acharya, NLSU, Ms. Biswaswari Mohanty, Senior Advocate, Mr. Harihar Nayak, Ex. OSCPCR Member, Ms. Biswaswari Mohanty, Advocate, Mr. Pritikanta Panda, State Programme Manager, OSCPS, Ms. Divya Saswati, Member OSCPCR, Ms. Madhumita Das, Senior Consultant, WCD, Ms. Snehanjali Mohanty, Member, Odisha state Commission for women, Ms. Anuradha Mohanty, Executive Director, PECUC spoke on the occasion on JJ & POCSO Act, its implementation & challenges, enforcement of child friendly system, the need for enforcement of child friendly laws and Acts (POCSO, JJ Act) for

protecting child rights and child abuse, challenges on policy, practice and knowledge challenges, social and legal perspectives, convergence with stakeholders, etc., were discussed during the sessions.



During the two days programme, more than 100 civil society organizations and Government officials from the nodal departments on Child Protection were taken part from all the 30 districts of Odisha and gave their valuable input on Child Sexual Abuse and Protection.

The programme was facilitated by Mr. Dharmananda Sundaray, Satyajeet Mahapatro, and Satya Sundar Mohapatra of PECUC. Finally, the vote of thanks was given by Dharmananda Sundaray.

District Level Media Workshop on Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation



On 24th December 2021, one-day district level Media Workshop on Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation was organized by NACG EVAC, India, PECUC, in collaboration with WVI & BMZ.



Ms Anuradha Mohanty, Executive Director, PECUC welcomed all participants. Mr. Ranjan Kumar Mohanty, Chairperson NACG-EVAC India congratulated the participants for being a part of the workshop and delivered the keynote address. He briefly spoke about the objective of NACG EVAC India and its association with South Asian Initiative to End Violence against Children (SAIVAC). He raised his concern on the safety of children and the duty and responsibility of making community a safe place for children. The most concerned data showing 94.6% share of known persons to be offenders were known to the child survivor in the cases of child sexual abuse. This makes children more vulnerable to manipulation, exploitation, threat and therefore they become more reluctant to report the abuse and with the enhanced punishment (life imprisonment and death), expected to increase the reluctance of the child or other care givers/family members to report cases.

Ms. Sandhyabati Pradhan appreciated the efforts made by PECUC and NACG EVAC India for initiating Media Workshop. She also expressed her concern that while reporting sexual abuse cases, it is important that one has to maintain confidentiality and meticulously verify the stories and sources and also identify ways to deal with problem situations and promote gender equity and rights and create awareness and focus on the gravity of crime.

Mr. Prasanna Mohanty, Member Press Council of India in his address mentioned that reporters should not disclose the identity of a child including his name, address, photograph, family details, school, neighborhood or any other particulars which may lead to disclosure of identity of the child. One has to concentrate in reporting, keeping in mind the social conditions. He also expressed that the Press Council of India under the mandate has the norms of journalistic conduct of reporting.

Mr. Sandeep Sahoo, Senior Reporter said that media has the role to create an enabling environment for children so that a child can lead a life with dignity. There are ethical guidelines for all media persons which require empowerment among all the media persons. "We have to change the mindset of people", he added. Reports on sexual abuse now have become positioned on the front page. Among others Mr. Harihar Nayak, Ex. OSCPCR Member, spoke on the occasion on JJ & POCSO Act, its implementation & challenges.



In this consultation, 65 media persons took part from Khordha district of Odisha & discussed and gave various suggestions how to end child sexual abuse. Vote of thanks was given by Mr. Dharmananda Sundaray, Project Coordinator NACG EVAC India, National Secretariat, PECUC.

District Level Convergence Meeting on Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation

District Level Convergence Meeting on Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation was conducted in Koraput at Skill Development Training Centre, Koraput on 16th December, 2021. To create a platform for multiple stakeholders, like to deliberate on the child rights and protection situation in the district, PECUC & NACG EVAC India in cooperation with EKTA ensure effective implementation of the POCSO Act and the JJ Act, convergence and coordination with all line departments to build inter-sectoral linkages on child protection issues. Additional S.P. of Koraput Shri Utkal Keshari Das joined in the convergence as Chief Guest and spoke on the occasion. He said it is the responsibility of everybody and all the line departments to create awareness so that together we can prevent the CSA cases. He also emphasized on the joint rescue, rehabilitation and child-friendly atmosphere at the police station and he assured to designate a Child Protection Police Officer in all the police stations of the district.



Mr. Chaitanya Prasad Majhi, Special Judicial Police Unit joined as Guest Speaker and reiterated on the issues and said that the state is required to give wide publicity to the POSCO Act, the law is relatively unknown even to those who need to apply it. In spite of its high prevalence, most of the violence done against children are often hidden, unseen or under reported.

Dr. Gayatri Devi, Special Public Prosecutor of POCSO Act Koraput during the session clarified about the role of District Level Child Protection Officer in preventing the CSA cases. Quarterly meeting of DLCPC shall be conducted. She said that the convergence meeting of all the line departments, Child Protection agenda to be incorporated in the district level meeting. The DLCPC shall submit the Annual Action Plan along with the financial support required for the children. The additional fund for supporting DLCPC should be taken by the competent authority as per the state government guidelines.

She also said that a designated person responsible for child protection issues who has the specific skills, motivation and knowledge required for monitor the progress of children considered to be at risk and identification of credible organisations to implement programme component of ICPS. She stressed upon adequate infrastructure of district level officials for CWC, JJB, CPPU, and DCPU in each district ensuring meeting on a monthly and quarterly basis at the BLPCPC and DLCPC.

NEWS FROM STATE

Leading by Example to motivate child marriage victims

A good leader leads by example, and Terre des Hommes Netherlands makes sure that children they work with have the right examples to look up to. They achieve this by organising various interactive sessions between children and inspiring leaders from the civil society. One such session was organised recently by the IMAGE project which works to empower child brides in Karnataka, India.



The session organised by the IMAGE staff focused on further inspiring the movement leaders of IMAGE who have come a long way from being child marriage victims to being advocates against child marriages. The project has organised child brides into a movement, where they fight for their rights and speak up against injustice. To train them to do so, motivational sessions were done to help these girls mobilise and speak against child marriages in their communities.

The session was led by Ms Shwetha, founder of Women of Wisdom (WOW Trust), which works towards women empowerment in rural areas. Being qualified in social work, she has worked with prestigious organisations like NDTV, Child Rights Trust, Save the Children, and Republic TV before she founded Women of Wisdom.

In the session, Ms Shwetha encouraged all the movement leaders of IMAGE by sharing her journey, struggles, and accomplishments in life. She spoke on different topics such as confidence, personal goals, and the need for a positive mindset. She explained why these qualities are important to be a successful leader who leaves an impact. The 32 movement leaders were immensely encouraged by the session and displayed keen interest by sharing their personal experiences from their on-field advocacy activities and awareness campaigns. They also consulted Ms Shwetha for tips on how not to be discouraged by the setbacks they face from the local community and family members.

This exchange of leadership ideas and tips motivated the movement leaders of IMAGE to look at their obstacles as opportunities. It made them stronger in their fight towards creating a society free of child marriage.

Supporting Children of Devadasis to be Secondary School Graduates



When the SSLC board exams were to take place, children of Devadasis from TdH-NL's Children GOOD project were very anxious. SSLC board exams expand as Senior School Leaving Certificate exams, the passing of which makes a child a secondary school graduate. For children of Devadasis coming from an impoverished socio-economic background marred with abuse and exploitation, this achievement would be a milestone.

To boost their confidence, and guide them on how to write exams, the Children GOOD team conducted a virtual consultation with counselors Mahesh and Veena Mohan. Both of them have the expertise in guiding and counseling children and have worked directly with several government schools, as well as private ones.



During the meeting, Mahesh guided the children on how to prepare for all the subjects. He suggested they split subjects into different sub-topics and recommended revising concepts among others. Children considered his suggestions to be very useful and said they would practice them every day. Veena Mohan explained to the children how the paper would be designed and evaluated. During the pandemic, children had to write exams on OMR (Optical mark recognition) sheets that were unfamiliar to them. With the help of a sample OMR answer sheet, she guided the children on how to

attend the exams with ease.

They counseled the children not to compare themselves with others, and this made them feel more relaxed. They also instructed them to eat nutritious food, sleep well and take care of their health. After the counseling session, the children were allowed to ask questions and clear their doubts during a small Q and A session. With the help of the motivation and support provided, the children were able to do really well in the exams. Ms. Priyanka from Ballari district in Karnataka topped the exams amongst other girls, with a total score of 97.4%.

Collaborative efforts for bringing the change



COVID19 pandemic has brought many challenges for the humanity as whole. But the struggle to survive and to combat this pandemic is continuing at all level. The people in all set up are trying their bests to survive this pandemic. Awareness drives, campaigns, messaging on safety measures are reaching even to the remotest part of the country.

After the vaccine of this pandemic invented and made available for the public, the fear is gradually reducing among the masses. But it has also given rise to another type of challenge, i.e. prejudice against the taking of vaccine. The apprehension and the anxiousness among the common people for taking this vaccine is now a concern for all. In the village level, it was even more difficult to convince people at mass scale. Even younger generation avoided taking vaccine.



The situation demanded a full scale vaccination drive programme to generate awareness about the benefit of taking vaccine. The challenge was grave and without collaborative efforts it was not possible to change the mindset of the people.



To generate awareness Children of India Foundation and IDH_NL in collaboration with People's Cultural Centre (PECUC) undertook a campaign in one panchayat of Bolgarh block and in three panchayats of Baliana block. Training to health workers, small group meetings at the village level, meeting with GP level SHG group, meeting with SHG federation, meeting with doctors and medical staff, individual counseling, door to door awareness, awareness at vaccination centre, and mobile van campaigns were undertaken as a part of this programme.

This programme involved PRI members, Women SHG leaders, AWW, ASHA workers, Staffs of PHCs and CHCs, block officials, community people for generating mass awareness and removing vaccine phobia among the common people. With their collaborative efforts, they directly reached to more than 15000 people out of which 8000 people get the first and second dose of vaccine. The areas have marked increases rate of vaccination.

The solidarity between the community and local stakeholders to overcome this challenge and mobilize the masses for vaccination set an example that nothing is impossible if we work together in harmony to achieve the goal.

NACG, EVAC, National Executive Committee Meeting

NACG EVAC India National EC Meeting was held on 17th December 2021 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Ranjan Kumar Mohanty, Chairperson, NACG EVAC India at Chetna NGO Office, New Delhi.

The National Executive Committee discussed to take various steps for strengthening state groups including membership drive, state level meetings to be conducted on virtual platforms with physical meetings being not feasible, and organising a National Level Children's Consultation on Preventing Child sexual Abuse and Exploitation. The NEC also decided to hold a National Convention on Ending Violence against Children during October-November. The members also discussed on how to strengthen the coordination with WCD Ministry and looking for possibilities to hold a consultation with the Members of Parliament.

Mr. D. Roshan Kumar, Vice Chair, SEEDS; Mr. Sanjay Gupta, Vice Chair, CHETNA; Mr. Sanjay K Mishra, Treasurer, BKS; Ms. Aditi P Kaur, MCF; Ms. Indrani Bhattacharya, CINI; Mr. Prakash Rath. OLS; Mr. Mikhael Pradhan, WVI; Mr. P Josheph Victor Raj, HOPE and Mr. Manabendranath Mandal, SLARTC participated in the discussion and gave their valuable suggestions.



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