

Plan India Impact Awards 2022

Category Specific Guide

Child Welfare Committee

The Child Welfare Committee (CWC) is constituted under section 27 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015. For every district, one or more Child Welfare Committees are formed to exercise the powers and discharge the duties conferred on such Committees in relation to children in need of care and protection.

Roles and Responsibility of Child Welfare Committee

The committee consists of a Chairperson and four other members as the State Government may think fit to appoint, of whom at-least one is a woman and another, an expert on the matters concerning children. The committee holds a minimum of 20 sittings in a month and conducts two visits to inspect Child Care Institutions (CCI), to monitor the functioning of the CCIs and ensure the well-being of children. A Child in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP) may be produced before CWC, or it may take suo-motu cognisance of cases and reach out to children in need of care and protection, who are not produced before the committee. The CWC ensures care, safety, appropriate rehabilitation or restoration of CNCP based on the child's care plan and passes necessary directions to parents/guardians//children's homes/fit facility in this regard. The CWC functions as a bench of the magistrate and possesses powers conferred by the Code of Criminal Procedure Code on a Metropolitan Magistrate. The members have power equivalent to a District Magistrate for ensuring justice under Act.

Indicators

Impact: How did the CWC create lasting impact on children? How did the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) discharge the duties conferred on it to children in need of care and protection to bring positive changes in the lives of children and their development from **01st January 2021 to 31st December 2021**, including the COVID-19 period?

Key Indicators

- How many children were produced before the committee physically or virtually (special online settings or video sessions during COVID-19) in the above mentioned period?
- The number of cases pending and the number of cases disposed of/ discarded/ unattended during the mentioned period of one year.
- Number of children eligible for institutional care, sponsorship, foster care and adoption under the CWC's jurisdiction
- Number of children placed in institutional care, sponsorship, foster care and adoption during the one year mentioned period The nominee has to provide evidence such as reports, news clips etc.
- Number of special online sittings or video sessions organised to take measures to prevent children residing in the Children's Homes, Specialized Adoption Agencies (SAAs), and Open Shelters from the risk of harm arising out of COVID 19. The nominee has to provide evidence such as reports, news clips etc.
- Number of Children provided with counselling support, and psychosocial support during the COVID 19 pandemic.
- The number of child labour, child trafficking, child marriage, and other gender-based violence incidents monitored and addressed from the above mentioned one year.

- Number of visits by CWC to CCIs during the one year mentioned period, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the support extended to CCI's management committees and children's committees.
- Mention the child friendly techniques used by committee members while communicating with CNCP
- How were the arrangements altered to facilitate child-friendly premises during sitting by the committee for face-to-face or virtual interaction with the children
- Did CWC organise any campaign/ initiative to influence parents/ guardians for taking back their children from the institutions under the sponsorship and foster care programme during the one year mentioned period?
- If yes, how many parents/ guardians took back their children from the institutions under the sponsorship and foster care programme from the mentioned period?
- What measure CWC took to influence the District Child Protection Unit/district administration/NGO management to deliver essential services to CCIs? The initiative may include safe drinking water and sanitation facilities, disabled-friendly infrastructure, safety measures for Children during COVID 19 pandemic period as well in the mentioned period of one year.
- What initiative has been taken by CWC to Influence the relevant ministry, departments, and officials to take necessary actions for child protection, positive discrimination, and corrective measures for domestic violence in children's families?

Innovation: Innovative technique(s) used by the CWC to find solutions to address a cause with possible and feasible solutions, including virtual or other innovations during the COVID-19 if applicable. Or any innovative order passed by the CWC for protection of child/children.

Key Indicators

- What innovative means did the CWC use to extend protection services for CNCP? Please provide the links if social media was used (Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, etc.). Or if other media, like print media, street theatre. Please provide pictures.

Story of Success

- What is the out-of-the-box initiative/idea (service or product), and how effective has it delivered the impact?
- How has the stakeholders' involvement in achieving a better outcome and strategies been undertaken?
- COVID-19 Alignment: Denotes the project sustainability in the pandemic. Evaluating the alignment/re-alignment of the work/initiative to overcome the challenges faced due to lockdown/pandemic.
- Sustainability and Exit Strategy: Measures taken to ensure the outcomes' sustainability after the intervention's completion and how well the exit strategy is planned (if applicable).

Mandatory evidence: Please attach evidence to support your story. Evidence can be newspaper clippings, photos, video clippings that can be verified independently, letters of appreciation, or any award received for the achievement mentioned.

Note:

- **This guidance indicator sheet is for reference purposes only. The nominator must justify?**

the exemplary performance of the nominee beyond their regular role, demonstrating an excellent course of action under each parameter. Please use quantifiable numbers or percentages in the Impact section.