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NOTIFICATION

In accordance with the agreed UNICEF and Government of Sindh Work Plan (Jan-June, 2025), the eligibility criteria of membership, composition and TORs to establish Community-based Child Protection Committees (CBCPC) are hereby notified.

The main objectives of CBCPCs are to enhance the protective environment for children by:

- Preventing violence, abuse, neglect, exploitation and harmful practices against children within communities by fostering protective norms and behaviors.
- Promoting child rights and protection awareness to encourage a culture that safeguards children.
- Safe identification and referral of child protection cases and facilitating access to child protection services.

Eligibility criteria for membership in CBCPC:

The membership of CBCPC shall be opened to all the residents of the respective community. The membership shall be made through a democratic process of election, held by organization establishing the committee, under intimation to the Child Protection Officer of the respective district and the Assistant Director of concerned Taluka of the Social Welfare Department. The eligibility criteria of contesting for the membership shall be based upon the willingness and voluntarily commitment of the member to respect and promote child rights and child protection agenda. The applicant should produce character certificate duly verified by the concerned Police station to ensure that the person has no criminal record and also be known for their positive reputation in the community. All the members should be selected for one-year period and could be re-elected for two terms for any position in the CPCs. These decisions would be made in consultation and consent from the committee members. Any changes will be made based on the suggestions from the majority of the members of the CBCPC.

Composition:

The community-based child protection committee shall consist of 1) chairperson, 2) General Secretary and 3) 10 to 12 General Members.

- A CBCPC should consists of 12-15 members, including 2 Adolescent girls (between age 10-18), 2 Adolescent boys (between age 10-18) equal number of women and men should be elected by the community.
- Representatives from Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), religious minorities and other vulnerable groups should be included.
- Representation of students and children from vulnerable groups will be prioritized.
- Community members such as teachers, health workers, religious leaders, members

of School Management Committees (SMCs), community notables, any existing structures or any other volunteer may be nominated by the community.

- The Child Protection Officer of the district and an Assistant Director of Social Welfare Department at Taluka will not be a formal member, however, they should be taken onboard and informed in writing about the constitution of the committee for any supervisory support.

Once elected, the members will be fully oriented on CBCPC and their ToRs in collaboration of the civil society organization who will be forming the CPCs and the district Child Protection Officer. The members will be trained on child protection issues and management of the CB-CPC in their community, the safe identification of CP cases and their referral for services. The members will be linked with the Child Protection Units in their respective districts.

Any modifications to the established CBCPC will be made in consultation with all CBCPC members, ensuring alignment with the best interests of the child. The updated structure list will be submitted to the Child Protection Unit at district level. The CBCPC will conduct regular monthly meetings to stay informed of child protection concerns and to plan community awareness and engagement sessions accordingly.

Terms of Reference:

CBCPSs shall carry out activities as given below:

- **Training and Awareness on child protection**

- Attend training on child protection and cascade training to other members of their committee.
- Facilitate Sindh Child Protection Authority Social Welfare Department in conducting awareness sessions on child protection issues and complaint mechanisms such as Sindh Child Helpline 1121 in their areas.
- Promote awareness of the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA).

- **Case Identification and Reporting:**

- Safely identify child protection cases in their community and refer to Sindh Child Protection Authority through Child Helpline or at the District Child Protection Unit.
- Identify separated and unaccompanied children especially during emergencies and refer them to Child Protection Units (CPUs)
- Assist children and their families in reporting the cases to SCPA.
- Educate the community on child protection referral pathways and make safe referrals to the Child Protection Units (CPUs) and other services.
- Support the CPU in following up on processed cases and their closure.

- **Coordination and Support:**

- Coordinate with Child Protection Unit to organize activities within the communities for child protection.
- Assist children and families by liaising with service providers.
- Hold monthly meetings to discuss child protection situations and CPU referrals.
- Serve as a bridge between the community and concern organizations for

organizing meetings, sessions, and events.

- Promote child's participation in decision-making, modeling good communication practices between adults and children.

Financial Management of the Community Based Committees:

Members of the Community Based Child Protection Committees will serve the community on voluntary basis. However, Sindh Child Protection Authority, Social Welfare Department will not be responsible for any financial facilitation or/ and have power to make any change in this condition as and when they deemed fit.

UNICEF & any other donor agency will be responsible for the technical and financial facilitation of the committees notified by the concerned District Child Protection Unit, if the committee has been constituted upon their request. Any NGO/ Organization forming CBCPCs shall be responsible for the financial management of the committees with their own resources as and when required.

Monitoring and Evaluation of the Community Based Committees:

The Sindh Child Protection Authority, Social Welfare Department and the voluntary agency/ civil society organization whoever have constituted the community-based committees should also plan monitoring and evaluation of these committees to improve their work and further strengthening.

Role of Directorate of Social Welfare in Strengthening of Child Protection Committees

- Identify and nominate Auxiliary worker to work with Community Based Child Protection Committees.
- Assign Auxiliary worker to facilitate community awareness sessions on child protection in collaboration with members of Community Based Child Protection Committees.
- Arrange orientations and capacity building sessions in collaboration with the Social Welfare Training Institute and Sindh Child Protection Authority.

Role of Child Protection Unit, Sindh Child Protection Authority

- Receive cases from the CBCPCs and register for provision of required services.
- Monitor the Community-Based Child Protection Committees on regular basis and provide guidance for safe identification and referral of cases.
- Share information with the designated member of the CBCPC on case follow up as and when required.

Role of Social Welfare Training Institute:

- Conduct training sessions on CB-CPCs for the social welfare staff, civil society members and members of Community Based Child Protection Committees.
- Prioritize and include the relevant topics related to Child Protection and CB-CPCs in their annual training calendar.

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