



### Abstract

Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department – Formulation of Rehabilitation Policy for Children in Street Situations, 2022 - Orders - Issued.

Social Welfare and Women Empowerment [SW.5(1)] Department

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1. Order of the Supreme Court of India Suo Moto Writ Petition (C) No.6/2021 with Suo Moto Writ Petition (C) No.4/2020, dated 17.01.2022.
2. From the Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, F.No.32-362/2021/NCPCR/LC/SC/236237, dated 16.02.2022.
3. From the Director of Social Defence Letter No.2874/D1/2021, dated 23.03.2022.

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### ORDER:-

In the Supreme Court of India order first read above, among others the Supreme Court of India has directed as follows:-

"The State Governments, with the guidance of the NCPCR, shall formulate policy for the rehabilitation of CISS after they have been identified as such in the streets".

2. In the letter second read above, the Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has stated that in compliance to the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court given in order dated 17.01.2022, the Commission has drafted suggestions for formulating rehabilitation policy for children in street situations by the States/UTs. The Commission is of the view that this exercise of identification and rehabilitation of children in street situations is an ongoing process and should become a part of the regular task for the district administration. In the suggestive policy made by the Commission, roles and responsibilities of each officer/authority in identification and rehabilitation of such children has been enumerated along with providing for a monitoring and periodic review mechanism at the State Level. The Commission suggested for immediate actions to be taken by each officer/authority at the time of identification and rescue of children in street situations and sent the draft document with suggestions for kind perusal and necessary action. The Commission has requested that the suggestions made by the

Commission in the document are taken into consideration while drafting the State Policy for Rehabilitation of Street Children.

3. In the letter third read above, the Director of Social Defence has sent the draft "Rehabilitation Policy for Children in Street Situations".

4. After detailed and careful examination, the Government hereby issue the "Rehabilitation Policy for Children in Street Situations", 2022 as appended to this order.

(By order of the Governor)

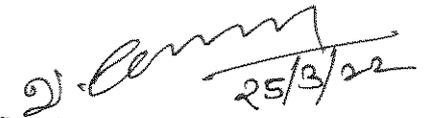
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## **REHABILITATION POLICY FOR CHILDREN IN STREET SITUATIONS**

### **Introduction:**

Government of Tamil Nadu have formulated Tamil Nadu State Policy for Children, 2021. In the policy document it has been stated that the Government of Tamil Nadu re-affirms that its children are States "Supremely important asset" as emphasized in the National Policy for Children in 1974 and 2013. Further it has been stated that the State Policy for Children intended to significantly to improve the over all well being of children and set benchmarks on all indicators on par with International standards. The Aim of the policy is to address the issues which challenges the safety and well being of the State Children with special focus on adolescents, adolescent health and their vulnerability.

The guiding principles of the Tamil Nadu State Policy for Children are based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, (UNCRC) 1989, National Policy for Children, 2013 and National Plan of Action, 2016 and UN's Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The policy also states that while recognizing that all children deserve a happy childhood and the opportunity to lead a dignified life, safe from violence, exploitation, neglect, deprivation and discrimination, the Government of Tamil Nadu resolves to build a safe and secure environment and child friendly spaces as foundation for the realization of the rights of all children in the State.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court has taken *suo-moto* cognizance in SMWP (C) No.6/2021 with regard to Children in Street Situations on 15.11.2021 and has passed the following directions in its orders dated 15.11.2021, 13.12.2021 and 17.01.2022-

- a. The District Magistrates/ District Collectors to take steps in accordance with SOP 2.0 that has been formulated by the NCPCR.
- b. The Secretary, Department of Women and Child Welfare of each State shall be the nodal officer to ensure that all the District Magistrates/ District Collectors take prompt action for implementation of SOP 2.0 formulated by the NCPCR.
- c. The process has to start with immediate action being taken by the

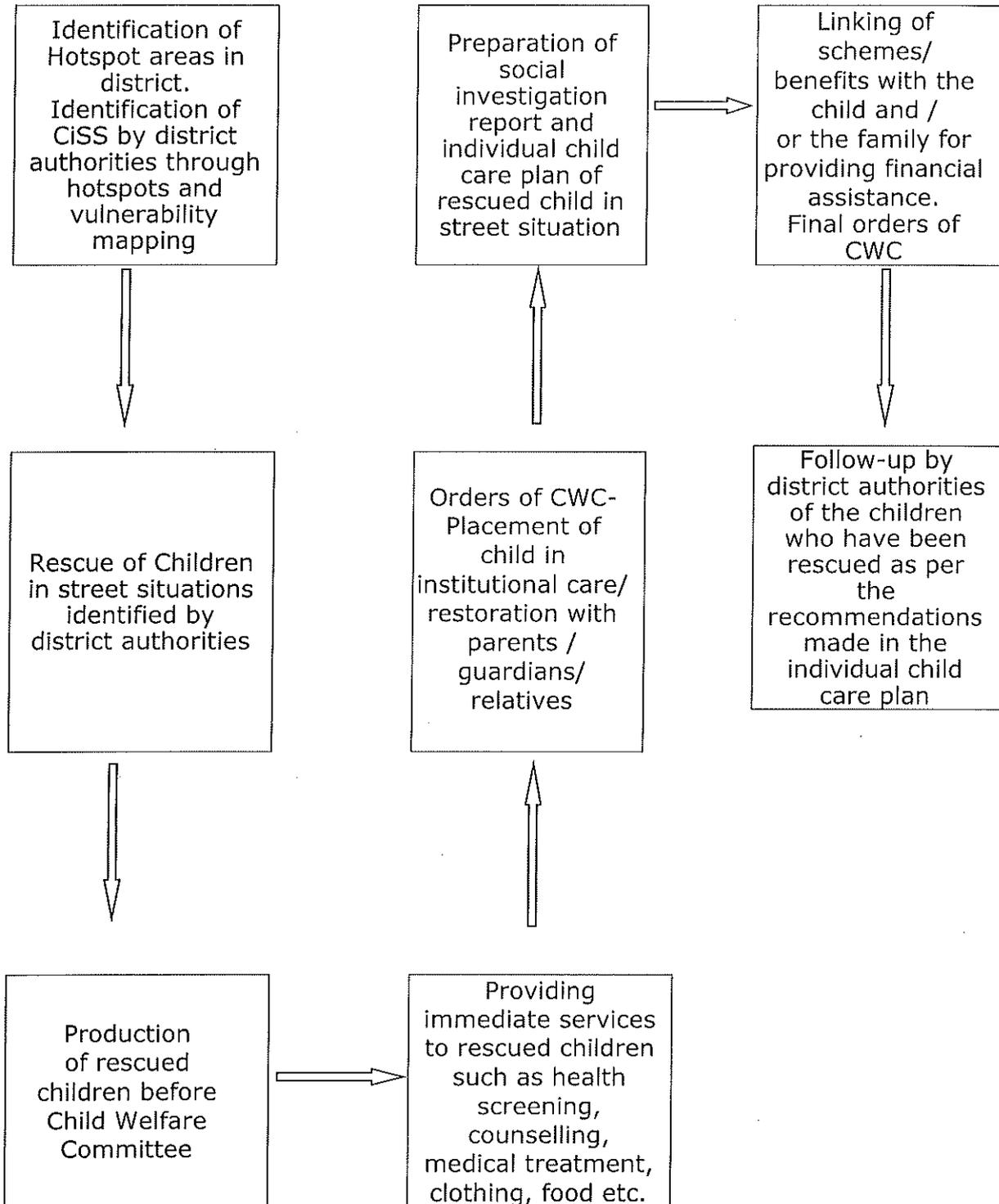
- authorities for identification of CiSS and thereafter, providing the required information to the NCPCR for the later stages as well.
- d. The State Governments/ Union Territories are directed to promptly attend meetings that are held by the NCPCR and offer their suggestions, apart from voicing their concerns, if any, in implementation of the SOP 2.0.
  - e. the State Governments/Union Territories to take immediate action for identifying children in street situations without any delay and upload the required information on the Bal Swaraj – CiSS portal of the NCPCR.
  - f. Identification of children and registration of these children at Stage-1 of the NCPCR's Baal Swaraj-CiSS Portal is crucial and that the concerned authorities in the State Governments/ Union Territories need not wait for any further instructions from the NCPCR or directions of the Hon'ble Court for proceeding with collecting relevant information on the social background of the children, identification of the benefits under the Individual Care Plan, enquiries to be conducted by the Child Welfare Committees under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and linking the schemes/benefits with the children, or their families or guardians.
  - g. The District Magistrates shall upload the relevant information, not restricted to Stage I, but also the information relating to the other stages.
  - h. The State Governments/Union Territories to instruct all the concerned authorities to take prompt action in the identification and rehabilitation of children in street situations.
  - i. In the next meeting to be conducted by the NCPCR, the issue relating to rehabilitation of CiSS should be discussed, without waiting for all the stages on the Bal Swaraj –CiSS portal to be completed.
  - j. Without prolonging the process any further, the State Governments, with the guidance of NCPCR, shall formulate policy for the rehabilitation of CiSS after they have been identified as such in the streets

In compliance of the aforementioned directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, a hybrid policy for rehabilitation of children in street situations is prepared by National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) for adaptation and implementation by States/UTs according to their prevailing situations with regard to resources, financial grants, infrastructure etc. The Government of Tamil Nadu **adopts** the Rehabilitation Policy for Children in Street Situations suggested by NCPCR with suitable State specific modifications.

### **OBJECTIVES OF THIS POLCY**

- 1) Effective implementation of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 2.0 **prepared by NCPCR** for care and protection of Children in Street Situations (CiSS).
- 2) To take steps for identification, **rescue** and suitable rehabilitation for children in street situations.
- 3) To **assign** roles and responsibilities of the nodal officer **and various stakeholders** at both State Level and District Level for rehabilitation of children in street situations.
- 4) To recommend measures for rehabilitation of children in street situations in accordance to their prevailing situation and provide for a plan for reporting and monitoring of children in street situations.
- 5) **To establish effective coordination of stakeholders in other States for further follow-up and rehabilitation of children in street situations.**

**Flow Chart for identification and rehabilitation of children in street situations**



## **CHILDREN IN STREET SITUATIONS**

1. ***Children without support living on the streets all alone:*** These are children without any parental anchor or family support system living on the streets, pavements or any public places on their own. For them, street is the home. Example are missing, runaway, abandoned and orphan children.
2. ***Children stay on the streets in the day and are back home in the night with their families who reside in a nearby slum/hutments:*** These are children who spend their time on street, loitering in the day time. However, they go home during the night to be with their parents who live in a nearby slum or hutment. These children may be found simply loitering, begging, picking rags or selling goods/items. This set of children lacks parental guidance, as their parents too are struggling for their own survival.
3. ***Children living on the streets with their families:*** These are children living with their families on the streets. They are from different parts of the country and have migrated to the city to earn their subsistence. They mostly work in the unorganized sector, like temporary labour in construction. These families include seasonal as well as permanent migrants. Children of these families also live on the street with them, mostly loitering, begging, picking rags or doing child labour with their parents, selling goods/items, etc.

**Some examples of children in need of care and protection (CNCP) who come under the above-mentioned three broad categories of CiSS are as follows:**

1. **Abandoned child living on the streets:** A child deserted by his biological or adoptive parents or guardians and now living on the streets.
2. **Abandoned child with disability living on the streets:** A large number of children are abandoned by parents due to physical, neurological or mental disability of the child. Many such children are often found in street situations who are mentally challenged or physically challenged/disabled which exacerbates their vulnerabilities

much more than other CiSS.

3. **Orphan child living on the streets:** A child without biological or adoptive parents or legal guardian, or whose legal guardian is not willing to take, or capable of taking, care of the child, now living on the streets.
4. **Child labour:** Children who are working in contravention of labour laws in the country. It is the system of employing or engaging a child to provide labour or service to any person, for any payment or benefit, paid to the child or to any other person exercising control over the said child. There are children also in street situations who are engaged as child labour.
5. **Working children:** Children who polish shoes for income; work in eateries, tea stalls, roadside stalls, repair shops, construction sites, markets, etc.; and vendors (selling flowers, newspapers, fruits and other items on the roads/at traffic signals). They depend on these types of work for their survival on a daily basis.
6. **Child beggars:** Child beggars are those children who are soliciting or receiving alms in a public place or entering into any private premises for the purpose of soliciting or receiving alms, under any pretense, or exposing or exhibiting with the object to obtaining or extorting alms, any sore, wound, injury, deformity or disease, whether of himself or of any other person or of an animal.
7. **Rag pickers:** Children who pick waste on the roadside or in the premises of railway station, bus terminus or any public places.
8. Children living and working on the platforms of railway stations.
9. Children living and working with families on streets/ pavements/ bus stands/ railway stations/under flyovers, etc.
10. Children living with families in slums/hutments and working on streets; living with families at construction sites.
11. Children of commercial sex workers/children living in red light areas

loitering on the streets.

12. Children loitering on the beach/living on the beach (with or without families) in tourist hotspots.

13. **Children in sibling care:** the CiSS themselves are CNCP, take care of their siblings who live on streets.

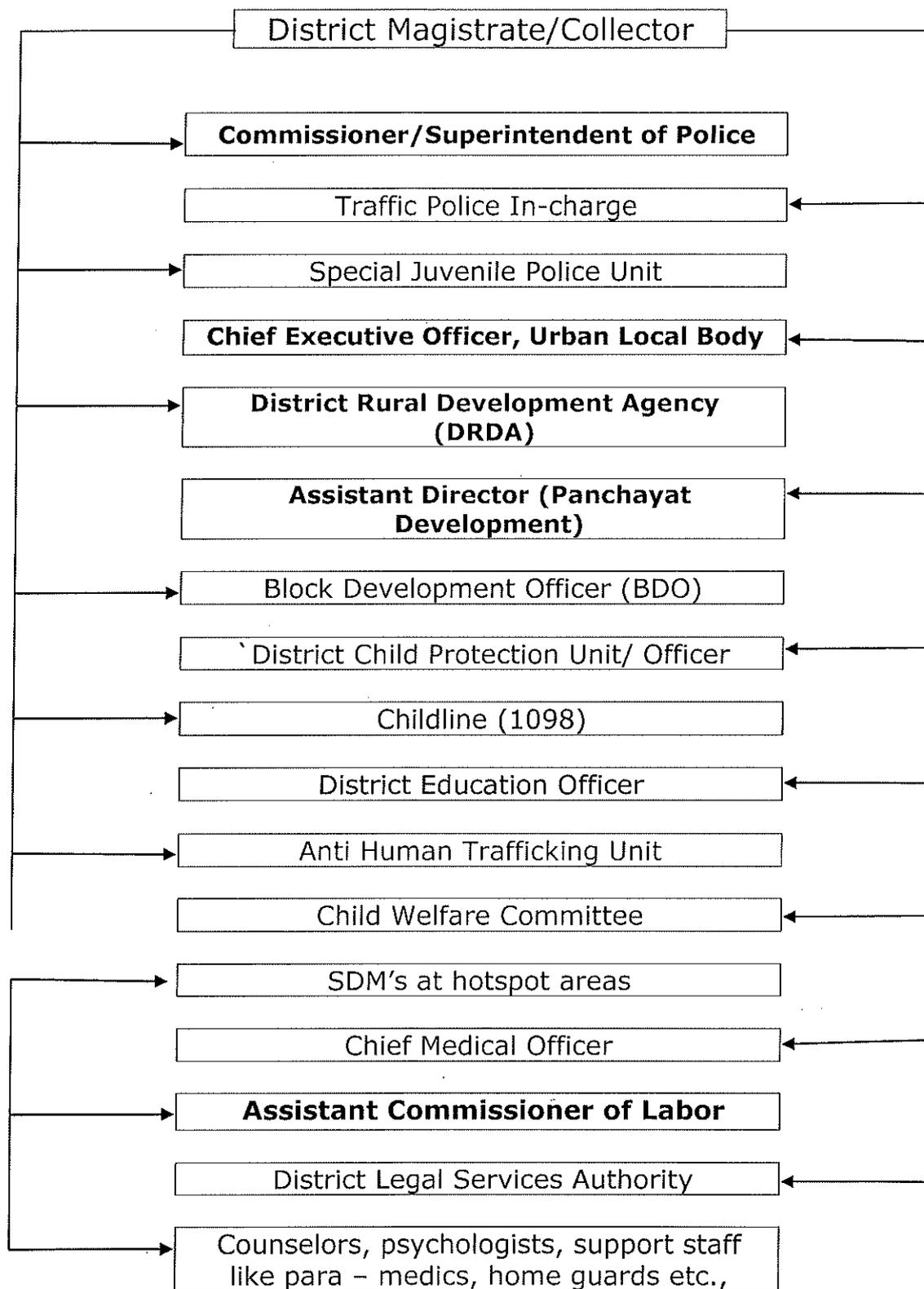
14. Children who are **substance abusers living on the streets.**

15. Children performing on the streets.

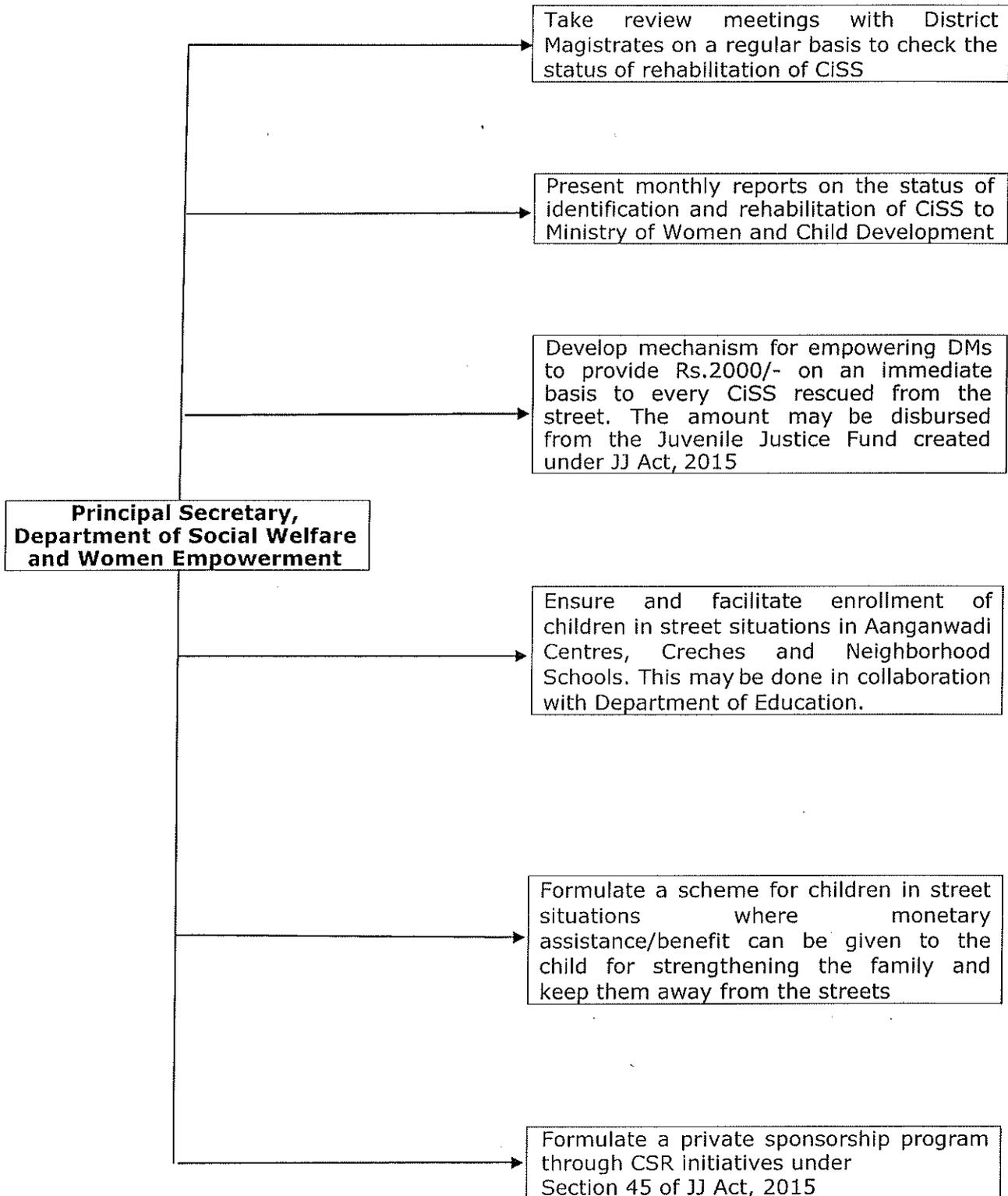
16. Children cleaning automobile wind screen, etc.

# STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY AUTHORITIES FOR REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN IN STREET SITUATIONS

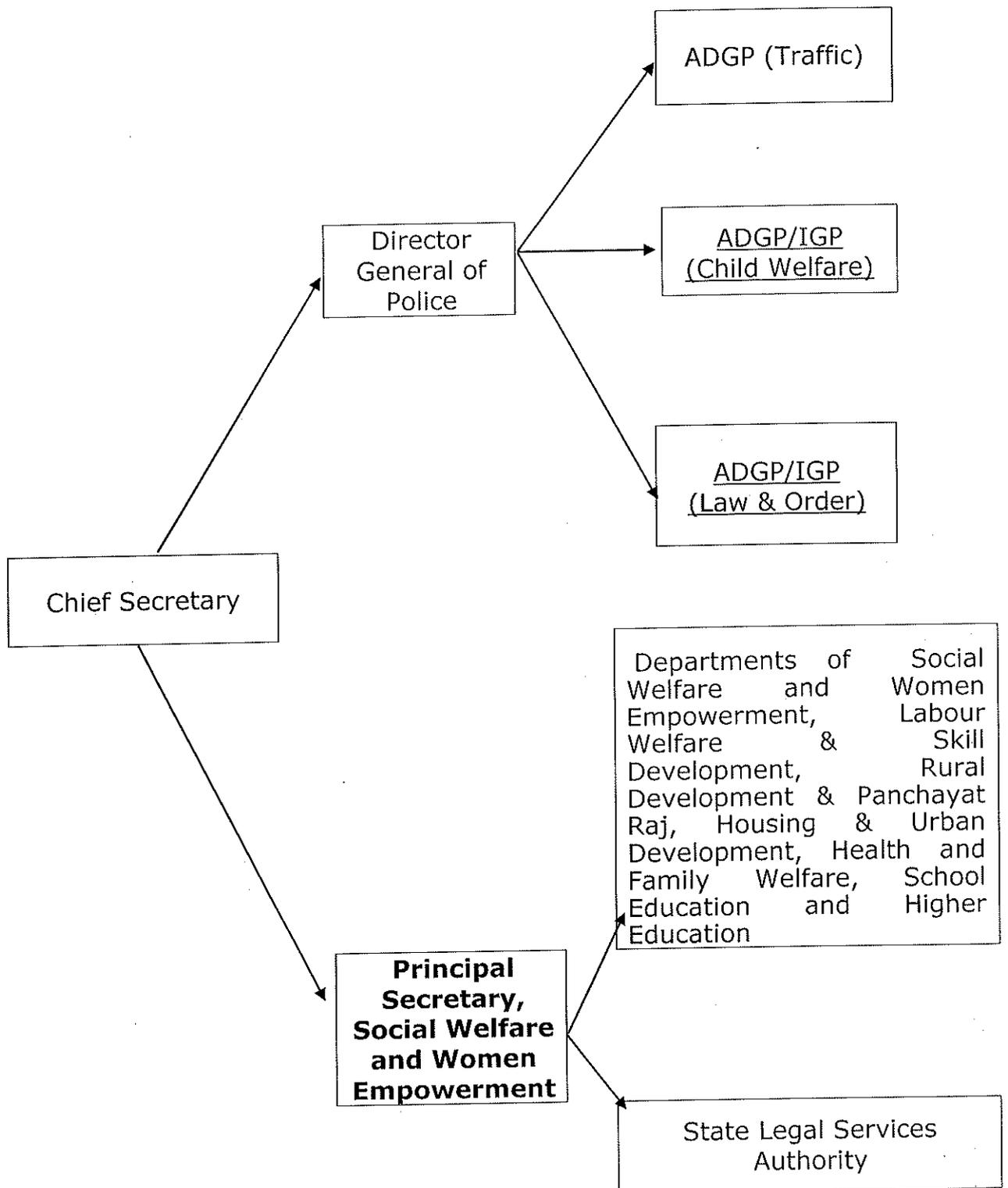
## 1. Identification, rescue and rehabilitation of children in street situations



## 2. Monitoring of status of children in street situations on a regular basis



### 3. Review of status of rehabilitation of Children in Street Situations



S. No.	Concerned authority	Steps to be taken
1.	<b>State Child Protection Society</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of private sponsorship programme of the State Government. To ensure that maximum benefit can be given to children in street situations through CSR initiatives of industries and companies under the sponsorship programme. The private sponsorship programme may also be implemented for individual to individual sponsors who are willing to provide financial assistance to the child.</li> <li>• Conduct training programmes of district level officers and State level officers for identification, rescue and rehabilitation of children in street situations. The training programme may include district magistrates, child welfare committee, district child protection officers, police personnel, labour officers etc.</li> <li>• Capacity building workshops for district officials to enable them to conduct rescue drives periodically.</li> </ul>
2.	<b>Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Additional Chief Secretary, Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department of the State shall be the nodal officer to ensure that all the District Magistrates/ District Collectors take prompt action for implementation of SOP 2.0 formulated by the NCPCR.</li> <li>• The Additional Chief Secretary, Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department may empower the District Magistrates to provide immediate relief of Rs.2000/- to the identified children in street situations at the time of rescue <b>from the Juvenile Justice Fund under the JJ Act, 2015</b>. This may be done through a procedure prescribed by the State Department.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor and supervise the activities and steps being undertaken at the district level for rescue and rehabilitation of CiSS.</li> <li>• Call for reports from the District Magistrates on a monthly basis of children identified, rescued and rehabilitated.</li> <li>• Formulate a procedure to be implemented by the district authorities for providing all monetary benefits and compensations due to the child and the family in a time bound manner.</li> <li>• Formulate a private sponsorship program through CSR initiatives and for individual to individual sponsorship under Section 45 of JJ Act, 2015.</li> <li>• Follow-up of children linked under private sponsorship program may be done through by ensuring that they are enrolled in schools and are regularly attending the school. This follow-up can be done by seeking data collected by District Education officers under Rule 2B (2) of Child Labour Rules.</li> </ul>
3.	<b>District Magistrates/ Collectors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of hotspots <b><i>[refer Annexure-D of SOP 2.0 of NCPCR]</i></b></li> <li>• Vulnerability mapping of children living in slums nearby to the hotspots <b><i>[vulnerability mapping indicators as Annexure-A]</i></b></li> <li>• Assessment of any/all such "Children and Vulnerable Families at Risk" of getting into CiSS in such villages and urban habitations.</li> <li>• Routine discussions of concerned stakeholders is required to be held at District, Block and Village Levels.</li> <li>• <b><i>The DMs shall review the process of identification and rescue of CiSS in Time Limit meetings on a regular basis and other such</i></b></li> </ul>

***important meetings held at the Commissioner's level.***

- A report on the review done by the DMs on a regular basis in the Time Limit meetings or any other meetings regarding children in street situations shall be submitted to the Additional Chief Secretary, Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department.
- Prepare duty chart of officials (Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP)/(SP), District Development Officer (DDO), Block Development Officer (BDO), Panchayat Officer, Rural Development Officer (RDO), CDPO, DCPO, DSWO, DEO/ DEEO/ Dist. ISE, CWC, JJB, SJPU, AHTU, CMO, PHED, RTO, District Employment Officer) regarding their individual roles and responsibilities for identification and rehabilitation of CiSS.
- The identification and rescue of CiSS is a time bound process which needs to be carried out on regular basis by the officials.
- The District Collector/ District Magistrate may issue directions for creating a pool of trained counsellors in the district and have formal engagement of such counsellors in the district who can provide necessary counselling and mental health care and support for CiSS and their vulnerable families.
- The DM shall effectively implement the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare's circular no.X.11029/6/2010-DDAP to devise ways and means to regulate and control the sale of correction fluid and thinner, which are substances

generally used in offices, but reportedly being widely misused by children/street children as intoxicating substance /drug inhaling them to get stimulating effects like drugs.

- In case there is no facility of an open shelter, as per provision provided under Section 51 of the JJ Act, 2015, the DM shall ensure that CWC recognizes a facility being run by a Government organization, or a voluntary or Non-Government Organization or a school building as a fit facility for the time being to run an open shelter for such children till the facility of a permanent open shelter starts. This open shelter shall function according to the provisions provided under Section 43 of the JJ Act, 2015. The NGOs/CBOs working in the region that have experience of working with children can provide food, education, skill building, recreation facility, playing and games to improve the quality of services to these children. The children living in the fit facility can be linked with mid day meal kitchen for making provisions of food requirement of children. **[Refer page 14 of SOP 2.0 of NCPCR]**

- To identify such individual or corporates /industries who are willing to provide financial assistance to the child and get them enrolled in a private sponsorship programme of the State under Section 45 of JJ Act, 2015.

➤ **POST IDENTIFICATION AND RESCUE**

- The District Magistrates shall facilitate services of medical officer of the district and para-medics for health screening of children who have been

		<p>rescued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The District Magistrates shall facilitate services of counsellors to the children being produced before CWC post rescue.</li> <li>• The children who are being kept in temporary shelters like open shelter/fit facilities shall be enrolled in neighbourhood schools and transportation facilities from the shelter to school shall be facilitated by the District Magistrates.</li> <li>• <b>The District Magistrate may pass orders for providing financial assistance of Rs.2000/- as interim relief to the CiSS at the time of rescue. This amount of Rs.2000/- may be disbursed to the child through the Juvenile Justice Fund.</b></li> <li>• The District Task Force shall ensure that children are attending school regularly as per <b>Rule 2B (2) of Child &amp; Adolescent Labour Rules, 2017.</b></li> <li>• Sponsorship</li> </ul>
4.	<b>Child Welfare Committees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Procedure as prescribed under Section 36 and 37 of the JJ Act, 2015 shall be followed by the committee after a child in street situation is produced before it.</b></li> <li>➤ <b>For children living on the streets alone</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee to conduct inquiry as per Section 36 of JJ Act, 2015. On being satisfied through the inquiry that the child before the Committee is a CNCP, may, direct for preparation of social investigation report (SIR).</li> <li>• The Committee may place the child in institutional care or exercise its discretion <b>for the restoration of the child to</b> guardian under Section 37(1 and 1[b]), Section 39(1) and Section 40(3), Section 37 (1.h) of the JJ</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Act, 2015.

Where it has been established that the child could not be restored with the family or could not also be declared free for adoption, the child may be provided long-term institutional care till the completion of 18 years and after that, financial support (as per Section 46 of JJ Act, 2015) may be provided till the age of 21 years in order to facilitate the child's re-integration into the mainstream of society

- In the order of CWC, suitable temporary shelter to be provided to the child.
- Open shelters and institutions which can be declared fit facilities to be identified by the DCPU.
- Where there are no open shelters or the open shelters in the district are not sufficient for reception of CiSS, the committee may declare any suitable institution as a fit facility as per Section 51 of the JJ Act, 2015. **[Refer page 14 of SOP 2.0 of NCPCR]**
- In absence of any identification card/document of child, on the order/request of CWC, child shall be taken to a nearby Aadhaar Seva Kendra for making Aadhaar Card of the child.
- **In Case the Child is Living with his Family in the Street Situation**
- For children living in the streets with their families, the rescue of such children shall also be done and such children should be produced before the Child Welfare Committee under Section 31 of the JJ Act, 2015.
- Pass necessary orders for restoration with the family and place the child and family in temporary shelters.

• The temporary shelters may include open shelters, fit facilities etc. for children and night shelters for parents.

• The child and the family members should also be given counselling.

**If it is a migrant family which has come to the city due to lack of means** for subsistence, adopting the livelihood option of doing odd jobs, begging or selling products on the streets, or even does some other work involving children, the DCPU may visit the family and prepare the SIR to present the family situation.

• All possible steps may be taken to rehabilitate the family to their native place.

• The CWC where the child has been produced, the said CWC may consider writing to the CWC of the concerned district the family belongs to, or to the District Magistrate, **to provide sponsorship for the child - if the child is eligible for sponsorship under Section 45 of the JJ Act** and ensure basic facility and appropriate benefits under various schemes of the Government (both Central and State Government) are provided to the family.

• If it has been established that the **family is unable to go back to their native home due to certain reasons**, or is unable to go back to their native home for the time being, the CWC shall recommend for the child is to be enrolled at the Anganwadi Centre or in a school, as well as provide open shelter facility available in the area.

• **If it is found that the child is on the street during the day time and goes back to the**

		<p><b>family in the evening that stays in a nearby slum/hutment area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The rescue of such children shall also be done and such children should be produced before the Child Welfare Committee under Section 31 of the JJ Act, 2015.</li> <li>• Pass necessary orders for restoration with the family and place the child in temporary shelters for the day time.</li> <li>• Open shelter shall function as a community-based facility for children, with the objective of protecting them from abuse or weaning them, or keeping them, away from a life on the streets.</li> <li>• The committee may recommend for linking the families and the child with Central Government or State Government implemented schemes to keep the families and the children away from streets.</li> </ul>
5.	<b>Police Department</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special Juvenile Police Units and Traffic Police in-charge of District in coordination with District Administration and DCPO / DSWO shall work to guarantee protection to children living in street situations.</li> <li>• The Beat constables and Traffic Police being better placed at all nooks and corners of the city, to be involved in the identification and rescue of the street children.</li> <li>• Police Department having the knowledge of a child at risk on the street, with or without parents should immediately inform the CWC.</li> <li>• Action be initiated against such family who is forcing the child into begging, as per provision provided under Section 76 of JJ Act, 2015, <b>“Employment of child of begging” and Section 75 of JJ (CPC) Act, 2015 “Cruelty to child”</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Information Report (FIR) be lodged against the employer for contravention of the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act, 1986 and provisions of Juvenile Justice Act, 2015.</li> <li>• Police to take action against any other abuse such as sexual, exploitation and trafficking.</li> <li>• AHTU to play an active role and share information with the DC/DCPU of the area.</li> <li>• Develop innovative mechanisms for reporting of children in street situations by Traffic Police.</li> </ul>
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**OTHER REHABILITATION MEASURES TO BE TAKEN FOR CHILDREN IN STREET SITUATIONS**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Immediate services to be provided to the child after rescue</b>	<b>Steps that can be taken</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Health Screening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For every child that is rescued and produced before the Child Welfare Committee, health screening of the child must be done.</li> <li>• The District Magistrates shall facilitate services of medical officer of the district and para-medics for conducting health assessment of children at facilities and/or where the children in street situations are being produced before the Child Welfare Committee.</li> <li>• Based on the medical report of the child prepared during the health screening, the CWC shall pass orders to DCPU for linking the child with de-addiction centers, health centres etc. Where there is</li> </ul>

		<p>requirement of giving emergency medical care, the child shall be provided the same.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Counselling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CWC may order for counselling of children and the families by counsellors linked with CWC and on the roster list of DCPUs.</li> <li>• The observations and recommendations made by the counsellor shall be recorded in the SIR of the child.</li> <li>• Wherever required, the children and/or the family shall be given and/or linked with mental health services.</li> <li>• The counsellors shall make all possible efforts to keep the families and the children away from the streets.</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Where the child is without any identification</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In case no biological traces are found or the child is unable to inform about his native place/parents/family, the CWC may pass orders for preparing an Aadhar Card for the child. [<b>Refer page no. 28 of SOP 2.0 of NCPCR</b>]</li> </ul>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Right to Education of CiSS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The RTE Act, 2009 under Section 3 provides that every child of the age of six to fourteen years, including a child belonging to disadvantaged group and weaker section, shall have the right to free and compulsory education in a neighbourhood school till the completion of his or her elementary education.</li> <li>• The children shall be enrolled in a proper neighbourhood school as per provisions of RTE Act, 2009.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No child shall be liable to pay any kind of fee or charges or expenses which may prevent him or her from pursuing and completing the elementary education.</li> </ul>
5.	<b>Education of children with disability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A child with disability including severe disability referred to under the RTE Act, 2009, shall have the same rights to pursue free and compulsory elementary education which children with disabilities have under the provisions of Chapter V of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995.</li> </ul>
6.	<b>Special Training Centers under Section 4 of the RTE Act, 2009</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where a child above six years of age has not been admitted in any school or though admitted, could not complete his or her elementary education, then, he or she shall be admitted in a class appropriate to his or her age.</li> <li>Where a child is directly admitted in a class appropriate to his or her age, then, he or she shall, in order to be at par with others, have a right to receive special training.</li> </ul>
7.	<b>Enrolment in Anganwadi Centres/Creches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children below six years of age may be enrolled with Anganwadi Centres/Crèches.</li> <li>The benefit of children being enrolled in schools/Anganwadi centres/Crèches is that the children shall be getting the benefit of mid-day meal scheme.</li> </ul>

<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Linking with schemes/benefits [Refer Baal Swaraj Portal-CiSS (Stage-5) for list of schemes provided for children and strengthening of families]</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CWC may during its inquiry, as it deems fit, provide for financial support to the child from such Government implemented funds/schemes. Wherever the children produced before it are beneficiaries of any implemented schemes, funds, scholarships, etc. the same must be facilitated and provided to the child through a written order as per Section 45 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015.</li> <li>• Local authorities may also facilitate the benefit/entitlement of any implemented schemes to the child or his/her family/guardian wherever applicable or recommended by the CWC. For these special cases involving children, the department must take up these cases on priority.</li> <li>• If there are any other State Government implemented schemes meant for children in street situations, then the same may be informed to NCPCR for updating the list of schemes at Stage-5 of the portal.</li> </ul>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Sponsorship</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sponsorship programme may provide supplementary support to families, to meet medical, nutritional, educational and other needs of the children, with a view to improving their quality of life.</li> <li>• In cases, where the CWC thinks that the child may be placed under a sponsorship programme or where a</li> </ul>

		<p>guardian/relative/single parent under whom the child is to be placed, requests for assistance under the sponsorship programme, the CWC may recommend to the SCPS for the same.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DCPU shall facilitate and ensure smooth implementation of the sponsorship programme.</li> <li>• <b>In case of individual sponsorship,</b> DCPU will open a bank account in the name of the child preferably to be operated by mother (<i><b>in cases where mother is not there, then the father/ relative/ guardian that the CWC may declare as a fit person for the child</b></i>) and the money shall be transferred directly from the account of DCPU to the child's bank account.</li> </ul>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Private Sponsorship under Section 45 of JJ Act, 2015</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The District Magistrate may identify such organizations/ companies/ industries who are willing to contribute for the rights of children through their CSR initiatives and to provide financial assistance to children.</li> <li>• The District Magistrate may facilitate these organizations to link them with the State sponsorship program.</li> </ul>

**OTHER STEPS THAT CAN BE TAKEN FOR REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN WHO ARE VICTIM OF OFFENCES**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Child Victims</b>	<b>Steps that can be taken</b>
1.	<b>Where child is found to be in contravention of labour laws/ or is found working</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The child shall be produced before the Child Welfare Committee under Section 31 of the JJ Act, 2015.</li> <li>• Local police shall file FIR on the perpetrators and employers of the child for violations of Child Labour Act, 1986, Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 and Indian Penal Code, 1860 on the statement of the child given before the Child Welfare Committee.</li> <li>• In case the child in street situation is found to be <b>picking waste, working in a roadside tea stall/fruit cart, selling newspapers, balloons, pens, pencils</b>, etc., then such acts of the child are also to be deemed as acts of child labour. <b>[Refer page no.24-25 of SOP 2.0 of NCPCR]</b></li> <li>• If the <b>person receiving the scraps/whatever collection from the child or who has engaged children and is giving narcotic substance</b> instead of money or along with the money, action maybe initiated under Section 77 of the JJ Act, 2015. In any case if a person is <b>purchasing scraps/ whatever collection from a child</b>, action must be initiated under the relevant</li> </ul>

		<p>Sections of the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986; Section 79 of the JJ Act, 2015 and any other laws applicable for this matter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following financial amounts/ compensations should be provided to the child labour victim- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interim compensation as decided by the Child Welfare Committee for providing emergency protection and health care services to the child.</li> <li>• Compensation in accordance with Clause 5 of the Central Sector Scheme for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers, 2016.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• An amount of Rs.25000/- to be compensated to child as per given provisions, with a contribution of Rs.5000/- from the District Child Rehabilitation Fund and Rs.20000/- from the employer. Back Wages from the employer to the child, if any.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Where the child is a substance abuser or is victim of drug peddling [Refer page no.25 of SOP 2.0 of NCPCR]</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CWC shall immediately send the child to a fit facility identified for care, detoxification, treatment and rehabilitation of such children.</li> <li>• Girl substance abusers should be sent to "fit facility" exclusively for girls.</li> <li>• CWC should direct the DCPU and district administration to create such facility for drugs de- addiction in an appropriate</li> </ul>

		<p>institution or in an appropriate manner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In case there is unavailability of such institution the child may be sent to any other appropriate facility of the Government.</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Where the child is found to be begging on the streets [Refer pg no.26-27 of SOP 2.0 of NCPCR]</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where the child is found to fall under any of the above- mentioned categories by the CWC, the CWC shall pass necessary orders under JJ Act, 2015 for placing the child in institutional care.</li> <li>• The people making the child to beg in the streets including parents shall be identified at the time of rescue of these children and FIR under the provisions of IPC, JJ Act, 2015 and Child Labour Act, 1986 shall be immediately filed by the Police for further investigation.</li> </ul>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Where the child is a sexual abuse victim</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where child who is rescued is also a victim of sexual abuse or has been exploited sexually, the procedure for such a child shall be followed in accordance with the POCSO Act, 2012.</li> <li>• An immediate FIR must be registered by the Police on the statement of the child as per provisions of POCSO Act, 2012.</li> </ul>

<b>5. Where the child is a trafficked child</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In case it is found that or the CWC doubts that the guardians or family actually are not biological parents or guardians, the CWC shall request for further police investigation to inquire into the people having charge of the child, with a copy to Anti Human Trafficking Unit(AHTU).</li><li>• In addition, if the child mentions that he/she is controlled by any other person or group of persons, the police is to carry out further investigation into the matter and suitable action under JJ Act, 2015 shall be initiated immediately.</li><li>• Till the true identity of the persons having charge of the child is found out, the CWC may place the child in institutional care and after inquiry of the police is completed, only then should the child be restored to the parents/guardians with the orders of the CWC.</li><li>• If the inquiry discloses that the people having charge of the child are traffickers, then appropriate legal action must be taken under IPC, JJ Act, ITPA against the perpetrators.</li></ul>
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<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Where the child was identified but is not found at the same place</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the DCPU shall inform about the same to the concerned CWC and District Magistrate.</li> <li>• The District Magistrate shall then direct the Special Juvenile Police Units to initiate an inquiry into the search and whereabouts of the child</li> <li>• SJPU shall make all efforts to locate the whereabouts of the child.</li> <li>• At the time of identification of children in street situations whether those children are alone or with families, it should be ensured that the families are not migrant families and that children are not going to relocate from that place.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>If the Child is Differently Abled (Divyang)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the order of CWC, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of the district to issue the certificate appropriate to the case. On the basis of certificate, differently abled (Divyang) child to be enrolled for pension scheme benefit.</li> <li>• On the order of CWC, required medical supportive devices to be provided to the child.</li> <li>• CWC, on the nature of disability of the child, would order for the placement in an appropriate institutional care.</li> <li>• DCPU will place the child in the institution.</li> <li>• Effort would also be made for their restoration and reintegration to the mainstream society through appropriate means and interventions.</li> </ul>

## ROLE OF STAKEHOLDERS

The role of various stakeholders is illustrated in the table below:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Intervention/Measures</b>	<b>Concerned Department/Stakeholders</b>
1.	Rescue of the Child	District Administration, Police, DCPU (Directorate of Social Defence), CWCs, TNCPCR.
2.	Enrollment of the Child to Schools	DCPU (Directorate of Social Defence), District Education Officers (Department of School Education)
3.	Enrollment in the Anganwadi Centres/ Creche	DCPU (Directorate of Social Defence), District Project Officer (Integrated Child Development Services).
4.	Health Services/Medical Aid	Department of Health and Family Welfare
5.	Mental Health Services	Department of Health and Family Welfare
6.	Shelters	Directorate of Social Defence
7.	Child Labour Prohibition	Directorate of Social Defence, Labour Department, Police, TNCPCRs
8.	Protection against abuse, exploitation, trafficking	Special Juvenile Police Unit, Child Welfare Police Officer, District Child Protection Unit (Directorate of Social Defence)
9.	Overall supervision of the care and protection mechanism for street children.	District Administration, Directorate of Social Defence

## **Annexure-A**

### **BASIC INDICATORS TO IDENTIFY "CHILDREN AT RISK" AND "VULNERABLE FAMILIES"**

1. Out of School
2. Out of Anganwadi
3. Family Condition:
  - a. Abandoned child
  - b. Divorcee/Widow Women
  - e. Differently abled children
  - f. Disability in Family
  - g. Poor health conditions making the children vulnerable
  - h. Old age Parents
  - i. Families unable to obtain Gainful Employment
  - j. Relatives or family Members already Migrated and in street situations in Cities/Urban Areas
  - k. Families where children are survivors of trafficking
  - m. Families having Debts, loans, other such monetary liabilities etc.
  - n. Affected by natural calamities
  - p. Casualty in Family or death of earning member due to any reasons
  - q. Accident in Family
  - r. Marital Discords
4. Abuse in the Family: Misbehavior/ Discrimination/Children Unhappy due to various Reasons
5. Families where alcoholism and/or addiction to other substances is prevalent
6. Family members accused of any violation of child rights ie. POCSO, JJ Act, Child Labour etc.
7. Rag picker families
8. Children who are victim of Substance Use or Risk of Substance Use
9. Victim of Child Labour Activity in Village/nearby areas or possibility of getting indulged into child labour

10. History of Absconding/Running Away from Home.
11. Economic deprivation condition of family which makes child vulnerable to trafficking

**Note:**

- *The indicators listed above are broad and suggestive. The list is required to be customized and prepared at District/Block/Village Level based on individual families habiting in the community. Hence, to enable this Community participation is a must to create a comprehensive list.*
- *Matching of the profiles of children at risk and vulnerable families should be done by the Panchayat for ensuring the benefits of Government Schemes.*

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