

**MISSION FOR ELIMINATION OF POVERTY IN MUNICIPAL AREAS
MA & UD DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA**

O/o Mission Director
MEPMA, A.C. guards
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Sub : MEPMA-TISS –UNICEF partnership - State level training programme on 5th and 6th October 2023 on Prevention of Child Marriages and Adolescent Empowerment (SBC)–TSIR D Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-to Depute DMCs - Reg

Ref : Lr Dated 23.09.2023 from Dr.Gyanmudra, Professor & Project Leader, School of Gender Studies, TISS Hyderabad
Note approval of Mission Director, MEPMA on Dated 30.09.2023

In the ref.cited, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) has informed that it is proposed to conduct the two days residential training programme on Prevention of Child Marriages and Adolescent empowerment (Social Behavioral Change) and requested to depute SMC and District Mission Coordinator (DMCs) of MEPMA of 13 Districts of Mahabubabad, Medak, Khammam, Kamareddy, Nalgonda, Nagarkurnool Rangareddy, Jagtial, Jogulamba Gadwal, Sangareddy, Vikarabad, Suryapet and Wanaparthy at TSIRD Rajendranagar, Hyderabad from 5th to 6th October 2023.

2. Boarding and Lodging facilities will be provided at TSIRD and travel expenses will be reimbursed to the participants with the submission of original bills .


3. Therefore all the Project Directors of MEPMA of above said Districts are instructed to depute the District Mission Coordinators (DMCs) , MEPMA as per the list enclosed for the said training programme without fail.

(This has the approval of Mission Director, MEPMA)

Encl: List of participants

Yours Faithfully


Additional Mission Director


3/10/23

To

The Project Directors, MEPMA, Mahabubabad, Medak, Khammam, Kamareddy, Nalgonda, Nagarkurnool Rangareddy, Jagtial, Jogulamba Gadwal, Sangareddy, Vikarabad, Suryapet and wanaparthy Districts .

Copy to the Additional Collectors of LBs of 13 Districts of Mahabubabad, Medak, Khammam, Kamareddy, Nalgonda, Nagarkurnool, Rangareddy, Jagtial, Jogulamba Gadwal, Sangareddy, Vikarabad Suryapet and wanaparthy) for information & necessary action

**List of Participants for Two days residential training
Programme**

At TSIRD ,Rajendranagar ,Hyderabad

Date : From 5th October to 6th October 2023

S.No.	Name of the District	Name of the District Mission Coordinators (DMCs)
1	2	3
1	Jogulamba Gadwal	G.Venkateshwarlu (I/c DMC)
2	Jagtial	Sunitha
3	Kamareddy	G.Sridhar Reddy
4	Khammam	S.Sujatha
5	Mahabubabad	B.Vijaya
6	Medak	M.Indira Mary
7	Nagarkurnool	Swetha-(I/c DMC)
8	Nalgonda	K.Shivaji
9	Rangareddy	Umesh (ADMC)
10	Sangareddy	M.Malleshwari
11	Vikarabad	V.Ravi Kumar
12	Wanaparthy	M.Bal Raju-(I/c DMC)
13	Suryapet	Ramesh Naik

Programming on Adolescents Issues in Telangana
A Workshop with District Level Stakeholders
Dates: 5th & 6th October 2023

Organized by: Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad, and UNICEF, Hyderabad
in collaboration with Departments of WCD, Rural Development / SERP, MEPMA, NYKS and NSS
Venue: TSIRD, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad

Background

The issues of child marriage and prevalence of anemia have their interdependence on women's literacy levels, educational status, access to information, economic status, decision making power, gender-based dynamics, nutrition related practices and influence of social norms. The below data from NFHS-5 indicates the general status of women and its direct or indirect correlation with child marriage and anemia related statistics.

Status of Women & Adolescents: Female literacy (15-49 years) in Telangana as per NFHS-5 is 78.6% for urban and 56.6% for rural women. Currently married women who usually participate in their household decisions was 88.9% in urban areas and 86.2% in rural areas which perhaps indicates the positive impact of agency of women through SHG movement in the state. 28.2% women in urban areas and 55.5% in rural areas reported that they worked in the last 12 months and were paid in cash. Women having a mobile phone that they themselves use was 75.2% for urban and 50.6% for rural women. 43.9% of urban women and 15.8% of rural women reported to have ever used internet. Ever-married women in the age group of 18-49 years who have ever experienced spousal violence stands at 27.3% for urban and 42.3% for rural women. Men of age 15 years and above who consume alcohol was reported to be 33.9% for urban areas and 49.0% for rural.

About one fifth or 20% of the population in Telangana is in the age group of 11 to 19 years. This group requires a special focus in the areas of education, protection – early marriage, violence & abuse, health – sexual & reproductive health in particular, nutrition, WASH - particularly menstrual hygiene, skilling & employability, mental & emotional health, gender-based discrimination etc.

Child Marriage: The overall percentage of child marriage in Telangana as per NFHS-5 is 23.5% which is directly linked to discontinuation of secondary / higher education. In urban areas, 16.7% women were married before 18 years of age whereas in rural areas, it was 27.4%. For boys, marriage before 21 years stood at 9.1% in urban areas and 21.1% in rural areas. As per DISE 2021 data, 12.9% of girls and 14.5% of boys in Telangana drop out of secondary school. NFHS-5 also reveals that the dropout from school is more in the age group of 14 to 17 years and in certain districts of Telangana 30-40% girls are being pulled into early marriage, which is higher than the state average. Early marriage puts the girls at the risk of teenage pregnancies, marital violence, health issues, anemia, maternal morbidity & mortality, mental health challenges etc and leaves them with low self-esteem and in economically deprived condition.

Anemia: NFHS-5 for Telangana reported high prevalence of anemia among adolescent girls (15 – 19 years) with 63.6% in urban areas and 65.2% in rural. 64.7% children of under 5 years age in urban areas and 72.8% in rural areas were found to be anemic. Total children aged 6-23 months receiving an adequate diet was only 8.4% in urban and 9.7% in rural areas. Prevalence of anemia among pregnant women (15-49 years) was at 50.4% in urban areas and 54.4% in rural areas. IFA consumption by pregnant women for 100 days was 63.2% among urban women and 54.6% for rural. 180 days of IFA consumption among pregnant women was significantly lower at 37.0% for urban and 32.7% for rural areas.

The agency of parents and young people/youth can play a critical role in influencing the social norms and behaviours that are drivers of child marriage and anemia. In this context, UNICEF and TISS partnered to engage with Self-Help Groups (SHGs) under the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP) and the Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas (MEPMA) as well as youth groups of NYKS and NSS programmes.

Workshop Objectives

1. Unpack the issues of child marriage and anemia (district level data, social norms, drivers etc)
2. Understand the desired change (for ending child marriage and preventing anemia) at different levels – adolescents, parents, community
3. Identify opportunities and enablers to ending child marriage and preventing anemia
4. Learn about the campaign package and other tools for ending child marriage and anemia preventing and their use
5. Agree on an action plan for ending child marriage and preventing anemia through the agency of adolescents / young people and their parents

Participants

1. District level officials from 12 high burden districts
 - Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP), Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj
 - Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas (MEPMA)
 - Nehru Yuva Kendra Sanghatan (NYKS)
 - National Service Scheme (NSS)
2. School of Gender Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad
3. Child Protection, Nutrition and SBC teams of UNICEF Office for Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana

Workshop Agenda

Sr	Topic	Method	Time	Facilitators
Day 1: Thursday 5 October 2023				
01	Registration, expectations and settling down	Registration sheet	0930 – 1000	TISS team
02	Welcome, workshop objectives and introductions of the participants	Remarks	1000 – 1015	Prof Gyanmudra, Head, School of Gender Studies, TISS
03	Inaugural remarks by: Director WCD, CEO SERP, Mission Director MEPMA, Director NYKS, State NSS Officer	Remarks	1015 – 1040	Respective heads of institutions
Theme 1: Ending Child Marriage				
04	Child marriage and personal reflections of participants (causes & consequences)	VIPP cards and discussion	1040 – 1115	Subbareddy, SBC Officer, UNICEF and TISS team
	Tea break		1115 – 1130	
05	Presentation on situation analysis, causes/drivers, consequences of child marriage and advantages of reversing it	PPT and discussion	1130 – 1215	Dr Murali Krishna, Child Protection Officer, UNICEF
06	What needs to change at different levels – adolescents, parents, community for ending child marriage?	PPT and discussion	1215 – 1230	Seema, SBC Specialist, UNICEF

07	What are the opportunities and enablers to ending child marriage within SERP, MEPMA, NSS, NYKS?	Group discussion and VIPP card presentation	1230 – 1315	TISS team
	Lunch break		1315– 1415	
08	Discussion on campaign package and other tools for ending child marriage and their use	PPT and discussion	1415 – 1445	Subbareddy, SBC Officer, UNICEF
09	Development of state/district action plan for ending child marriage through the agency of NSS/NYKS and SHGs	SBCC plan template on chart paper	1445 – 1615	Subbareddy, SBC Officer, UNICEF and TISS team
	Tea break		1615 – 1630	
10	Presentation by groups	Chart paper	1630 – 1715	Subbareddy, SBC Officer, UNICEF and TISS team
11	Synthesis & way forward on ECM agenda	Presentation	1715 – 1730	UNICEF team
Day 2: Friday 6 October 2023				
01	Recap of day 1	Any method	0930 – 1000	Two participants
Theme 2: Preventing Anemia				
02	Anemia and personal reflections of participants (causes & consequences)	VIPP cards and discussion	1000 – 1045	Subbareddy, SBC Officer, UNICEF and TISS team
03	Session on situation analysis, causes/drivers, consequences of anemia and advantages of reversing it	PPT and discussion	1045 – 1115	Resha Nikunj Desai, Nutrition Officer, UNICEF
	Tea break		1115 – 1130	
04	What needs to change at different levels – adolescents, parents, community for preventing anemia?	PPT and discussion	1130 – 1145	Seema, SBC Specialist, UNICEF
05	What are the opportunities and enablers to preventing anemia within SERP, MEPMA, NSS, NYKS?	Group discussion and VIPP card presentation	1145 – 1230	TISS team
07	State level programmes in prevention of adolescent anemia- Role of SHGs, NSS/NYKS volunteers in creating anemia mukth Telangana	Presentation	1230 – 1300	Dr. Karthik Vishnuwardhan State Programme Officer Child Health and Immunisation Department of Health & Family Welfare, Telangana
	Lunch break		1300 – 1400	
08	Discussion on campaign package and other tools for prevention of anemia Development of State/ district action plan for preventing anemia through the agency of agency of NSS/NYKS and SHGs	SBCC plan template on chart paper	1400 - 1500	Subbareddy, SBC Officer, UNICEF and TISS team
09	Presentation by groups	Chart paper	1500 – 1600	Subbareddy, SBC Officer, UNICEF and TISS team
10	Synthesis and way forward on anemia prevention agenda	Presentation	1600 – 1615	UNICEF team
11	Feedback from participants	VIPP cards and remarks	1615 – 1630	Subbareddy, SBC Officer, UNICEF and TISS team
12	Closing remarks	Remarks	1630 – 1645	Prof Gyanmudra, Head, School of Gender Studies, TISS
	Tea and departures		1700 onwards	