

**Government of Orissa**  
**Women and Child Development Department**

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From

**Ms. Arti Ahuja, IAS**  
**Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government**

To

**All Collectors**

**Sub: Formation of Block, Panchayat/Village Level Child Protection Committee under Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)**

**Madam/Sir,**

The implementation of Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) has entered into second year. We have been successful to form state and district level structures as advised under ICPS. So, after, formation of State Child Protection Society and District Child Protection Societies, there are some Committees to be formed in grass-root level. There is a need to form other structures under ICPS program in the district. As District Collector and Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson of District Child Protection Society, you are to take the special initiative to establish Block and Village level Child protection Committee through a campaign mode in a fixed time line.

The results as envisaged under ICPS can only be achieved if we have a strong child protection mechanism at place that is closer to children/families those are in need of care and protection.

Therefore, I urge upon you to initiate the following steps at your end to form **Block and Village Level Child Protection Committees** in your district **within a month.**

1. Awareness on ICPS and the importance of different level committees at district level. You may make use of local print and electronic media for the same purpose.
2. A letter to all BDOs and Sarpanch of your district should be issued highlighting the importance of these committees with expected roles and responsibilities of committee members as suggested under ICPS.
3. While forming block level committees you need to pay special attention to ensure that representatives from Civil Society Organizations, elected representatives, media, academicians and individuals working in the field of child rights get a place in the committee. Also, you need to

4. Similarly, we suggest you to organize special drive to form Village/Panchayat level Child protection committee through Palli Sabha at village level and Grama Sabha at Panchayat level in your district.

Please find below a set of guidelines as suggested under ICPS for formation of Block and Village level committees for your reference. You should use this as reference point and adapt into your district context. Please ensure that the core objectives of the ICPS program and local context is discussed as central theme are met.

**A. Block Level Child Protection Committee:**

Every block (ward in a city) shall have a Child Protection Committee under the Chairpersonship of the block/ward level elected representative (Head of the Block Committee) with the Block Development Officers (BDO) as the member secretary to recommend and monitor the implementation of child protection services at block level.

The committee could include a member of the DCPS, one ICDS functionary, representatives of education and health departments, Chairpersons of the Village Level Child Protection Committees as well as respected community members and civil society representatives.

**B. Panchayat/Village Level Child Protection Committee:**

Every village shall have a Child Protection Committee under the Chairpersonship of the village level elected representative (Head of the Gram Panchayat) to recommend and monitor the implementation of child protection services at the village level.

The committee shall include two child representatives, a member of the DCPS, anganwadi workers, school teachers, auxiliary nurse midwives, as well as respected village members and civil society representatives.

An early response on action taken at your end will be highly appreciated.

Yours Faithfully,

  
Commissioner-cum-Secretary

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Copy forwarded to all DSWOs, for information and necessary action.

  
Under Secretary to Government