

Good Practice Document
Child friendly Space



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A programme by People's cultural centre [PECUC] ,Odisha as a response to super cyclone ,floods & Phailin in Odisha

PECUC started Sradha Abhijan – a campaign for love & affection ,care & protection and education after super cyclone 1999 .Sradha Bhavan –a child friendly safe space were set up as part of this programme. During course of time it emerged as a major intervention for children adopting various methodologies and strategies .The most recent example was after phailin .

Objectives of Child Friendly Space :

To offer children opportunities to develop, learn, play, and build/strengthen resiliency after an emergency or crisis, or during a Lingering emergency.

PRINCIPLES:

- Ensure CFSs highly inclusive and non-discriminatory
- Use CFSs as a means of mobilizing the community.
- Ensure that CFSs are safe and secure.
- Ensure CFS are participatory, stimulating and supportive environments
- coordination with different stakeholders and multi-sectoral approach

Process for implementation of child friendly space :

- This is a set up under a tent in a safe open space / any school.
- Space identification for CFS .
- MoU with land owner /school authority / in case of public place permission from panchayat for Use of Land/Space for the CFS.
- Orientation of volunteers .
- Joyful engagement of children by trained volunteers.
- Formal and Informal Education that is more holistic and less academic - Literacy and numeracy.
- Life skill education.
- Attendance Sheets for children ,Timing of centre .
- Reporting Formats (for continuous monitoring and end evaluation, etc) .
- Provision of Play Kits, First Aid Kits, Safe drinking water, learning materials .
Health check up .
- Nutrition food , immunization etc linkages with Angan wadi ,School etc.
- Health education in new environments.

- Parent counseling ,
- Trauma counseling of children.
- Following Child Protection standards.
- Following Child protection policy of the organization.
- Phase out or transition in a contextually appropriate manner .
- Producing orphan & other vulnerable children in need of care & protection before Child welfare committee for their rehabilitation.
- Mainstreaming children in formal schooling
- It is a transition time and place to prepare the children before they re-engage into their formal education system.



Reach to every children by giving them space during disaster

Child friendly space in shelters

Child friendly flood & Cyclone shelter :

Objectives :

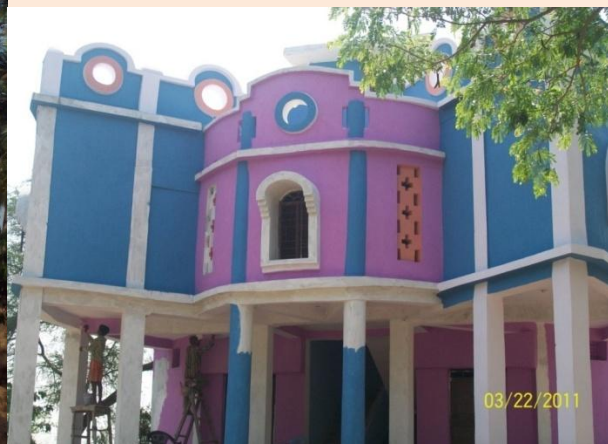
- To create and promote a model of good practice for child safe flood & Cyclone resistant shelters in vulnerable and high risk communities.

PROCESS :

- Identification of land in coordination with Community ,local authorities, panchayat .
- Soil testing
- Legal procedure for land acquisition
- Formation of committee for Monitoring the construction with participation of child representatives
- .Sharing plan ,design ,estimate etc with committee & community .
- Identifying possibilities resource linkages & leverages – convergence with govt schemes & programmes i.e. MGNREGS .RWSS ,SSA etc
- Children were involved from the beginning phase through DRR plans , they gave inputs for child safe flood shelters features , Preparedness education.
- Construction
- Handing over to community / Local Authority.

Provision of Child friendly features in flood & Cyclone shelter :

- Separate wash basin[low height] for children
- Separate room for children with child friendly design , blackboard & Playing materials.
- Separate Toilet for children
- Painting on the wall with different colours
- Building shape -designed with child friendly manner.- Kendrapada- Pencil look,Balasore- One Pencil and one Butterfly design
- Safe drinking water storage facility
- Ramp facility



Safe Child Friendly place will reduce risk and vulnerability

Convergence & leverages: [for setting up shelters] -

unique example of convergence amongst Community, Local NGO, INGO, Corporate, Panchayat, Government

- Building construction funded by Save the Children & ICICI Foundation
- Linkages with Government –
For land -District Administration , Education Authority , Panchayat
Earth filling – MGNREGA
Drinking water [tube well installation] – RWSS
- Community Mobilization , construction , preparedness education, monitoring ,ensuring linkages & leverages by PECUC .
- Monitoring of the building construction by the community with children participation
- Follow up maintenance by Local gram panchayat [one shelter] , School/Education authority [2 shelters]

Safe school for children - School Safety Plan as a tool – prepared by & with active participation of the children of the school.

Objectives :

- Promote disaster safety in schools through education, awareness planning & demonstration/mock drills.

Content of School safety Plan :

- Assist schools in preparing for future disasters.
- Prepare teaching material on school safety.
- Build capacity of teaching instructors, school staff on school safety.
- Assessment and Planning by children & adult
- Assessing Structural Safety , Non-Structural Safety
- Assessing Capacities and Resources for Mitigation, Response and Recovery
- Sensitization Meeting for Awareness to School Management
- Conduct School Safety Audit
- Formation and Training to the School-based Disaster Risk Reduction
- Awareness Activities and Dissemination of the Plan to Everybody in the School
- Conduct Regular Safety Demonstrations and Report to Committee
- Implementation of Risk Reduction Measures
- Evaluation of the Plan to Improve Effectiveness

Emergency education is a building stone for the future



Emergency education is life saving Emergency education is a right and key to children's long term survival and life opportunities



School safety plan of Kalapada school ,Kendrapada facilitate by PECUC in Cooperation with save the children awarded by NDMA ,Ministry of Home affairs as one of the best school safety plan in India during 2012

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PECUC directly works with the community, advocates for pro-poor policy .

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