

List of New Institutions to be included in the List of Ministries

**1) Proposed new Ministries according to the scope of the Ministries nominated for the National Monitoring Committee mentioned in Section 40 of the Charter on the Rights of the Child and the following institutions already nominated within the list of names of the essential institutions dealing with child affairs.**

- a) Secretary to the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs –Chairman
- b) 6 experts in the field of Child Care appointed by His Excellency the President
- c) The Secretary or the Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Education
- d) The Secretary or the Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Justice
- e) The Secretary or an Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Defense
- f) The Secretary or the Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine
- g) The Secretary or the Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Social Services and Social Empowerment
- h) The Secretary or the Additional Secretary to the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs
- i) The Secretary or the Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Local Government
- j) The Secretary or the Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and Manpower Relations

The following institutions have to be included in addition to that:

- k) The Secretary or the Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Law and Order
- l) Commissioner –Convener of the Department of Probation and Child Care Services
- m) Chairman of the National Child Protection Authority
- n) Director General of the National Budget Department
- o) Experts and representatives of Civil Society Organizations appointed by the Secretary to the Ministry as required

## **Functions of the Committees**

### **2) Functions of the National Monitoring Committee on Child Rights are expected to be amended in the following manner.**

- a) Preparing the periodic report on implementing the Charter on the Rights of the Child every five years to be submitted to the United Nations Organization and constructive intervention required for the implementation of its observations and recommendations.
- b) Intervention in the form of advice and advocacy in any problem related to children as well as where necessary.
- c) Assisting the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs to develop national level plans to act in line with the provisions of the Charter to raise community awareness for strengthened introduction of child rights to the society and to prevent all forms of child abuse.
- d) Providing necessary recommendations if amendments are necessary to local legislation in conflict with the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- e) Implementing, supervising and investigating the progress of all kinds of programmes relevant to child rights.
- f) Initiate co-ordination among all institutions including public, non government and private institutions that work with children and obtaining advice and recommendations.

### **3) The Provincial Monitoring Committee on Child Rights is expected to function in the following manner.**

- a) Identifying problems related to children at provincial level and submitting solutions and proposals for them.
- b) Obtaining technical assistance of the National Committee, investigating the progress of each institution as per its functions in the province under the National Frame work on CRC Implementation.
- c) Taking policy decisions in decentralized subjects, increasing financial provisions and co-ordination required to minimize problems unique to the children in the province.
- d) Developing and implementing an Annual Action Plan for the province with relevance to children.

**4) The District Monitoring Committee on Child Rights is expected to be operated in the following manner:**

- a) Identifying problems related to children at district level and submitting solutions and proposals for them.
- b) Investigating the progress of each institution as per its functions in the district under the National Framework on CRC Implementation.
- c) Formulation and implementation of district plans on Child Rights.
- d) Assisting the provision of services by coordinating with the Provincial Committee when necessary for the best interest of children in the district.
- e) Holding quarterly meetings of the District Committee and reporting to the National Committee (to the Department of Probation and Child Care Services) with copies to the Chairman of the Provincial Committee.
- f) Taking action to safeguard rights of children within the district.

**5) The Divisional Monitoring Committee on Child Rights is expected to function in the following manner.**

- a. Acting in line with the provisions of the Charter to raise community awareness for strengthened introduction of child rights to the society and to prevent all forms of child abuse.
- b. Developing and implementing programmes to make communities at divisional level aware of child rights.
- c. Providing necessary intervention without causing damage to the identity of children when the directly relevant officers find it difficult to solve problems relevant to children.
- d. Conducting investigations regarding the functions and operation of Village Child Development Committees and assisting lively functioning of those committees.
- e. Reporting within the relevant periods.
- f. Supervising the implementation by the village child development committees, the objectives and methodologies in the guidelines for village child development committees developed by the Department of Probation and Child Care Services.

**6) The Village Child Development Committee is expected to function in the following manner.**

- a. Promotion of child rights within the community through awareness raising events.
- b. Prevention of child rights violations through risk mapping, early identification, advocacy and intervention.
- c. Response to child rights violations through referrals to CRPOs and CRPAs, coordination with community child protection actors and management of low risk cases.

- h) District Senior Probation Officer
- i) Deputy Commissioner of Labour( District)

**Structure of the Divisional Monitoring Committee on Child Rights:**

- a) Divisional Secretary
- b) Child Rights Promotion Officer-Convener
- c) Divisional Child Protection Officer
- d) Early Childhood Development Officer
- e) Social Service Officer
- f) Grama Nildaharis
- g) Divisional Education Officer
- h) Officer in Charge
- i) Probation Officer
- j) Labour Officer