Resolutions of the 3rd State Level Steering and Monitoring Committee of Kanyashree Prakalpa held at CS Secretariat Hall, Nabanna on 13th January 2014

The third meeting of the State Level Steering and Monitoring Committee of Kanyashree Prakalpa, chaired by Hon'ble MIC Finance & Excise and Commerce & Industries, convened by the Secretary, Dept. of Child Development and Women Development & Social Welfare was held at CS Secretariat Hall, Nabanna on 13 January 2014 at 11.00 AM in presence of the following:

1. Chief Secretary of the Government of West Bengal
2. Principal Secretary, Finance Dept.
3. Principal Secretary, Municipal Affairs.
4. Principal Secretary, I & CA Dept.
5. Secretary, Higher Education Dept.
6. Secretary, Technical Education and Training Dept.
7. Secretary, School Education Dept.
8. Secretary, Minority Affairs and Madrasah Education Dept.
9. Mission Director, NRHM
10. State Project Director, SSM
11. Addl. Secretary, Backward Classes welfare Dept.
12. Joint Secretary, Women Development and Social Welfare Dept
13. Chief of Field Office, Unicef
14. P.P.E. Specialist, Unicef Country Office

The following issues were discussed in the meeting:

1. A presentation was made by Secretary, Dept. of Child Development and Women Development & Social Welfare on the actions taken on suggestions of the last meeting held on 29th November 2013 and progress of the scheme so far.

2. It was stated that the targets of K1 and K2 are being revised based on the feedback given by DPMU.

3. The process of sanctioning and fund transfer is being decentralised and necessary changes are being made in the software to facilitate the same.
   **Action:** Process may be completed by 17th January 2014.

4. The application forms for K2 are being distributed through schools, Madrasas, colleges, offices of SDO/BDO/KMC/Commissioner SW. Kanyashree Camps and Melas are being organised in all districts.
Action: (i) Include all captive beneficiaries enrolled in ITIs, colleges, universities including Aliya University and Nursing schools. 
(ii) There is a network of approximately 6000 rural libraries in the state. KP materials (posters and leaflets) may be displayed at all such functional libraries. 
(iii) Seminars and wide publicity campaigns through banners, leaflets, booklets and various other media to be organised through the rural libraries and Shiksha Kendras under the MEELS Department and colleges. 
(iv) On 24th January, the Girl Child Day, KP camps/melas to be organised in all districts.

5. Selection of Advertisement/PR partner to be finalised by 17th January 2014. 
Action: (i) The selected agency may start the awareness campaign as stated in the communication strategy.

6. The committee resoluted to co-opt Hon’ble MOS (IC) Women and Child Development, Secretary Higher Education and State Informatics Officer, NIC, West Bengal as members of the State Level Steering and Monitoring Committee.

7. The Baseline: Unicef to provide technical support in formation of a Technical Advisory Committee which will be responsible for selection of the Survey Agency and provide technical inputs as required. The broad Objectives of the baseline are:
(a) To assess district-wise number of expected beneficiaries of K1 and K2 
(b) To assess the incidence of child marriage of girls 
(c) To assess the Gross/Net Enrolment Ratio of girls at Upper Primary, Secondary & Higher Secondary level in ITIs/Nursing/Vocational Trg Centres.
(d) To assess the drop-out rates of girls at Upper Primary, Secondary & Higher Secondary level vis-à-vis total enrollment
Action: (i) Baseline may be completed on a priority basis as soon as possible. 
(ii) Activity-wise time-line with fixed dates to be finalised and adhered to.
(iii) Indicators may be clearly defined and discussed with department. 
(iv) The survey questionnaire should be simple and brief. 
(v) The proposed sample size of approximately 23000 Households was agreed upon. 
(vi) Unicef will provide all support in developing the base paper, methodology, selection of agency and analysis of data.
(v) Survey agency may be selected by the end of February 2014.

8. The next meeting may be held during the last week of February 2014.

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