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INTRODUCTION

Meghalaya emerged as a full-fledged state within the union of India on 21st January, 1972. Meghalaya occupies a total area of 22,429 sq. kms. with a total population of 2,964,007 persons as reported in the census of 2011. The density of Meghalaya state is 132 per sq km. Meghalaya State is spread over 22,429 Sq. kms. Literacy rate in Meghalaya has seen upward trend and is 75.48 percent as per 2011 population census. In 2011 Census, there are 7 Districts, 39 C & RD Blocks, 6839 villages, both inhabited and uninhabited and 22 towns, 10 statutory and 12 census towns. The population went up to 29, 64,007, males 14, 92,668 and females 14, 71,339.

As per 2011 Census, population in the Age Group 0-6 years is 555, 822 where male is 282, 189 and female is 273, 633 respectively. Population aged 7 years and above by sex according to 2011 census is 2.41 where male is 1.21 and female is 1.20.

Meghalaya State Child Protection Society has been registered under Meghalaya Societies Registration Act 12 of 1983 on 16th November, 2011. State Project Support Unit was set up with Programme Manager, Officers and staff and State Child Protection Society has been set up with Programme Manager and supporting Officers and staff in the month of April. District Child Protection Units have been set up in all the districts of Meghalaya with DCPOs, Officers and staff. Private building has been rented for Office Accommodation of SPSU, SCPS and SARA at Lower Lachumiere, Shillong.

Integrated Child Protection Scheme and its Aim

ICPS or the Integrated Child Protection Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, implemented in partnership with the state Governments and Civil Society Organizations (CSO). ICPS aims to establish a system that will efficiently and effectively protect children, based on the cardinal principles of “Protection of Child Rights” and the “Best interest of the Child”.

Objectives of Integrated Child Protection Scheme

• To institutionalize essential services and strengthen structures;
• To enhance capacities at all levels;
• To create a database and knowledge base for child protection services;
• To strengthen child protection at family and community level;
• To ensure appropriate inter-sectoral response at all levels;
• To raise public awareness. Guiding Principles of Integrated Child Protection Scheme

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• Child protection is a primary responsibility of the family and other stakeholders;
• A loving and caring family is the best place for the child;
• Privacy and confidentiality;
• Non-stigmatization and non-discrimination;
• Prevention and reduction of vulnerabilities; institutionalization of children is the last resort
• Child centered planning and implementation;
• Technical excellence, Code of Conduct
• Good governance, accountability and responsibility.
Focus of Integrated Child Protection Scheme

ICPS will focus on the following activities:

- Mapping needs and services for children and families at risk.
- Preparing child protection plans at all levels - state, district, block and village;
- Strengthening service delivery mechanisms and improving the quality of services provided;
- Promoting and strengthening non-institutional family-based care programme;
- Developing capacity of service providers;
- Strengthening knowledge base, awareness and advocacy;
- Establishing an integrated, live, web-based database on children;
- Monitoring and evaluation;
- Building partnerships for child protection at all levels and strengthening linkages with other bodies and institutions.

Who will benefit from Integrated Child Protection Scheme?

The scheme will target the following categories of children:

Expected outcome of Integrated Child Protection Scheme

It is expected that through the effective implementation of ICPS:

- Children living in vulnerable situations will have access to child protection services by means of greater awareness at the family and community level;
- Children in institutional care will have better standards of care and quality services;
• An increasing number of abandoned children will be placed in family-based non-institutional/alternative care such as adoption or foster care, rather than languishing in institutions.

What are the statutory mechanisms to be established?

The statutory mechanisms, as per the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and Amendment Act 2006, are as follows:

- Child Welfare Committee (CWC)
- Juvenile Justice Board (JJB)
- Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU)

Every district will have a CWC, a JJB, and an SJPU.

PROGRAMME COMPONENTS OF ICPS

Services provided by Integrated Child Protection Scheme

The various programme components targeted towards children in difficult circumstances are depicted in the diagram below:

TRAINING ATTENDED BY ICPS OFFICIALS

1. The state level officers, district officers and staff attended a four day Orientation Training Programme on ICPS held on 30th April-3rd May 2012 at MATI Building, Shillong conducted by the National Institute of Public Co-operation and Child Development (NIPCCD) Guwahati wherein the resource person, Dr. S Barik and officials from the Non-Governmental Organisation (CHILDLINE) and State Government Department (MATI) delivered lecture on the following topics: Administrative work and office procedures such as maintenance of journals, cash book, accounting.
International Law and Child Rights.
   ii. Special Juvenile Police Unit at the State and Central level.
   iii. Law relating to Human Trafficking, Immoral Traffic Prevention Act and Suppression of
   iv. About Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Juvenile
       Justice Board (JJB), Institutional and Non-institutional Care, roles and responsibilities of
       Programme Manager of State Project Support Unit (SPSU), State Child Protection Society
       (SCPS) and State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA), District Child Protection Officers,
       Project Officers, Programme Officers, Protection Officers, Legal Cum Probation Officers,
       Counsellors and Social Workers.

2. The officers from the state and district along with the staffs concerned attended a one day training
   on Tracking System for Missing and Vulnerable Children at National Informatics Centre Building on
   the 16th July, 2012. The training objective consisted of the following items:
   i. Ensuring proper care and development of children of the child care institutions.
   ii. Ensuring ultimate repatriation and rehabilitation of missing children to the family.
   iii. Data management system on child protection.
   iv. Tracking of every child in the districts.

3. The officials from the State level and District Child Protection Officers along with Data Entry
   Operators from East Khasi Hills, West Khasi Hills, Jaintia Hills and Ri-Bhoi districts attended
   a one day training on National Tracking System for Missing and Vulnerable Children held
   on 4th March, 2013 at Information Technology (IT), Shillong conducted by NIC, Shillong in collaboration
   with the State Project Support Unit (SPSU), Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) Shillong.
   During this training programme, the Child Welfare Committee, Juvenile Justice Board and Child Care
   Institutions of East Khasi Hills District were present and registered their user ID for which the IDs have
   been successfully activated for future use.
iii. Rules and procedures for District Child Protection Officers as DDO
v. Salient features of Juvenile Justice Act
vi. Functions of Child Welfare Community
vii. Duties of Special Juvenile Police Unit
viii. Child rights and rights based strategies, issues on child situation
ix. Legal provision protecting the children from abuse, exploitation and violence
x. Non-institutional services for children (Adoption)

MEETINGS

1. The state level officers concerned attended the meeting of National Commission for the Protection of Child's Right (NCPCR) team with State Government officials on the 19th May, 2012 at Conference Hall and discussed issues related to child labour in mining areas.

2. The officers from State Project Support Unit (SPSU), State Child Protection Society (SCPS) and State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) attended the Regional Conference of North Eastern State Ministers of Welfare & Social Justice held on 29th May, 2012.

3. Meeting with the district officers was held on 29th June, 2012 wherein it was discussed that the correct required information for the District Need Assessment should be collected from the relevant departments. Budget allocation was also discussed wherein the district officers expressed their difficulties in carrying out their work due to non-availability of fund.

4. The officers from the State level held a review meeting with the district officers on the 10th October, 2012 and discussed the agenda on collection of information from the reliable department for the District Need Assessment, Budget Action Plan and discussed the need for a consultant in the State Project Support Unit (SPSU).

5. Review meeting of Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) Frontline Staff with the Director, Additional Director and Child Welfare Probation Officer was held on the 10th October, 2012 at the Conference Hall of Raitong Building, Urban Affairs, Shillong. Main agenda items were discussed such as flow of funds, budget estimate, various activities performed during the month of April – October 2012, employment of watchman, maternity leave since it is not applicable according to the employee contract. Status of constitution of District Child Protection Committee (DCPC), Block Level Child Protection Committee (BLCPC) and Village Level Child Protection Committee (VLPCPC), Status of identification of Homes for setting up of Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA), Status of Inspection Committee, Management Committee and After Care Home, the need for appointment of Social Workers and Outreach Workers in the required district was discussed.

6. The Programme Manager of State Project Support Unit (SPSU), State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) and District Child Protection Officer of East Khasi Hills, Jaintia Hills and Ri-Bhoi District attended the meeting on the 14th August, 2012 in the office chamber of the District Social Welfare Officer, Shillong wherein issues related to migration of children to Karnataka was discussed.
Programmes

The officers concerned of State Project Support Unit (SPSU), State Child Protection Society (SCPS), officers and staff of Specialised Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) District Officers and Staff of East Khasi Hills attended the inaugural function of the Open Day Shelter for Street Children of Reach Shillong Ministry on the 12th October, 2012 held in the First Assembly of God Church, Keating Road Shillong where the Chairperson of the Meghalaya State Women Commission, officials from Civil Society Women Organisation (CSWO), Social Welfare Department, Police Department, Founding member of Reach Shillong Ministry, Pastor in charge shared their different views and opinions related to upgrading the Ministry.

STATE PROJECT SUPPORT UNIT

District Needs Assessment

The format of the District Need Assessment consisting of the following items of information. It was prepared at the State level for which various district officers are to furnish:

- Population & Demography
- Socio-Economic Profile
- Trend in Migration
- Profile of Children
- Juvenile Justice Board
- Child Welfare Committee
- Special Juvenile Police Unit
- Programmes for education in Homes
- Programmes for education in Open shelter
- Institutional
- Non-Institutional
- Care & Rehabilitation Services
- Emergency Outreach Services
- Community based child protection intervention
- Intervention impacting children services
- Impacting children’s lives
- Key Child Protection concerns in the District

The above items of information furnished by the district officers concerned have been consolidated in a statement at Annexure - II for perusal.

Consultation Meet

The Programme Manager attended the consultation meet on the 10th January, 2013 at National Institute of Public Co-operation and Child Development (NIPCCD), Guwahati. It was discussed in the meeting that all homes in the district need to be registered under Juvenile Justice Board, financial proposal should be submitted at the prescribed time i.e. on the 1st of April every year. It was also discussed the training need on Child Tracking System, Sensitization Programme for the line departments was also discussed. A status report of State Child Protection Society (SCPS), State Project Support Unit (SPSU) & District Child Protection Unit (DCPUs) was also presented.
Compilation of Quarterly Monitoring Report and Monthly Report

On received of information/data from the district officers concerned, the same are being compiled in the format prescribed for onward submission to the Government of India.

Programmes

The Integrated Child Protection Scheme Staff Under Social Welfare Department participated in the Republic Day Celebration and presented a tableau depicting child abuse, abandoned children and other category of children who are rag pickers and children living on and off the street that are in need of care and protection, the tableau highlighted the significant role of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) which is the competent authority of catering to the needs and welfare of such children. Children participating for the parade are represented from different Homes in Shillong, namely ‘Ferrando Transit Home’ Mawlai Mawdatbaki run by the Missionary Sister of Mary Help of Christian, ‘Ka Lawei Baphyrnai’ Umpling run by Reach Shillong Ministry.

The staffs concerned attended the 41st Meghalaya Day on 21st January, 2013 organised by the Directorate of Information and Public Relation (DIPR) at Soso Tham Auditorium, Shillong. The hon’ble Governor, Shri. R.S. Mooshahary who was the chief guest on this occasion observed that due to lack of political fulfilment, violence exists in the state even after attaining Statehood. A speech on the development and improvement in education, financial growth of the state was also delivered on this occasion. He also mentioned the people to make use of the right to information (RTI) act to expose corrupt practices.

The officers concerned from the State Level along with the District Child Protection Officer, East Garo Hills attended the Sensitization & Interactive Programme on Crime and Violence against Women &
Children organised by the Meghalaya State Commission for Women (MSCW) in collaboration with the District Administration held on 26th April, 2013 at Williamnagar in the presence of Hon'ble Social Welfare Minister Smt. Deborah Ch. Marak and the other dignitaries from various departments and NGOs. The objective of the programme was to provide awareness about the rights of women and protection provide in the Constitution of India and discussed issues pertaining to frequent atrocities and crime against Women and Children.

Field Visit

On 8th March, 2013, the officers along with the team of staff from the National Informatics Centre (NIC) Shillong visited the Observation Home (Girls) in New Colony, Laitumkhrah and had an interaction with the incharge of the home regarding filling of Form J for the newly admitted children as well as those transfer from other Child Care Institutions (CCIs), personal details and other required details which is mandatory to be filled and furnished accordingly. On the same day, a visit was also made to the Shelter Home (Girls) where the Superintendent was briefed regarding the capacity of children and maintenance of the home.

On 18th March, 2013 the concerned officers of the State Project Support Unit, State Child Protection Society, District officers of East Khasi Hills, Social Worker along with the NIC Team visited the Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian Assembly, William Lewis Boys Home at Mawphlang and explain the requirement to enter the information for those newly admitted children as well as transferred from other Child Care Institutions, personal details, physical features in the prescribed form ‘Form J’. During the course of interaction with the incharge of the Home, the Programme Manager (SPSU) explained about the flow of fund of ICPS, admission of children, maintenance of files. Further, the District Child Protection Officer briefed about the need of the management committee meeting to be held on a monthly basis, to review the progress of activities in the Home, individual problem of children, provision of legal aid services, education, staffing pattern in the Home and
minimum standards of care for juveniles/children lodged in institutions under Juvenile Justice Act and Inspection Committee to prevent abuse of children in Homes.

On the 22nd March, 2013 a one day training on National Tracking System for Missing and Vulnerable Children was held at Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute (MATI) in collaboration with State Project Support Unit, officers from State Child Protection Society and State Adoption Resource Agency were also present and assisted the State Project Support Unit staff and National Informatics Center officials and team to login the system. Twenty five members represented from various Child Care Institutions, Juvenile Justice Board and Child Welfare Committee of West Khasi Hills, Jaintia Hills and Ri-Bhoi District attended this training. On this day, it was discussed on the importance of the portal of missing and vulnerable children, data base of institution related to child protection, all resident children and infrastructure of CCIs, software to update the profiles and progress of overall development of children of CCIs, how to login the Intra Track Child, to register the required user ID. It was also discussed regarding the filling of forms J, V, VII, XX, & XXI for all the required CCIs of the above mentioned districts wherein later all the CCIs, Juvenile Justice Board and Child Welfare Committee have registered successfully and were all activated by the State Level for their login.

State Child Protection Policy

A State Child Protection Policy in Meghalaya was prepared which include the mission of the policy, objectives and guiding principles related to child rights, development, protection and survival of children.

State Action Plan

A State Action Plan on child protection under Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) as well as for the District Child Protection Units (DCPUs) on all the activities to be carried out on a monthly and quarterly basis according to the time frame prescribed was prepared.

Directories of Child Welfare Committees, Juvenile Justice Boards and Child Care Institutions

Directories of Child Welfare Committees, Juvenile Justice Boards (JJBs) and Child Care Institutions (CCIs) only who has registered under Juvenile Justice Act for all districts within the State.
Publication of the Training Report on Track Child in the State Portal of the National Tracking System for Missing and Vulnerable Children

A report of the one day training on Track Child for Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) and Child Care Institutions (CCI) of East Khasi Hills District in the State Portal of the National Tracking System for Missing and Vulnerable Children was published.

Meeting

The Programme Manager attended the CHILDLINE Advisory Board Meeting held on 7th February, 2013 at Yojana Bhavan, Main Secretariat, Shillong where representatives from various organisations and departments were present. Several issues were discussed related to website for tracking the missing children, submission of quarterly reports to the Board, protection of child rights in every district of the state, issues on child labour, special training school for dropout children, the need for counselling in the schools, importance of the Right to Education (RTE) Act. The Programme Manager was selected to be the member of the Board.

STATE CHILD PROTECTION SOCIETY

The Meghalaya State Child Protection Society (SCPS) was registered under Meghalaya Societies Registration Act 12 of 1983 on 16th November 2011. The Society consists of the Programme Manager, Supporting Officers and staff. The function of the society shall include:

1. Effective implementation of child protection legislation, schemes and achievement of child protection goals laid out in the National Plan of Action for Children 2005. In doing so, the SCPS will follow national and state priorities, rules and guidelines.
2. Implementation, supervision and monitoring of ICPS and all other child protection scheme/programmes and agencies/institutions at State/UT level;
3. Set up, support and monitor performance of District Child Protection Societies and ensure proper flow and utilization of funds to the districts through ICPS and other grant-in-aid schemes;
4. Ensure effective implementation of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and its Amendment Act, 2006;
5. Ensure effective implementation of other legislations and policies for child protection in the State viz. Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act (HAMA) 1956; Guardians and Wards Act (GAWA) 1890; Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act 1986; Child Marriage and Restraint Act 1979 and Immoral Traffic Prevention Act 1986, Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act 1994 etc. and any other Act that comes into force for protecting child rights;
6. Network and coordinate with all government departments to build inter-sectoral linkages on child protection issues, including Departments of Health, Education, Social Welfare, Urban Basic Services, Backward Classes & Minorities, Youth Services, Police, Judiciary, Labour, State AIDS Control Society, among others;
7. Network and coordinate with voluntary and civil organizations working in the field of child rights and protection;
8. Carry out need-based research and documentation activities at state-level for assessing the number of children in difficult circumstances and creating State-specific databases to monitor...
trends and patterns;

9. Training and capacity building of all personnel (Government and Non-government) working under child protection system;

10. Quarterly Progress report to the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India on programme implementation and fund utilization;

11. Liaisoning with the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India and State Child Protection Societies of other States/UTs;

12. Provide secretarial support to the State Child Protection Committee (SCPC).

13. Maintain a state level database of all children in Institutional Care and family based Non-Institutional Care and update it on a quarterly basis.

Consultation Meet

The Programme Officer had a Consultation Meet on the Implementation of Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) on the 10th January, 2013 organized by the Ministry of Women & Child Development at NIPCCD, Guwahati and discussed about the registration of all homes whether such registration is done as required under the Juvenile Justice Act, such home will be closed down. It was further discussed the training need on adoption during the month of April 2013.

Programmes

The Officers and staff under the Social Welfare Department involved in the preparation of the posters displayed in the tableau and also attended and participated in the Republic Day Celebration.

The Programme Officer attended the 41st Meghalaya Day Celebration on 21st January, 2013 organised by the Directorate of Information and Public Relation (DIPR) at Soso Tham Auditorium, Shillong. The Hon’ble Governor, Shri. R.S. Mooshahary was the Chief Guest on this occasion. The Governor observed that haphazard unscientific mining has aggravated the acidic condition of the soil which is affecting agriculture and thereby posing a serious threat to health.

District Need Assessment

The officers assisted the State Project Support Unit staff in preparing the District Need Assessment for submission of format to all the districts and also collected information from various department concerned i.e, Census Office, Meghalaya State Women’s Commission, Meghalaya State Social Welfare Board etc. to get the reliable information.

Monitoring and Supervision Report

The Programme Manager and the Programme Officer of State Child Protection Society visited the Children’s Homes in the three districts of Garo Hills i.e. West Garo Hills, East Garo Hills and South Garo
Hills to monitor the progress of works in the respective Homes.

**Places visited -**

1. **26th November, 2012 - West Garo Hills**
   **Name and Address of the Home -** Integral Tribal Welfare Society, Ampati
   **Name and address of NGO -** Integrated Tribal Welfare Society Claret Mission
   The Programme Manager and Programme Officer visited the Children's Home (St. Claret Boy's Home) run by Integral Tribal Welfare Society, Ampati, West Garo Hills on 26th November, 2012. St. Claret Boys Home was started in the mid 90's and registered under the JJ Act on 14.9.2009 and run by the Catholic Missionary. The Father who runs the Home informed the officers regarding receiving of funds from Integrated Child Protection Scheme. A helper has been appointed as a staff to look after the children and they are utilizing the funds for the salary of the staff and the maintenance of the home. The total number of children in the home is twenty five (25). All children are studying in the school run by this home and the time table was maintained accordingly.

2. **27th November, 2012 - South Garo Hills**
   **Name and Address of the Home -** Fatima Rani Mission Boys Home Baghmara
   **Name and address of NGO -** Fatima Rani Mission Boys Home Baghmara, South Garo Hills
   The Programme Manager and the Programme Officer visited Fatima Rani Mission Boy's Home. The total capacity is forty (40) and the total number of children at present is twenty five (25). With the information collected from the Father incharge, Father P.T Thomas, it came to know that the two storeyed building of the home has been given as a rent temporarily to the KGBV and the boys of the home was shifted to another building. The home received grants from District Social Welfare Officer, East Garo Hills.

3. **28th November, 2012, East Garo Hills**
   **Name and Address of the Home -** St. Theresa Girl's Home, Williamnagar
   **Name and address of NGO -** St. Theresa Girl's Home, Williamnagar
   The Programme Manager and the Programme Officer visited St. Theresa Girl's Home. The capacity is fifty (50), but at present there were only thirty five (35) girls. During our visit, we learned that there are no proper recreational activities for the children. St. Theresa Girls Home has already received funds from the Integrated Child Protection Scheme and the fund is still in the utilization process.

**Name and Address of the Home -** House of Mercy, Nokgil A.we, Williamnagar
**Name and address of NGO -** House of Mercy, Nokgil A.we, Williamnagar
The Programme Manager and the Programme Officer visited Mercy Home run by Shri. Puran M Sangma, retired Director of Meghalaya Industrial Corporation Development. House of Mercy was started in April 2008 as a family organisation and later on registered under the Society’s Registration Act in August.
2008. They have their own managing committee and they receive funds through sponsorship coming from people. Both boys and girls are there in their Children’s Home. The District Child Protection Unit, East Garo Hills has identified the House of Mercy as Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA).


**Name and Address of the Home - Observation Home (Boys) Matchakolgre, Tura**
The Programme Manager and Programme Officer visited Tura Observation Home (Boys). It started functioning since September, 2001. It was officially inaugurated in March, 2002 by Shri. Sujip Sangma, Minister of Social Welfare. There is a Superintendent who is in charge of this Observation Home. At present, the home consisted of total number of 9 staff in There is 1 Probation Officer, 1 Counsellor, 1 L.D.A, 1 Education Teacher, 1 Craft Instructor, 2 Caretakers and 1 Cook. The capacity of the Children's Home is 26 and there are 17 juveniles at present. The Observation Home has limited staff lacking man power. There is no security guard in this home. The Juveniles have to maintain the time table every day. The children undergo vocational training in which they learn craft making.

**Name and Address of the School (Temporary Shelter Home) - St. Mary’s Convent, New Tura**

**Name and address of NGO - National Domestic Worker’s Movement, Araimile**
The Programme Manager and the Programme Officer visited the sisters of St. Marys Higher Secondary School, New Tura since this school has been identified by the District Social Welfare Officer as a temporary Shelter Home to take the children temporarily in their convent. So far, one mentally unstable girl, stayed in this convent temporarily but now has been taken back to her respective place. Sister Pauline who is the incharge of the convent has agreed upon taking up as a Shelter Home/ Children's Home.

**STATE ADOPTION RESOURCE AGENCY**

**Meetings**
The officers concerned had a meeting with the medical psychiatrist for constituting the adoption recommendation committee and informing him about his membership to the committee. Also attended the meeting held in the chamber of the Director of Social Welfare, Meghalaya along with the Sister in-charge of the Missionary of Charity Children’s Home regarding their registration on the Juvenile Justice Act.

**Consultation Meet**
The Programme Manager attended the consultation meet on the 10th January, 2013 at NIPCCD, Guwahati. It was discussed in the meeting that all homes in the district need to be registered under Juvenile Justice Board, financial proposal should be submitted at the prescribed time.

It was also discussed the training need on Child Tracking System, Sensitization Programme, presented paper on the status report of State Adoption Resource Agency (SAA).
Matters related with Adoption cases

The Programme Manager, the Programme Officer along with the Protection Officer Non-Institutional Care, District Child Protection Unit has conducted the inquiry of the three adoption cases referred by the Child Welfare Committee, East Khasi Hills District at the Missionary of Charity, Shanti Bhavan, Shillong and one adoption case by the school counsellor of Jyoti Sroat School, Shillong as well and reported the matter to the Child Welfare Committee members and also follow up has been done on the cases.

Regarding the status of the two (2) adoption cases at Missionary of Charity, Shanti Bhavan, Laitumkhrah, Shillong. One child still remains at Missionary of Charity, Shanti Bhavan, for adoption and the other child has been restored back to the biological parents. With regards to the adoption by the school counsellor, no response has been made by her after the officials of State Adoption Resource Agency has informed about the procedure and documents required from their side for the process of adoption.

The officers inspected the Lawei Baphymai Boys Home at Umpling, Shillong and discussed with the President of Reach Shillong Ministries, Rev. Pastor R. Laloo regarding setting up of Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA). At present, there are 14 boys staying in the home. A list of 6 adoptable children out of the 14 was submitted by the organisation to the Child Welfare Committee, East Khasi Hills District and State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA). The proposal for setting up of Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA) by the Reach Ministry has been approved by the State Government and funds has been released by the Government of India during the current year. Also, the officers assisted the Sister in-charge of the Missionary of Charity to the District Social Welfare Office for registration of this particular home under the Juvenile Justice Act.

Since no Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA) has been set up in any district, State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) is taking the registration of Prospective Adoptive Parent (PAPs) and till date only five (5) Prospective Adoptive Parent (PAPs) has registered themselves as referred by the office of Child Welfare Committee, East Khasi Hills District in the State Adoption Resource Agency. One Prospective Adoptive Parent (PAP) happens to be a male divorcee and the other four PAPs are left with the required documents to be submitted.

The officer concerned informed the District Child Protection Officer & Child Welfare Committee of East Khasi Hills District regarding the restoration case of the child staying at Missionary of Charity Childrens Home. However the child was restored back to the biological mother on the 26th November by the office of the Child Welfare Committee.
Places visited -

1. **14th November, 2012 West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin**

**Name and Address of NGO - Greater Nongstoin Women’s Welfare Organisation District, West Khasi Hills**

The Programme Manager, Programme Officer and the Protection Officer Non-Institutional Care met with the members of the Greater Nongstoin Women’s Welfare Organisation, West Khasi Hills District. During the course of the meeting, the President of the organisation stated that the organisation was established on the 12th February, 1980 under Meghalaya Society Registration Act, regarding registration under Juvenile Justice Act it is still under process. At present, the organisation is running a Day-Care Crèches Centre at Nongstoin which was established in the year 1982 and the capacity number of children is 26 (Girls:17, Boys:9). Each member of the organisation contributes @ Rs.100 only per month in order to support the Child Day Care Centre. Till date the organisation has received a grand in aid of Rs. 42,384 annually from the Central Social Welfare Board. The members of the organisation have expressed their willingness to take up Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA) in the near future.

2. **22nd November 2012, South West Khasi Hills**

**Name of the Home - Hope Orphanage Trust Mawkyrwat**

**Name and address of NGO - Mawkyrwat Pin Code: 793114**

**District - South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat**

Hope orphanage was established in the year 2009 and consisted mainly orphans and destitute children and the capacity number of children is 20 (Girls:12, Boys:8). A meeting was held during this visit with all the executive members who runs the home. No fund has been received from the Government till date. The Home is functioning through donations among the members only. The organisation has already registered itself under the Society Act 7 of 1990 as well as the Juvenile Justice Act 2006. The organisation has an infrastructure of its own for setting up Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA). However a proposal along with the documents required for setting up Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA) has already been furnish to State Adoption Resource Agency for necessary action.

3. **26th November 2012, West Garo Hills**

**Name of the Home - Free Life Centre**

**Name and address of NGO - Galwang Sanchonggre (Via Chibagre)**

**District - West Garo Hills, Tura**

On this day the Programme Manager, Programme Officer and the Protection officer Non-institutional Care
had a meeting with the executive members of Free Life Centre. At present, the organisation is running a home for the orphans and destitute mainly with the capacity of 21 children (Girls: 12, Boys:9). No fund has been received from the Government except donations received from different church denominations. So far, the centre has registered only under the Society Act and JJ Act is still on the process. The main purpose for visiting the centre was for Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA) facilitation.

4. 27th November 2012, South Garo Hills
Place visited - United Baptist Institute
District - East Garo Hills, Baghmara

On this day the Programme Manager, Programme Officer and the District Child Protection Officer had a meeting with the members of the United Baptist Institute and at present is running a Secondary School. The main purpose of the meeting was for Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA) facilitation.

5. 28th November, 2012, Williamnagar, East Garo Hills
Name and Address of the Home - House of Mercy, Nokgil A.we, Williamnagar.
Name and address of NGO - House of Mercy, Nokgil A.we, Williamnagar
District - East Garo Hills

The Programme Manager and Programme Officer visited the House of Mercy run by Shri. Puran M Sangma, retired Director of Meghalaya Industrial Corporation Development. The House of Mercy was started in April 2008 as a family organisation and later they registered under the Society’s Registration Act in August 2008. The District Child Protection Unit, East Garo Hills has identified the House of Mercy as Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA). They have their own Managing Committee and they receive funds through sponsorship coming from people. The Children’s Home runs for both boys and girls.

Programmes

The Programme Officer of State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) participated in the 41st Meghalaya day Celebration on 21st January 2013 organised by the Directorate of Information and Public Relation (DIPR) at U Soso Tham Auditorium, Shillong where the honourable Governor, Shri. R.S. Mooshahary was the chief guest on this occasion. A speech on the development of the state was delivered on this day.

International Meet on Adoption

The Programme Manager along with the two members of Lawei Baphyrnai attended the 3rd International Meet on Adoption at New Delhi on the 19th and 20th February, 2013 organised by Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) and Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of
India. Participants from various organisation and Government Department namely, Foreign Central Authorities dealing with adoption matters, Foreign Diplomatic Missions in India, Authorized Foreign Adoption Agencies (AFAA), State Governments, State Adoption Resource Agency, Recognized Indian Placement Agencies (RIPA), Specialised Adoption Agency, Older Adoptees participated in the meet. The main objectives discussed are:

1. To provide a platform to exchange and share the main issues relating to in-country and inter country adoption.
2. To discuss current trends, policy and other safeguards in adoption.
3. To get feedback from receiving countries and Indian agencies about the issues and challenges.
4. To share research findings and success stories related to adoption and discussed common issues to further streamline the adoptive system.

### EAST KHASI HILLS DISTRICT

#### Training

The District Child Protection Officer and Legal Cum Probation attended training at Yojana Bhavan, Shillong on 2nd June, 2012 and conducted by the Meghalaya State Legal Service Authorities. The Legal Cum Probation Officers (DCPS) and Probation Officers (CCIs) attended a five day Training Programme from 6th to 10th August 2012 at National Institute of Public Cooperation & Child Development (NIPCCD), Guwahati.

The Protection Officers both Institutional and Non-Institutional Care attended training at NIPCCD held on 22nd – 28th July, 2012. The training objective is to ensure they carry out effective implementation of child protection programmes and policies relating to children in need of care and protection at the district and local levels.

The District Child Protection Officer, Legal cum Probation officer, Protection Officer Institutional as well as Non-Institutional Care, Data Analyst and Data Entry Operator attended training on National Tracking System for Missing and Vulnerable Children on 27th February, 2013 at NIC building Shillong to know the various objective of the training. On 4th March, 2013 the District Child Protection Officer, Data Analyst and Data Entry Operator attended a one day training on National Tracking System for Missing and Vulnerable Children at Information Technology (IT) building to login the Intra Track Child System for the Child Care Institutions in East Khasi Hills.

#### Meetings

The officers concerned attended a meeting on issues related to migration of children on 4th & 14th July, 2012 at Raitong Building and at the Office of Directorate of Social Welfare, Shillong and also the District Child Protection Officer and the Protection Officers had a meeting of Task Force in the Deputy Commissioner’s Chamber held on 7th August, 2012 regarding database information concerning
children in need of care and protection and children in conflict with law and other types of children, filing of charge sheet in cases involving both an adult and a minor, where the police department and the Juvenile Justice Board were required to coordinate in addressing such cases. With regards to migration, a new term was coined by one of the members as ‘foot loose migration’ referring to families and children who come and work for few months and who migrate again to other places, thus making records and information difficult to maintain was discussed.

On 18th March, 2013 the officers met with the Deputy Commissioner for information on translators and interpreters according to Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act passed by Parliament in May, 2012 and comes into force on 14th November 2012 which defines ’a child who is under 18 years of age’. It relates to the standards of internation child protection rights against all types of sexual abuses like sexual harassment, penetrative and non-penetrative sex and pornography. The act provides for child-friendly procedures for reporting of offences, recording of evidence, investigation and trial. The concerned officers had an interaction with the IPS officer on the 20th March on the function of the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) as well as Child Welfare Committee and Juvenile Justice Board for various cases.

The Legal cum Probation Officer attended the CHILDLINE Advisory Board Meeting on 7th February, 2013 at Yojana Bhavan, Main Secretariat, Shillong in which Director, CHILDLINE Collaboration Organisation, Hon’ble Chief Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya, Director of Social Welfare, Principal Magistrate, Centre Coordinator, CHILDLINE Collaborative Organisation, representative from Meghalaya State Council for Child Welfare, departments from police, labour department and education department were present in this meeting. The following items were discussed as follows:

1. Police department stated the archive in their website for tracking the missing children with all the photographs and details of missing children.
2. Quarterly reports should be submitted to the Board on task and target that need to be completed.
3. Setting up of State Commission and 11 NCLP schools each in every districts, CHILDLINE for protection of child rights in every district of the state as suggested by the National Commission for the Protection of Child’s Right (NCPCR) team during their visit.
4. Issues on child labour should make known for wide publicity in public interest to different localities through pamphlets, posters, etc. with the help from DIPR, jingles on Red F.M Radio, etc.
5. A fresh survey on street children by TATA institute and best practices to be taken up for inclusion of vulnerable groups.
7. Child Welfare Committees should take very grave steps with regards to child labour and to take up the prosecution seriously and forward it to the concern department for filling an FIR.
8. Social welfare department need to send notification to NEIGRIHMS to intimate the concern hospital about the existence of the Child Welfare Committee in every district to speed up the procedure for children’s cases.
9. To keep track on children studying outside and make them register their names, school address, etc with the District Social Welfare Officer before leaving the state for education.
10. Juvenile Justice Board is facing problem for children in conflict with law admitted in schools
11. Schools lacked the right to reject the entrance or enrolment for education of children in any school
under the Right to Education Act especially the SSA aided school.

12. The need for counselling in the schools.

Programmes

The officers concerned attended the programme of “International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking” on 26th June, 2012 at Rama Krishna Mission Auditorium, Jail Road. The District Child Protection Officer, Protection Officer and Social Worker assisted a case at Laitumkhrah Police Station regarding reports on Child Labour on 28th September, 2012. The officers attended the Programme on the opening of the Open Shelter at Keating road which is operated by the Reach Shillong Ministry and also attended the programme for the Career Guidance and Counselling Camp held at Mawkohmon, Mawphlang.

The officers and the staff concerned attended a one-day workshop in Police Reserve organised by CHILDLINE on issues related to mental health of children, psychological intervention in dealing with traumatize children was discussed. Therein, the officers concerned had a meeting with the Officer incharge of Pasteur Beat House along with CHILDLINE member for a case intervention of child labour in the area.

The concerned officers of District Child Protection Unit participated in the Meghalaya Day Celebration on 21st January 2013 organised by Directorate of Information and Public Relation, (DIPR) at U Soso Tham Auditorium, Shillong where the hon’ble Governor, Shri. R.S. Mooshahary was the Chief Guest on this day. The Governor spoke that due to absence of IT sectors, the students of Meghalaya have to study outside and seek job outside the state.

The officers and staff concerned also participated in the Republic Day Celebration in polo ground and engaged in a write-up for the Tableau theme on Integrated Child Protection Scheme as well as in preparing the various requirements needed for the celebration and visited Rilang Shelter Home, Nongthymmai for collection of various posters connected to this day. The District Child Protection Officer, Legal cum Probation Officer and Protection Officer (Institutional Care) took up an accident case which occurred at Mawblei where 4 children were hospitalized at Civil Hospital Shillong. The concerned officers of the District Child Protection Unit circulated the monthly monitoring format to all the homes in East Khasi Hills to get the required and reliable information needed for the monitoring report.

The officers attended the International Women’s Day on 8th March, 2013 at Umlyngka Community Hall organised by the Department of Social Welfare in collaboration with the Meghalaya State Commission for Women and partner NGO’s.

Adoption Case

The District Child Protection Officer and Protection Officer assisted the Programme Manager, State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) for visiting the Missionaries of Charity in connection to adoption case at Laitumkhrah and visited the Missionaries of Charity at Shanti Bhavan.
Field Visit

The officers inspected the Rilang Shelter Home (boys) at Nongshilliang, Nongthymmai and Shelter Home (Girls) for follow up on the welfare of the children along with the members of the Child Welfare Committee. The Officers inspected the Open Day Shelter Home at Keating Road.

Further, the officers took follow up on different cases in Police Stations, Schools & Homes. The Protection Officers (Institutional Care) and Social Workers visited Mawiong Japung, in matters related to one child who will be admitted for schooling. The Protection Officers (Institutional Care), Social Workers and Outreach Workers visited Open Shelter Home at St. Mary’s Orphanage and discussed matters related to investigation in Mawprem. The Protection Officer both Institutional and Non-Institutional Care along with Social Worker and Outreach Worker investigated a home in Mawprem on 23rd January, and 8th February, 2013 regarding child in need of care and protection.

Formation of District Child Protection Committee (DCPC)

The District Child Protection Officer had a meeting with the Deputy Commissioner and discussed on the formation of District Child Protection Committee (DCPC).

Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Sittings

The officers along with the Social Workers and Outreach Workers attended the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) sittings regularly. During the month of October, the Legal cum Probation Officer assisted the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) in the case of the alleged child abuse and child labour along with District Child Protection Officer, Protection Officer (Institutional), Social Worker and the Counsellor within the premises of the Observation Home (Girls) and Shelter Home (Girls) Lower New Colony, the case was then handled by the Child Welfare Committee (CWC). The Legal Cum Probation Officer (LCPO) also conducted follow-up with regards to the case by going to the court on the dates of the hearing. It was inquired on behalf of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), whether the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) could release the children to their parents and guardians. On the basis of her interaction with the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Shri. I. Rymbui, he informed that since the court has taken the statement of all the victim children related to the case, it has no say over their welfare. Hence, the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) decided to release the victim children to their respective families.

The District Child Protection Officer, the Legal Cum Probation Officer, Protection Officer (Non-Inst.) assisted the Protection Officer, (Inst.) in the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) sittings regarding various pending cases of children in the institutions. On the 2nd October, 2012, the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) and two Social Workers assisted the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) in the case of the alleged child abuse and child labour case and the sitting was held within the premises of the Observation Home (Girls) and Shelter Home (Girls) Lower New Colony, Laitumkhrah. Therein, the case is being handled by the Child Welfare Committee. The District Child Protection Officer, Legal cum Probation Officer, Protection Officer Institutional and Non Institutional, Social Workers attended the Child Welfare Committee sitting for pending cases.
Juvenile Justice Board (JJB)

The officers attended the first sitting of the newly constituted of the Juvenile Justice Board on the 3rd September 2012 held within the premises of the Observation Home Boys at Cleve Colony and attended other consecutive sittings of the Juvenile Justice Board regularly.

The Legal cum Probation Officer attended the Juvenile Justice Board sitting on the 26th October, 2012, and also assisted the Child Welfare Probation Officer in the Directorate related to Supreme Court cases. On the 15th and 29th of November, 2012 as well as on the 15th and 29th January 2013, the officer concerned attended the Juvenile Justice Board sitting for discussing the various matters related to child in conflict with law. The Protection Officers Institutional and Non-Institutional Care along with the Social Workers visited the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Office on 1st October, 2012 for final disposal of the case related to 4 juveniles. The Legal cum Probation Officer attended the JJB sittings at Observation Home (Boys), Cleve Colony and Observation Home (Girls) New Colony. The Legal cum Probation officer prepared form formats from the Juvenile Justice Act (JJA) needed for the Child Welfare Committee.

District Needs Assessment

The officers and staffs concerned collected data from various offices and government departments for the District Need Assessment from District Medical and Health Office, Economic and Statistic, Superintendent of Police, Directorate of Census, CHILDLINE, Reach Shillong Ministry, Deputy Commissioner’s Office and also Seng Kynthei Lawjynnre Creche, Juvenile Justice Board, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) Additional Superintendent of Police (Crime), East Khasi Hills to collect data regarding the Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) which needs to be given for submission and compilation in the State level.

Counselling

The Counsellor conducted counselling at Shelter Home (Girls), Lower New Colony on the 5th October, 2012 and the clients at Suetta Acin Shillong, Childrens’ Centre near BSF Mawpat gate Umkdait, Nongmynsong and counselled the clients therein as well as in the District Social Welfare Office on the cases needed.

The counsellor had a meeting with the District Social Welfare Officer on 1st February 2013 to discuss on a case of an abandoned child needed for counselling and also attended the Child Welfare Committee meeting on 4th February and had a counselling session with the clients at the office of the District Social Welfare Officer. The Counsellor took up counselling session at Observation Home Girls, New Colony on 6th February in the case of an accomplice in a rape case and theft case as well as in Rilang Shelter Home in a case connected to abandoned children. From 11th – 18th February, Counselling in the case of an accomplice in rape and theft case at Observation Home Girls New Colony was also conducted.
Identifying Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA)

The District Child Protection Officer and the Protection Officers assisted the Programme Manager, SARA in visiting Reach Shillong Ministry at Laitumkhrah for identifying Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA) and also conducted an inspection at Reach Shillong Ministry, Home Lawei Baphyrnai for SAA recognition approval.

Inquiry

The Protection Officer (Institutional) and the Social Worker conducted an inquiry on 23rd August, 2012 on case history of a child in need of care and protection in Shelter Home, New Colony. The Probation and Protection Officer (Institutional) conducted an inquiry on the 5th September, 2012 on case history of a child in need of care and protection in Rilang Shelter Home, Nongshilliang and on the 11th September, 2012 in Basan Roy School in the case of corporal punishment. The concerned officers visited the office of District Medical and Health Officer and Directorate of Social Welfare Officer for follow up on inspection committee.

Mapping

The Social Workers and Outreach Worker conducted Child Labour & Street Children Mapping to find out the number of children which falls under the age group of 14 years who are being employed in hazardous activities and up to 18 years for street children to check out the number of migrants who involved in the various activities, whether they still stay with the family or otherwise. The Social Workers and Outreach Workers inspected the following areas of Police Bazaar, Polo Bazaar, Nongmynsong, Demseiniong, Wahkdait, Rynjah, Lad Lapalang, Umpling and Madanryting for mapping on child labour and street children. The Protection Officer (Institutional Care) along with the Social Worker and Outreach Worker went for a field visit in Polo, Demseiniong, Nongmynsong, Umpling, Lewduh, Jail Road, Mawblei, Laitkor, Lad Nongkrem, Rynjah, Happy Valley and Mawiong for mapping of child labour in the required areas.

Inspection

The District Child Protection Officer, Protection Officer (Institutional Care) and Social Worker assisted the officers of State Project Support Unit for inspection at William Lewis Boys Home (Orphanage), Mawphlang
on the 18th March and discussed various matters related to maintenance of the home, personal files of the children, the need for Inspection Committee and Management Committee, counselling, funds allotted under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS).

The District Child Protection Officer, Legal cum Probation Officer, Protection Officer (Institutional Care) and Social Workers inspected Rilang Shelter Home, Nongshilliang, Nongthymmai and 21st March 2013 to check the infrastructure and maintenance of the home. Also, the Protection Officer (Institutional Care), Protection Officer (Non Institutional Care) inspected St. Xavier Francis, Mawsynram on 5th February, 2013 on child in need of care and protection.

**WEST KHASI HILLS DISTRICT**

**Training**

The District Child Protection Officer and Legal Cum Probation Officers attended the Training held on 2nd June, 2012 at Yojana Bhavan, Shillong which was conducted by the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority. The Protection Officers both Intuitional and Non-Institutional Care attended the Training held on 22nd – 28th July, 2012 at NIPCCD, Guwahati. Also The Legal Cum Probation Officer attended Training from 6th – 10th August, 2012 at NIPCCD Guwahati.

**Meetings of various Committees**

The District officers attended the meeting of District Task Force on Child Labour Committee at the Deputy Commissioner Chamber on the 12th June, 2012 where various issues concerning child labour was discussed.

Attended meeting on the 31st July 2012 regarding District Child Protection Committee at Deputy Commissioner Office, Nongstoin. On 8th August, 2012 the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) attended the meeting on ‘Migration of Children to Karnataka’ at the office chamber of the Director of Social Welfare, Shillong, Meghalaya.

**Meetings with Child Care Institution**

1. The first meeting was conducted by the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) for formation of the Management Committee of All Child Care Institutions in West Khasi Hills District on the 19th December, 2012.

2. The second meeting was held with the Secretary of all the Child Care Institutions and members of
Child Welfare Committee within the district on the 21st March, 2013. The following agenda was discussed during the meeting:

i. Child Tracking System
ii. Monitoring
iii. Miscellaneous

3. Missing children – A report was published in The Shillong Times daily newspaper on 19th March, 2013 in connection to a case of missing children from Athiabari, West Khasi Hills District. The District Child Protection Unit in collaboration with the Child Welfare Committee, Nongstoin took up the matter with the police and reported to be under process.

Programmes

The District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) assisted the District Social Welfare Officer and conducted three programmes, viz., the International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking on the 15th June, 2012 at Rangblang, West Khasi Hills, International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking on the 26th June, 2012 at District Social Welfare Office, also assisted the District Social Welfare Office in Observing the Communal Harmony on the 27th August, 2012 and International Day for Older Persons on the 28th September & 1st October, 2012. The District Child Protection Officer attended the International Day for Women on 8th March, 2013 organised by District Social Welfare Office, Nongstoin at Lower Primary School, Nongkhlaw, Mairang Sub Division and delivered speech on the workings of Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) its aim and objective and also gave introduction about the office of the District Child Protection Unit

Cases under Child Welfare Committee (CWC)

The officer concerned has attended two (2) sittings of Child Welfare Committee (CWC) as per order received from Child Welfare Committee, Nongstoin and an inquiry was conducted on 3 (three) male & 3 (three) female child in need of care and protection where two (2) female child and three (3) male child was restored back to St. John Vianney Boys Orphanage, Nongkasen, Revd. S. Wollington Boy’s Orphanage home, Nongpyndeng, Green Pasteur Orphanage, Pyndengrei and fit person based on the child’s father as identified by the Child Welfare Committee.
An order of inquiry for child in need of care and protection was received from Child Welfare Committee Nongstoin

Thirty three (33) cases have received from Child Welfare Committee Nongstoin as per order of inquiry for child in need of care and protection.

Cases undertaken by the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB)

The officer concerned attended 10 sittings held monthly in which 15 cases was handled by the Juvenile Justice Board, 10 cases were disposed and 11 cases of Social Investigation Reports was conducted.

Child Care Institutions

The officer concerned has inspected and facilitated 12 (twelve) Child Care Institutions as per Juvenile Justice Act, 2000 and its Amendment Act, 2006.

Sponsorship and Foster Care

1. Constitution of Sponsorship and Foster Care Approval Committee
2. Constitution of After Care Committee within the district.
3. Women Social Welfare Organisation (Seng Longkmie) New Nongstoin has been identified as an After Care Home for girls under Integrated Child Protection Scheme and the matter is under process for the approval.

Specialised Adoption Agency

The District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) had taken steps for identification to set up Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA) in the district, i.e., two NGOs, viz., Hope Orphanage Trust, Mawkyrwat, South West Khasi Hills and Greater Nongstoin Women Social Welfare Organisation, Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills and conducted by the Programme Manager and Programme Officer of State Adoption Resource Agency for its facilitation and 12 (twelve) children has received order of Sponsorship Placement as per order received from Child Welfare Committee, Nongstoin.

After Care and Sponsorship Programme

Women Social Welfare Organizations, (Seng Longkmie) New Nongstoin has been identified as an After Care Home for girls under Integrated Child Protection Scheme.

District Need Assessment

The officer and staff concerned collected and compiled data regarding District Need Assessment under Integrated Child Protection Scheme from various Departments. The Assessment was collected from various Government Departments and All Child Care Institutions in the District regarding child concern issues such as child in need of care and protection, child in conflict with law, child in contact with law, etc.
Inspection of Child Labour through the District Task Force on Child Labour Committee

The District Task Force on Child labour Committee meeting was convened at the Deputy Commissioner’s Office where various issues concerning child labour was discussed. As a mark of curbing child labour, the Deputy Labour Commissioner and the District Child Protection Officer inspected the coal mine areas, saw mills areas and restaurants around Nongstoin District.

JAINTIA HILLS DISTRICT

Training

The District Child Protection Officer, Legal cum Probation Officer attended the Training/Sensitization Programme conducted by the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority held on 2nd June, 2012 at Yojana Bhavan, Main Secretariat, Meghalaya, Shillong.


District Need Assessment

The officers concerned were engaged in seeking information from various Government Departments and NGO’s regarding District Need Assessment under Integrated Child Protection Scheme and visited Childrens Home as part of the District Need Assessment.

Meetings

The District Child Protection Committee (DCPC) held a meeting on the 16th August and 22nd December, 2012 at the Office Chamber of the Deputy Commissioner on which were discussed the setting up of Block Level Child Protection Committee (BLCPC), Village Level Child Protection Committee (VL CPC), Child Social Welfare Organisation for taking up issues related to children.

The Legal cum Probation Officer along with the Counsellor attended meetings on Juvenile Justice Board (JJ B), Child Welfare Committee (CWC),
where the following agenda was discussed viz., and disposal of cases based on the report from the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), if such cases is ready to be disposed. Moreover, if any cases falls under petty crimes/ offences it can be disposed after the counselling session and with order from the Child Welfare Committee (CWC). Counselling was conducted as well for petty crime and three home visits were conducted.

The District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) held a meeting with the Secretary Children’s Home on the 8th January, 2013, and discussed about registration/recognition of Homes under Juvenile Justice Act, constitution of Inspection Committee and setting up of Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA).

The officer and staff concerned of District Child Protection Unit held a meeting on the 30th January at the office of the Superintendent of Police and discussed about the formation of Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) where more members of SJPU including one woman Police Officer and O/C at Amlarem and Khliehriat need to be appointed. Furthermore, it was also discussed the need of convergence between the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Police Department, CHILDLINE.

**Programmes**


The Staff of District Child Protection Unit attended Mass Awareness Programme organised by CHILDLINE at Ummul onc on the 14th July, 2012 and the District Child Protection Officer delivered a speech on Integrated Child Protection Scheme. An inspection drive on Child Labour was carried out by CHILDLINE along with the staffs of District Child Protection Unit, Deputy Commissioner of Labour and Police in several tea stalls.


The District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) assisted the Office of District Social Welfare Officer in organising a programme on International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on the

The District Child Protection Officer attended an Awareness Programme as a Resource Person on Integrated Child Development Scheme week of Amlarem ICDS held on the 15th and 16th November, 2012 at Lamin and Amlarem.

**Counselling**

The counsellor provide various counselling session on cases of Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) and Child Welfare Committee (CWC).

**FIR**

Based on the report of the headman of Ladmukhla village and as directed by the Child Welfare Committee, an FIR was filed against the accused in connection to child abuse.

**Inquiry**

Conducted an inquiry on cases of Child Welfare Committee. A Social Investigation Report and Supervision Order were also conducted by Legal Cum Probation Officer.

**Others**

The District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) assisted the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) in a case relating to a road accident involving two minor girls at Tongseng, Khliehriat on the 8th August, 2012, who were hospitalised at Civil Hospital, Jowai for three days and later handed over to their relatives by the Child Welfare Committee (CWC). Role and responsibilities of District Child Protection Unit personnel related to Juvenile Justice Board and Child Welfare Committee was circulated to Juvenile Justice Board and Child Welfare Committee for future need.

Forms and Rules related to Juvenile Justice Board under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2000 was circulated to Juvenile Justice Board and accompanied the Juvenile from the Board to the Observation Home, Shillong.

Communicated to:
1. The Member Secretary, Meghalaya State Legal Service Authority requesting to nominate one Government Advocate to be a member of the District Child Protection Committee since the District Legal Service Authority is not available in the District.
2. The Presbyterian Women Social Welfare Organisation (NGO) to be a member of District Child
Protection Committee.
3. The Clinical Psychologist to be a member as an Expert of District Child Protection Committee.
4. The Assistant Director Information and Public Relation to take necessary action on Section 21 of 
5. The Secretary Children's Home (registered under Juvenile Justice Care and Protection of Children) 
   Act 2000.
6. The Assistant Director Information and Public Relation regarding the list of print and electronic 
   media for maintenance of Resource Directory.
   Superintendent of Police West & East Jaintia Hills to provide information for maintenance of 
   Resource Directory.
8. District Mission Co-Ordinator regarding recommendation of Instructor, Translator and Special 
   Educator.
9. District School Education Officer on list of Government and SSA School and services provided to 
   the children.

Initiated proposal for recommendations of representatives for the Constitution of Inspection Committee, 
Management Committee, Block Level Child Protection Committee and After-Care Committee for the 
identification and selection of After-Care Organisations. The District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) has 
taken steps for identification of Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA) in the Children's Home, NGOs and 
one Creche. A copy of the Hon'ble Supreme Court directions to comply with the preventive measures/ 
safeguards in the matter of children falling into bore wells, pits, sewer drains were circulated to all the 
District Heads, Children's Homes and Headman of Jowai localities.

RI-BHOI DISTRICT

Training

The District Child Protection Officer, Legal cum Probation Officer attended the Training/Sensitization 
Programme conducted by the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority held on 2nd June, 2012 at 
Yojana Bhavan, Main Secretariat, Meghalaya, Shillong.

The Protection Officers both Institutional and non-institutional attended a one week training on 
financial & accounting, pension rules, budget, financial & subsidiary from 25th- 29th June 2012 at 
Nongpoh.

The Protection Officers both Institutional and Non-Institutional attended training at the National 
Institute of Public Co-operation and Child Development, Guwahati, held on July 23rd – 28th, 2012. Also 
the Legal Cum Probation Officer and Protection Officer (Non-Institutional) attended Training from 6th – 
10th August, 2012 at NIPCCD Guwahati.

Meeting

The Protection Officer (Non-Institution) attended meeting with the Deputy Commissioner for district 
task force on Child Labour Committee on 24th May, 2012 and discussed on child issues. The District Child 
Protection Officer (DCPO) and Legal cum Probation Officer (LCPO) had a meeting with the Additional 
Deputy Commissioner, Nongpoh, Lynti Jam President, Treasurer and Secretary for discussion on Shelter 
Home and its set up. Thereafter, they held a meeting with the ADC, Nongpoh for Management Committee.
Attended the meeting for circular and Monitoring Report of JJB in the Deputy Commissioner’s Chamber, Nongpoh as well as in the Additional Deputy Commissioner’s Chamber, Nongpoh. During the month of January, 2013 the Officers concerned attended a meeting with the Superintendent of Police, Ri-Bhoi District, Shri. C.V. Reddy for introduction of Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) and also on ICPS. Also an Inspection Committee meeting was held with all the members of the Committee in the DCPU office at Mawkapiah, Nongpoh and discussed matters related to it. The officers concerned had a follow up on Management Committee in the District Medical Health Officer office. During the month of March 2013 the officers met with the Additional Deputy Commissioner on matters related to setting up of Shelter Home and Management Committee.

**Programme**

Participated in:
1. Legal Literacy Campaign and Awareness Camp for Women and Child Rights at Umsning by the District Child Protection Officer.
2. Seminar on Drawback of Teenage Marriage organized by Christian Endeavour Society, Umryngksai at Nongpoh.
3. Workshop on Early Child Marriage at Mawtnum Socio-Cultural Sport Club, Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh.

**Sitting of Child Welfare Committee (CWC)**

Attended:
2. Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Sittings on two Rape cases, which happened on the same day i.e, on 4th October, 2012.
3. Took up follow up case referred by Child Welfare Committee (CWC) at Lapalang Shillong.
5. Child Welfare Committee cases in Holy Heart Orphanage.
Prepared report based on the Child Welfare Committee Sitting for the case of (7) seven minor children taken to Manipur. Made clarification with parents of the (7) seven minor children along with the officers from Directorate of Information and Public Relation (DIPR) and Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) at District Social Welfare Office.

**Sitting of Juvenile Justice Board (JJB)**

The officers took up follow up cases of JJB at Saiden. During the month of January, 2013 a meeting was held with the Deputy Superintendent of Police for clarification on Juvenile Cases, and took up follow up case on JJB at Umsning as well as an inquiry was made for JJB case at Umsning on February, 2013.

**Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU)**

The concerned officer of District Child Protection Unit made an introduction of Social Worker for assisting the Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) on various matter relating with it. And also to collect the reliable information needed for Monitoring Report and to enquire about the three cases related to Monitoring Report.

**Inspection**

The officer concerned conducted an inspection on Child Care Institution to:

1. S.F.S. Girls Homes
2. St. Jude
3. Don Bosco Boys Hostel
4. SOS Children Village
5. Mazzarello Home, Mawtnum for running a Short Stay Home
6. Visited District Medical Health Officer for the Inspection Committee.
7. Umkon Nongtluh Society, Ri-Bhoi District for setting up CCI. However this society is in the nasal stage of establishing an orphanage.

**Visit to Homes**

Visited Holy Heart Orphanage, Killing and Mazzerello Home, Mawtnum being one of the Short Stay Home at Ri-Bhoi

**Identifying of Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA)**

Steps taken by the Officer in charge for identification of SAA (Specialised Adoption Agency):

1. Shantivan Bhavan – Missionaries of Charity, Catholic Institution for setting up of Child Care
Institution and SAA. However, they declined the proposal.


3. Children Homes at Holy Heart, Killing.

4. Recommendation of one representative for the Constitution of Sponsorship and Foster Care Approval Committee.

**Counselling**

The counsellor provided counselling to the children at SOS Children Village, Umiam in a case related to stealing, runaway and behavioural problem.

**Inquiry**

Conducted Social Investigation Report (SIR) for juveniles in conflict with law (JCL) at Saiden, Ri-Bhoi District, Mawroh Mawsteng and headman of Sajer. Had an inquiry regarding setting up of Shelter Home with Lynti Jam Office. During the month of February, 2013 a Social Investigation Report (SIR) was conducted at Umsning.

**District Need Assessment**

Collected data from various offices and Government Departments for the District Need Assessment and Resource Mapping, collected and compiled of data regarding District Need Assessment and Monitoring Report.

**Formation of Committees**

Conducted the first District Child Protection Committee on 8th August, 2012 at the Deputy Commissioner’s Chamber. Submission of proposed name for Inspection Committee to the Director. Visited the Block Development Officer (BDO) Umling, Umsning, Jirang for formation of Village Level Child Protection Committee (VLCPC). Also visited the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) Umsning for formation of Village Level Child Protection Committee (VLCPC).

**Cases**

*Officers delivered speech organised by Christian Endeavour Society Umrangksai - On 4th October, 2012*
1. An inquiry for CWC case at Ganesh Das Hospital.
2. An inquiry for CWC case at Civil Hospital.
3. An inquiry for CWC case at MIMHANS Hospital, Shillong.
4. Submitted an inquiry and Follow up Report on CWC cases, Nongpoh to the Chairperson CWC, Nongpoh.
5. Inquiry CWC case at Mawroh Mawsteng.
6. Follow up the CWC case at Shillong.
7. Repatriating a Juvenile from Nongpoh, Mazzerelo Short Stay Home to CWC East Khasi Hills, District, Shillong as referred by CWC, Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh.

Others

Visited the officer incharge of Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) at Sardar Police Station, Nongpoh. Had a meeting with the President of Umkon Nongtluh Society, SHG and discussion made for setting up of Child Care Institution (CCI) as well as meeting with Sr. Happyline Incharge of Mazzarello Home, Mawtnnum with the officer concerned regarding their activities. In the month of March 2013, the officers and staff concern prepared a format for conducting the Baseline Survey in the required area.

The concerned officers collected information on Meghalaya State Wide Area Network Project (SWAN) which is a national level initiative where government officers and key agencies will be networked for providing data voice and video services across the state, reduce communication gap, improve quality and speedy decision making and better implementation of government schemes.

EAST GARO HILLS

Training

The District Child Protection Officer, Legal Cum Probation Officer attended the Training/Sensitization Programme conducted by the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority held on 2nd June, 2012 at Yojana Bhavan, Main Secretariat, Meghalaya, Shillong. The Protection Officers both Institutional and Non-Institutional attended training at the National Institute of Public Co-operation and Child Development, Guwahati, held on July 23rd – 28th, 2012. The Legal Cum Probation Officer and Protection Officer (Non-Institutional) attended Training from 6th – 10th August, 2012 at NIPCCD Guwahati.

Programmes

Attended:
1. Chief Minister’s Special Schemes for widows, disabled persons, in Asanang on 11th June, 2012 where Chief Minister inaugurated the Scheme along with other dignitaries.
2. The International Day against Drugs Abuse & Illicit Trafficking on 26th June, 2012 in Williamnagar.
3. The International Old Age Day Celebration in Williamnagar and work with the staff of District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO).
4. The Chief Minister’s Programme in Rongjeng on World Disabled Day.
5. The Badthe Kadam in Rongrengre Field.

Meetings

The officials attended the meeting of Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and in Deputy Commissioners Chamber Williamnagar and discussed issues on child labour.

District Need Assessment

The Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) officials have submitted the needs assessment and resource mapping under Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) and collected all the necessary data and information needed under Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) and compiled them for further submission to the state level.

Formation of Committees

The Deputy Commissioner along with the officials of the District Child Protection Unit formed the District Child Protection Committee in East Garo Hills, Williamnagar on 4th October, 2012 in the Deputy Commissioner’s chamber whereas in respect of formation of BLCPC it was stated that it is still in the process.

Inspection of Homes

**Identified two Shelter Homes, namely, St. Theresa Girls Home for girls and St. Francis Mission Home for boys:** The District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) has identified two Shelter Homes, i.e. one for boys and one for girls. The Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) Officials have inspected the homes and found that there is proper maintenance of the basic standards as prescribed by the Govt. of India.

**Identified the Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) run home for Adoption Agency:** The officer concerned have identified the Church run Home in Williamnagar to take as a Specialised Adoption Agency and the House of Mercy along with the Programme Manager, Programme Officer of State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA), Shillong.

Inspection of Cases

The concerned staff went for spot inspection in Williamnagar town in connection to one molestation case and helped the victim’s family to lodge an FIR and the accused was later apprehended.

Inquiry

**Conducted the Social Investigation Report (SIR) and submitted to the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB):** The Social Investigation Report on juvenile in conflict with law had been prepared and submitted to the concerned Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) for further and necessary actions. More than 5 juvenile were released on bail.

**Rape Cases:** Three cases of rape filed, two from Williamnagar town and one from Rajengdoba, North
Garo Hills District and Social Investigation Report was done and submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent and Child Welfare Committee. The staff concerned received one rape case in Williamnagar town which the victim handed over to the adolescent counsellor for counselling and psychiatrist in Tura Civil Hospital.

Others

Conducted the survey on Child Labour: The District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Williamnagar has conducted a survey on child labour in the entire East and North Garo Hills Districts as instructed by the Deputy Commissioner to find out the number of working children who are below 14 years of age. During the survey, it was detected that more than 15 working children were engaged in different automobile garages, tea stalls and constructions and the report had been submitted to the Deputy Commissioner for necessary action.

Conducted Inspection on Child Labour in the commercial areas of Williamnagar town: The District Magistrate along with the Labour Inspector, Police Department and Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) Officials conducted a surprise raid in different automobile garage, tea stalls, constructions in and around Williamnagar town and found many working children who are below 14 years of age. The District Magistrate imposed a fine of Rs. 20,000/- for those employed for which the money will be spent for the child’s welfare.

Follow-up Cases

The concerned officers and staff took up follow-up cases connected to gang-rape victim in the Williamnagar Winter Festival along with the District Social Welfare Officer of Williamnagar to see the physical, mental and social well-being of the victim.

WEST GARO HILLS

Training

The District Child Protection Officer, Legal Cum Probation Officer attended the Training/Sensitization Programme conducted by the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority held on 2nd June, 2012 at Yojana Bhavan, Main Secretariat, Meghalaya, Shillong. The Protection Officers both Institutional and Non-Institutional attended training at the National Institute of Public Co-operation and Child Development, Guwahati, held on July 23rd – 28th, 2012. Also The Legal Cum Probation Officer attended Training from 6th – 10th August, 2012 at NIPCCD Guwahati.

Meetings

Meeting with:
1. Principal Magistrate to discuss on the function of Juvenile Justice Board.
2. Superintendent of Police, West Garo Hills on 30th May 2012. It was informed by the S.P regarding the Special Juvenile Police Unit and advised given to sensitize on ICPS to all stakeholders including them.
3. Deputy Commissioner, Tura on 6th September, 2012 regarding the formation of District Child
Protection Committee.

4. In the circuit house conducted by State Women’s Commission on 23rd October, 2012 on the report given by the DCPO related to various cases.

Programmes

Attended:

1. The programme of Chief Minister’s Social Assistance Scheme for Infirm and Widow at Asanang organized by the DSWO.
2. “Barthe Kadam” Awareness Programme for the disabled at Monfort School, Tura.
3. A Programme on “Walk for Health” as a part of “International day for Older Persons’ on 28th September, 2012.

Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Sittings

Attended the Child Welfare Committee meetings on 5.06.2012, 9.08.2012, 11.09.2012, 29.09.2012 and emergent meetings without any notification as and when called by CWC and discussed on various cases. The concerned officers had a discussion with the CHILDLINE Co-ordinator on a missing child who was found in Goalpara District near Lakhipur wherein the case was taken up by the Child Welfare Committee.

Field Visit / Inspection

Conducted Joint inspection with the Deputy Labour Commissioner on Child Labour at different places.

12.09.2012 – It was informed by the Deputy Labour Commissioner that there is an orphan boy working in a hotel in Tura market area. He was found to be a minor of 12 – 14 years of age. During the day of the visit, his whereabouts was not found and the search is still going on.

13.09.2012 – Officers of ICPS and Deputy Labour Commissioner, Tura went to raid on child labour in Phulbari and only one minor child of 10 years of age was found who came from a poor background. He was send by his parents to work in a hotel for earning money to survive his family and earned Rs. 60/- a day and has to work for 12 hours.

14.09.2012 – Again a joint visit was done in Dalu market and found one boy of 14 years working in a hotel and earning Rs. 100/- a day. The employer was informed and advised to send back the child since it is a crime/punishable to employ a child.
Visited Freedom Life Centre (Orphanage) at Sanchonggre on 9th October, 2012 by the Protection Officer and Legal cum Probation Officer and St. Claret Mission Home, Ampati by the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) on 19th November, 2012 which was identified as Childrens Home. It was observed that there are 25 inmates and consist of a capacity of 50. The Father who is in charge is maintaining the home with the funds received from Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS). Joint Inspection and visit was also made along with the Programme Manager and Programme Officer of SCPS to St. Claret Mission Home, Ampati on 26th November, 2012 and discussed about the funds to be utilised and maintenance of minimum standards. The District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) had a joint visit with the Programme Manager, Programme Officer of SARA, Shillong and along with the Protection Officer (Non-Institutional Care) and Legal cum Probation Officer to Orphanage home at Sanchonggre on 26th November, 2012. There are twenty one (21) children in this Orphanage Home. All are school going children and almost all the children are doing very well in their studies. This orphanage home is being run by the Church Ministry (AEA).

Visited to Observation Home (Boy’s) and St. Mary’s Convent, Tura along with the Programme Manager and Programme Officer of State Child Protection Society (SCPS) on 29th November, 2012. The Superintendent i/c. of Observation Home (Boys) informed about the inmates, its delivery structures, staff pattern and also about their limitations. It was also discussed about formation of temporary shelter home for which it will be turned to a permanent shelter home after receiving of funds.

Visited one NGO “National Domestic Worker’s Movement” run by Sister Pauline Marak of St. Mary’s Convent on 4th February, 2013 to inform about After Care Home and agreed to take up under the organisation.

**Identification of After Care Home**

Identified one NGO name “Shalom Social Upliftment Society” for After Care Home and is willing to take up this project.

**Counselling**

The officer concerned provided counselling on cases of Child Welfare Committee and for children in need of care and protection in cases connected to runaway, trafficking case and missing case.

**Inquiry**

The Protection Officer visited Mary Immaculate Girl’s Home, and Little Flower Mission Home, Dadenggre on 13th July, 2012 for seeking information about the children. In consultation with the DCPO and District Social Welfare Officer the Social Investigation Report was prepared by the Legal cum Probation Officer. The District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) along with CHILDLINE Co-ordination visited the victim of molestation case in maternity and child hospital, Tura on 20th December, 2012 and found that the victim is in trauma and undergone some injuries. It was reported by the doctor that it is not a rape case but a molestation case. An inquiry on molestation case was made by the Officer concerned along with CHILDLINE team members on 19th December, 2012 to Rongkhon Songgital. It was informed that the victim was hospitalized since she was injured and unconscious. The officers conducted an inquiry on rape case of a minor girl at Phulbari informed by the District Social Welfare Officer. The outreach worker conducted an inquiry in Phulbari Police Station on 31st January, 2013 to seek information on
whether the accused were apprehended and under which section was booked and it was informed later by the police that the accused was forwarded to Tura Police Station and was informed to the Women's Commission about the matter which later the victim was forwarded to the Maternity and Child Hospital, Tura. Joint visit and inquiry was also conducted with one of the member of Women's Commission on 2nd February, 2013 along with the Protection Officer (Non-Institutional Care).

**District Need Assessment**


**Formation of Committee**

Formation of District Child Protection Committee on 17th September, 2012 with all the members at DRDA’s Conference Hall. Notification was given to all the members of the District Child Protection Committee on 25th September, 2012. Held a meeting with the Block Development Officer (BDO), Rongram on 17th December, 2012 regarding the formation of Block Level Child Protection Committee. An Inspection Committee and Management Committee was set up in Childcare Institute. A proposal too was submitted to the Director for Information of Block Level Child Protection Committee.

**Cases**

The officers visited the place in Dalu area, West Garo Hills on the 9th June, 2012 and met with the children affected in land dispute and where inquiries was conducted and follow up was done. Also, cases and inquiry was conducted on runaway and missing children, trafficking, molestation and adoption case on which further inquiry and agreement was made to give the child for adoption and the matter was later brought to the Child Welfare Committee (CWC).

**Juvenile Justice Board**

The concerned officers met with the proposed Principal Magistrate of Juvenile Justice Board on 23rd January, 2013 to discuss the function of Juvenile Justice Board and suggested a separate and full time Magistrate to be appointed in dealing with the Juvenile Justice system.
SOUTH GARO HILLS

Training

The District Child Protection Officer, Legal Cum Probation Officer attended the Training/Sensitization Programme conducted by the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority held on 2nd June, 2012 at Yojana Bhavan, Main Secretariat, Meghalaya, Shillong. The Protection Officers both Institutional and Non-Institutional attended training at the National Institute of Public Co-operation and Child Development, Guwahati, held on July 23rd – 28th, 2012. Also The Legal Cum Probation Officer attended Training from 6th – 10th August, 2012 at NIPCCD Guwahati.

Meetings

Held a meeting with:
1. The Achik Baptist Convention Executive Member in regards to Specialised Adoption Agency.
2. The Block Development Officers of Gasuapara Block, Rongara Block and Baghmara Block regarding formation of Block Level Child Protection Committee.
3. Smt. D.A. Sangma (Principal Magistrate) and family members of the juvenile on 19th June, 2012 for the disposal of case.
5. Deputy Commissioner of Baghmara, South Garo Hills on 15th March, 2013 for intervention of prevailing Child Labour within the District.

Programme

Organised Legal Literacy cum Awareness Programme for Women and Children at Rewak U.P. School in collaboration with Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority and Deputy Commissioners, South Garo Hills, Baghmara. The officers participated in the celebration of International Women’s Day on 8th March, 2013 at RC Compound, Baghmara

Sitting of Child Welfare Committee (CWC)/ Juvenile Justice Board (JJB)

Facilitated:
1. The Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) Member in disposing the pending case of the Juvenile.
2. In releasing and repatriating of International Border Crossing Cases (Bangladeshi).
3. Child Welfare Committee (CWC) in handing over the juvenile to a fit person

Inspection of Homes

The officer concerned conducted an inspection at Fatima Rani Boys Home along with the Programme
Manager of State Child Protection Society, Shillong and also visited Observation Home at Tura, West Garo Hills to meet the juvenile related to child matters. On 19th March, 2013 the concerned officer visited the Holy Cross Girl’s Home and St. Francis De Sales Boys Home at Nongalbibra to see the infrastructure of the home. On 12th February, 2013 a Sponsorship Foster Care Committee was constituted and conducted a Sponsorship Committee meeting on 20th March, 2013 for identifying and implementation of sponsorship within the district.

**Inquiry**

Conducted Social Investigation Report (SIR) by Legal cum Protection Officer in consultation with the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) and District Social Welfare Officer.

**Formation of Committee**

Constituted:
1. The District Child Protection Committee was constituted on 27th September, 2012 at the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Baghmara.
2. The Block Level Child Protection Committee at Gasuapara on 23rd November, at the Office of the Community & Rural Development Block, Gasuapara, South Garo Hills.
3. Constitution of Sponsorship Committee Members.
4. Visited Block Officer on 11 February for formation of Block Level Child Protection Committee.

**District Need Assessment / Monitoring**

Collected reliable data for District Need Assessment from Link Departments, Monitoring of Children’s Home and JJB for the 1st Quarter ending June, September and December, 2012.

**Cases**

The officers conducted several cases related to adoption matter, surrender of child, child labour, rape, molestation, international border crossing, armed conflict, theft etc.

**Others**

The District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) along with the staff accompanied the Deputy Labour Commissioners in raiding child labour at Nongalbibra.
ANNEXURE - I

Staff position

STATE LEVEL

1. STATE PROJECT SUPPORT UNIT
   1. Programme Manager (1)
   2. Project Officer (2)
   3. Administrative Officer (1)
   4. Account Officer (1)
   5. Accountant (1)
   6. Asstt. Cum Computer Operator (2)

2. STATE CHILD PROTECTION SOCIETY
   1. Vacant
   2. Programme Officer (2)
   3. Account Officer (1)
   4. Accountant (1)
   5. Date Entry Operator (1)

3. STATE ADOPTION RESOURCE AGENCY
   1. Programme Manager (1)
   2. Programme Officer (1)
   3. Accountant (1)
   4. Programme Assistant (1)

DISTRICT LEVEL

1. EAST KHASI HILLS DISTRICT, SHILLONG
   1. District Child Protection Officer (1)
   2. Protection Officer (2)
   3. Legal cum Probation Officer (1)
   4. Counsellor (1)
   5. Social Worker (2)
   6. Accountant (1)
   7. Data Entry Operator (1)
   8. Outreach Worker (2)
   9. Data Analyst (1)

2. WEST KHASI HILLS DISTRICT, NONGSTOIN
   1. District Child Protection Officer (1)
   2. Protection Officer (2)
   3. Legal cum Probation Officer (1)
   4. Counsellor (1)
   5. Accountant (1)
   6. Outreach Worker (2)
   7. Data Entry Operator (1)

3. JAINTE HILLS DISTRICT, JOWAI
   1. District Child Protection Officer (1)
   2. Protection Officer (2)
   3. Legal cum Probation Officer (1)
   4. Counsellor (1)
   5. Social worker (1)
   6. Outreach Worker (2)
   7. Data entry operator (1)
   8. Data analyst (1)

4. RI-BHOI DISTRICT, NONGPOH
   1. District Child Protection Officer (1)
   2. Protection Officer (2)
   3. Legal cum Probation Officer (1)
   4. Social worker (1)
   5. Accountant (1)
   6. Outreach Worker (2)
   7. Data entry operator (1)
   8. Outreach Worker (1)

5. EAST GARO HILLS DISTRICT, WILLIAMNAGAR
   1. District Child Protection Officer (1)
   2. Protection Officer (2)
   3. Legal cum Probation Officer (1)
   4. Accountant (1)
   5. Outreach Worker (1)

6. WEST GARO HILLS DISTRICT, TURA
   1. District Child Protection Officer (1)
   2. Protection Officer (2)
   3. Legal cum Probation Officer (1)
   4. Accountant (1)
   5. Outreach Worker (1)

7. SOUTH GARO HILLS DISTRICT, BAGHMARA
   1. District Child Protection Officer (1)
   2. Protection Officer (2)
   3. Legal cum Probation Officer (1)
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   5. Outreach Worker (1)
## ANNEXURE- II

### LIST OF JJBs REGISTRATION ON MISSING CHILD TRACKING SYSTEM

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