

CHILD FRIENDLY CONSTITUENCY

[Frequently Asked Questions]

a) What is a 'child friendly constituency'?

Child Friendly Constituency (CFC) is an initiative to bring together elected representatives and local government with different stakeholders from a constituency to ensure basic rights of children - survival, development, protection and participation.

b) How it will function?

CFC creates a platform for elected representative to have a more structured engagement with district administration and service providers; at the same time it helps them to connect with people/ communities on a regular interval on issues that affect the lives of children and their families. This model advocates for optimum utilization of existing resources allocated from State as well as National government under various schemes and programs.

In this process all elected representatives cutting across the political structures under the leadership of Member of Legislative Assembly collectively take the responsibility to discuss, design, guide and monitor the program implementation process with active involvement of multiple stakeholders including children in a phased manner. The CFC model encourages elected representatives to pay special attention and help children and their families to realise the rights and entitlements of children within the overall UNCRC framework.

c) What are the CFC indicators?

The CFC will monitor children's rights - survival, development, protection and participation under five specific action areas- reduction of neonatal deaths, reduction of stunting, reduction of open defecation, all children in school and learning, protect children from violence and exploitation.

d) Which programmes will be monitored under the CFC?

Five flagship programmes are selected to be monitored under the CFC: 1) National Health Mission (NHM), 2) Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICDS), 3) Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), 4) Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA), 5) Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS).

CFC will focus on effective implementation of these five flagship programs in the selected Assembly constituency and ensure quality participation of children and their families along with service providers in a coordinated way.

e) What is the role of children and adolescent in the CFC process?

Children and adolescents from Khandapara will be organised to form 'children and adolescent collectives' at gram panchayat level. Through this forum they will share their concerns and demand their rights in the 'Child Rights Gram Sabha.'

f) What is a Child Rights Gram Sabha?

Child Rights Gram Sabha is process by which adolescent and young adults get an opportunity to meet the elected representatives of the Gram Panchayat and share their views in the decision making process on issues that matter to them.

