



South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children (SAIEVAC)

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## SAIEVAC TO STREAMLINE DATABASE OF SERVICE PROVIDERS OF MISSING CHILDREN

Hosted by SAIEVAC Regional Secretariat in partnership with Plan International Asia Regional Office, a Regional Kick-off Meeting on 'Mapping of Service Providers' of the Missing Child Alert (MCA) Project will take place in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 14-15 June 2014.

The 'Missing Child Alert' (MCA) is a project responds to the grave issue of child trafficking and its close link with intrinsic issue of missing children in South Asia. The project is led by Plan International and SAIEVAC (South Asia Initiative to End Violence against Children) with financial support from Post Code Loterij of the Netherlands. The pilot phase of the project has commenced in July 2012. The project is implemented in three countries namely Bangladesh, India and Nepal.

The project intends to respond to the need of children/ youth victim of neglect, abuse and cross-border trafficking by strengthening coordination and management of services provided to them. Plan International Asia regional Office (ARO) recently engaged a competent agency, International Solutions Group (ISG) from USA and their local Associate 'Change Mantra' from India to lead the process of developing logical framework for quality service delivery, mapping of service providers in India, Bangladesh and Nepal and to develop web-based database of service providers.

ISG has commenced their work on 16th April 2014 and will continue it until 16th April 2015. During this period ISG intends to ensure consistent consultation with key State and Non-State actors to ensure sanity of this database, broad level ownership and collective efforts by multiple stakeholders in all three countries. ISG has undertaken a desk research and has identified broad methodology, specific objectives and broad outlines of tools that will be used to undertake this work. It is important for ISG and Missing Child Alert to consult with SAIEVAC

mechanism at regional and national level to endorse the methodology and tools developed by ISG.

With this intention NACG representatives and SAIEVAC coordinators from India, Bangladesh and Nepal are requested to add two more days to their preplanned Regional NACG meeting. In addition to NACG members and SAIEVAC coordinator from India, Bangladesh and Nepal this meeting will also be attended by MCA regional level partners such as D.Net and few civil society organizations having relevant experience in providing services to children victims of neglect, abuse and trafficking.

Among other facilitators, the meeting will be also see Dr. Rinchen Chopel, Director General, SAIEVAC Regional Secretariat and Mr. Ashish Damle, Regional Manager of Plan MCA.

The objectives of the meeting are...

- *To develop collective consensus on broad methodology, tools and approach to implement an assignment on mapping of service providers;*
- *To develop clarity on web-based database of service providers and its relevance with Uniform Case Management Tool;*
- *To identify few organizations where Uniform Case Management tools will be implemented as pilot field test;*
- *To endorse the road map suggested by International Solution Group.*

Working in a round table approach, the meeting is expected to feature subject specific presentations from ISG and D.Net and small groups will deliberate on relevance of methodology, tools and approach proposed, areas of challenges and recommended steps, recommended actions to ensure national and regional level cooperation to identify specific roles of key stakeholders including SAIEVAC to facilitate the process.

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