

Overview on the national child policy

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Vision

A society where children survive, thrive and reach their full potential

- ▶ Situational analysis
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- ▶ Guiding principles
- ▶ Objectives and measures
- ▶ Institution framework and implementation
- ▶ Conclusion

situational analysis

- ▶ National population 14,365,719
- ▶ 53% are below 18 years of age
- ▶ The four child pillars:- survival, development ,protection and participation

child survival rights

Policy Objective and Measure

To coordinate and manage multi-sectoral child welfare and development programmes in order to ensure child survival.

- ▶ Child mortality
- ▶ malnutrition and poverty
- ▶ Children and HIV and AIDS
- ▶ Access to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation

child development rights



Policy Objective and Measure

To coordinate and manage the formulation and implementation of multi-sectoral child welfare and development programmes in order to facilitate attainment of their full potential in the enjoyment of life.

- ▶ Early childhood care, Development and Education
- ▶ Primary Education
- ▶ Secondary Education
- ▶ Leisure, Recreation, Sport and Culture

child protection rights

Policy Objective and Measure

- ▶ Identity and Birth Registration
- ▶ Child Labor
- ▶ Violence against Children
- ▶ Child trafficking
- ▶ Alcohol and Substance Abuse

child protection

Policy Objective and Measure

To ensure that child rights are enforced in order to safeguard and uphold their well-being

- ▶ Children in the Justice System
- ▶ Alternative Care
- ▶ Children living on the streets

child participation rights

Policy Objective and Measure

To coordinate and facilitate the participation of children in national programmes in order to enhance child development programmes.

- ▶ Legislation Process
- ▶ Mass Media

Monitoring and Evaluation

Policy Objective and Measure

- ▶ To monitor and evaluate implementation of the National Child Policy in order to facilitate the development and implementation of appropriate interventions

Guiding Principles

- ▶ Non discrimination
- ▶ Best interest of the child
- ▶ Human rights based approach
- ▶ Core cultural values and practices
- ▶ Child participation
- ▶ Decentralized and holistic service delivery

Institutional Framework and Implementation

- ▶ The MYSCD shall be the lead institution responsible for ensuring the implementation of the National Child Policy through the following:
 - ▶ Coordination of all child welfare and development implementation programmes and other child related matters.
 - ▶ Coordination of the development of the NPA and M&E framework.
 - ▶ Strengthening coordination with stakeholders involved in child welfare and development programmes
 - ▶ Building capacity in child service providers
 - ▶ Ensuring that child cross cutting issues are effectively integrated in the implementation of the policy
 - ▶ Conducting M&E of the implementation of child strategies

Conclusion

- ▶ 2006 national child policy review
- ▶ Emerging issues such as child trafficking ,child marriages, climate change among others
- ▶ Need to incorporate new national plans
- ▶ Regional and international treaties
- ▶ Achievements- legislation review, school enrolments, immunization, child protection systems
- ▶ Challenges-ineffective coordination, lack of M and E framework and budget allocation