
Information Sharing and Networking in Psychosocial Care

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Workshop in Cuddalore

- A Total of 43 participants
- 15 Organizations participated
- Including 4 government organizations

Issues focused

- Understanding the psychosocial needs
- Examining the process of empowerment in imparting psychosocial care
- Identification of future areas of work in psychosocial care

Government Sectors

- Department of Social Welfare
- The Integrated Child Development Services
- District Education Department
- Department of Health

Information Shared by some of the non government agencies

- Work done on issues concerned with women, children, adolescent girls, people with mental illness-ADRA
- Work done on issues concerned with women and children. Trained community level workers-CREED
- Providing medical facilities and psychiatric services for severely disturbed people after the disaster-SCARF
- Providing counselling services for affected community-OFERR
- Prioritizing children's needs and rights and services-ICCW

Open Group Discussion

- Recommended issues based on psychosocial support system
- Recommended trainings
- Recommended coordination and net working among service providers

Psychosocial Supports

- Existing systems appreciated
- Disaster preparedness in long term planning
- Community participation
- Integration of PSC and disaster preparedness
- Eco friendly livelihood
- Land reclamation issues with affected farmers
- Issues with women and adolescent girls

Recommended Trainings

- More CLWs to be trained
- More number of teachers and Anganwadi workers to be trained
- Community resource centre for PSC
- Refresher training
- Comprehensive training module
- Medical personnel, supervisory worker in ICDS to be trained
- Other issues

Recommended coordination and net working

- Coordination between all service providers (govt. and non govt.)
- Sharing of experience among various organizations
- Issues with HIV and AIDS
- Net working among PRI, govt. agencies and non govt. agencies
- Referral system
- Incorporate PSC in Curriculum
- Advocacy of PSC

Thank you
