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FAMILY & COMMUNITY BASED KINSHIP &

SPONSORSHIP CARE MODEL (FCKS

Backdrop

AINA, an NGO working with vulnerable children

 Experimented with institutional care but did not succeed; reasons - children had other family members, preferred to be in the same environment & felt lost in institutions Cannot totally refute institutional care; it caters to children who are orphans and had no or little relations / kinship

PRE-FCKSC CARE

(1) Had lengthy discussions with SHG members & community leaders

- (2) Had detailed profile study for semi & total orphans and children living with relatives
 - Realized 80% such children belonged to single mother households
 - Mothers worked in silk factories; left home at 6 am & returned at 6 pm
 - Children were not cared for; no health, no school etc









PRE-CARE.....

- (3) Identified role of different stakeholders in caring and ensuring every child lives with all the constitutional rights;
 - (a) Caretakers mothers, grandmothers, kinship like aunts ensuring 'right to protection', love & care
 - (b) SHG women monitor and reach out thus create conducive environment at home / community,
 - (c) Community plays as a watch dog
 - (d) Schools & PHCs ensure right to education & health
- (4) Secured each stakeholder's responsibility prior to providing family & community based care & rights





DURING CARE

- (1) Right to basic care;
 - (a) training caregivers on right parenting,
 - (b) informing children & caregivers of 'child rights'
- (2) Right to Education;
 - (a) mainstream education with school fee, uniform, notebooks

(b) taking advantage of govt scheme like mid-day meal, free cycle, scholarship, education material(c) evening education centres with creative skills, exposures etc























DURING CARE.....

(3) Accompaniment:

- (a) visit to schools & homes
- (b) followed up with education, health & care status
- (c) took up any concerns with caregivers, SHGs & community

(4) Right to basic Nutrition care;

- (a) monthly ration & ensured the ration reached children(b) supplementary nutrition in EEC,
- (c) followed up with weight charts









DURING CARE....

(5) Right to basic Health care;

(a) preventive like regular health check ups,

- (b) first aid / emergency care when children are in health problems
- (c) regular follow up of health and nutrition issues
- (6) Monitoring on any child abuse & violation of other rights of children:
 - (a) community & SHG members were involved in planning activities,
 - (b) formed Core Group of SHG members,
 - (c) formed Peer Core Group of children,
 - (d) accompanier from the facilitating NGO
 - (e) Maintained individual children's progress file on health, education & care





DURING CARE.....

(7) Paving way for Sustainability measures;

- (a) caregivers are inducted into SHGs and involved in savings & income generation activities.
- (b) provided employment opportunities for caregivers with skills, group & bank loans and entrepreneur ventures like garment sale, snack sale, etc.
- (c) Community entertained the enterprises of the caregivers.
- (d) Linked and mobilized govt subsidies & welfare schemes like widow pension, old age pension, etc







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WOMEN CORE GROUP

- Each group constitutes 30 members. They act as watch dog with the support of Community.
- Chance given to every single mothers and caregivers on rotation basis.
- **Aims & objectives**
 - Monitoring
 - Visiting, observing and conveying the issues to the notice of Aina.
 - Giving messages on the importance of education, health and hygiene, environmental sanitation, public issues, etc.

CHILDREN COLLECTIVE GROUP - PANCHAYAT

- Children Collective Group constitutes 20 children. The criteria for selection is good attendance in schools and overall good performance at home & centre.
- Duties of these children:
 - Visiting homes of peers
 - Interacting with children and caregivers
 - Checking on health, hygiene and nutrition
 - Reporting the same to Aina

The success of the programme can be traced to children collective and women core group. ³⁶



CHECKS & BALANCES FOR CAREGIVERS

- a) Caregivers should ensure child attends school failing which they pay penalty like withholding of SHG loans, ration etc
- b) Caregivers who indulge in any form of child abuse they are questioned by core groups & will not become member of core groups for stipulated time

RIGHTS GO WITH RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) When children neglect their responsibilities they are excluded from fun activities for a week.
- b) When children use harsh words or beat other children they will have explain why and be apologetic in public. If it is repeated the child will be excluded from activities for sometime



FACILITATING NGO

- (1) Built collaboration and networking with different stakeholders – other NGOs, donors, govt depts, schools, police, PHCs, community
- (2) Reviewed its activities regularly with the feedback from children, SHGs & community
- (3) Shared constantly its success and challenges with the stakeholders
- (4) 100% local staff are great strength













POST CARE

- (1) Follow-up measures towards sustainability:
 - (a) Employment & income earning; monitored SHGs & financial transactions, provided skill & market information for self-employment / enterprises, organized training
 - (b) Provided skill & employment training for children above 14 years; helped to set up own enterprises after 18 years of age or linked with employment
 - (c) Marriage counseling, marriage & family: not reached the stage yet but plan to draw guidelines for follow up



CHALLENGES

- (1) Building rapport & gaining the confidence of different stakeholders especially the community & caregivers
- (2) Sufficient resources to carry out the work without interruption
- (3) Committed staff for the children & their continuity
- (4) Getting supplementary or appropriate income generating enterprises & skills

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THANK YOU

In every child's life there needs to be a caregiver who is caring, nurturing and encouraging. This will help children to set goals and find purpose in life.....

