

Meeting Report – Core planning meeting for development of module for Judiciary officials in partnership with IJTR/UP SLSA/Vatsalya/Plan India

Type of Meeting: Meeting with IJTR/ UP-SLSA/ Vatsalya/ Plan India
Date of meeting: 20 th November, 2012 time of meeting: 11:30 to 2:45 PM
Venue: Plan India office, 3/269, Vishal Khand, Gomti Nagar- Lucknow
Names of participants: Dr. Neelam Singh; Dr. Shalini Phansalkra Joshi, Mr. A P Mishra, Dr. Vaibhav Pathak, Mr. Rajan Vadivelu, Mr. Arjun Singh
Moderator: Dr. Neelam Singh
Name of person writing the report: Dr. Vaibhav Pathak

MEETING AGENDA:

Facilitator- Dr. Neelam Singh
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introduction & context setting2. Context & conceptualization3. Objective4. Experience sharing-<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Dr. Shalini Phansalkar Joshib) Mr. Tej Pratap Tiwaric) Mr. A P Mishrad) Dr. Neelam Singh5. Discussion on format of the module to be developed & time frame<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Purpose of preparing the manualb) Stakeholders for the manualc) Process to be adopted for developing the manuald) How to use the manuale) Content of the manualf) Discussion on use of JTRI & SLSA Logo-process to be adoptedg) Other required aspects6. Roles & responsibilities of each member of group7. Time line-<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Documentationb) Date for first draft & final draftc) Fixing a dead line for the final copyd) Printing & layoute) Cost workout Types of costs to be involved-resource fees, travel of resource persons, etc. & other costs involving their input. If interested representatives from JTRI & SLSA UP can visit Mumbai JTRI-exchange program as well as for the content finalization.

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

- 1) Dr. Neelam Singh (chief functionary, Vatsalya) convened the meeting and welcomed the respectable Dr. Shalini Phansalkar Joshi (Joint Director- Maharashtra Judicial Academy) & Mr. A P Mishra (Deputy Director- Institute of Judicial Training & Research, Lucknow)
- 2) Dr. Neelam Singh acquainted the partakers about the purpose of the meeting so that we all can proceed towards
 - a. Developing a compendium (guideline) which can serve as a piece of tool for training the Judiciary on the subject of gender, declining child sex ratio, PC PNDT Act & issues related
- 3) Experience sharing by Dr. Shalini Phansalkar Joshi (Joint Director- MJA)-
 - a. Dr. Phansalkar explained that the mindset change is quite important and a universal strategy adopted by plethora of agencies working on the subject including the constitutional promises which talk of equality. She further explained that because of our deep rooted rigid culture the demand (son preference) & correspondingly the supply to cater the need of former has made the CSR more dilapidated, which can be observed in various government data/s
 - b. With the support of UNFPA & under the guidance of Hon'ble Chief Justice of High Court of Bombay- 28 Judicial Colloquiums were organized covering 33 Districts in the State of Maharashtra. Such colloquium/s were chaired by the Hon'ble Judges of High Court ~~district judges~~ in which discussion/s on following sessions were held viz: sex selection/its causes/its implications/repercussions/PC PNDT Act- rules & provisions/FAQs & feedbacks/case studies- court cases & IEC etc.
 - c. 33 Judicial Colloquium/s were organized and around 1200 judicial officials were trained on the aforesaid subject of concern
 - d. With the support of NCW (National Commission of Women) three Days induction training on gender & law was also conducted in three batches in which around 400 judicial officials were trained on the proximity of the issues and bylaw (PC PNDT/Domestic violence/women trafficking etc.) making them gender sensitized; subsequently to do the needful the public prosecutors were also trained not only on the PC PNDT Act but also on the presentation of cases in the court of law

- e. With the advent of such massive training/s in Maharashtra, the High Court took suo moto cognizance of pending for trial cases & correspondingly out of total 342 cases 94 cases were decided and 42 cases ended in to convictions. Some of the convictions were of held by the higher Courts.
- 4) During the discussion it was put forward that the multi stakeholders approach i.e. training of AA/SDM/JO/legal counselors/SPOs etc. as a unit should be made with a broader perspective of gender which needs to be taken into account
- 5) Dr. Shalini Phansalkar said that some major things are to be captured (or kept in mind) while making the guideline/compendium which can serve as a checklist for the participants; she further added that focus should be laid on how to file a complaint with unflawed documentation/drafting for court cases inclusive of evidence collection
- 6) Seeing onto the number of court cases in UP (which is 56) with Maharashtra (where the number is 342) Dr. Neelam Singh emphasized on the need of engagement with Judiciary. Dr. Singh suggested that a thought can be given to take into account some 20-25 districts for conducting a mandal/zonal/regional basis program or orientation/s. She also asserted that the state should not actually focus on the number of case present in the court under PC PNDT Act (for its violation), nevertheless every single case to be/which has to be filed should be perceived in a , as every case has a deterrent effect which will further endeavour in strengthening the implementation of the law
- 7) To fulfill the objective of the meeting it was discussed that some major steps need to be certain beforehand which is as following-
- a. Technical & financial proposal
 - b. Training module draft (hand book for the entire program) & its time length
 - i. Duration of each session
 - ii. Develop 2-3 module/s
 - iii. FAQs
 - iv. Pre & post test for evaluation

v. Pre testing of w/s

- 8) In reference to the same formation of an advisory, technical & peer review committee was suggested by the partakers who will observe & review the guideline/module. The name of the following persons (or authorities) were proposed for the same-
- a. Appropriate Authorities (who have been instrumental in implementing the law)
 - b. Faculty members of Judicial Academy
 - c. Rekha Aghnihotri (Judicial Officer)
 - d. Mr. P K Srivastava (from IJTR, Lucknow)
 - e. Mr. V Pandhaya
- 9) Dr. Shalini Phansalkar Joshi asserted during the meeting that the proposed module which is to be developed for the uniform training/s of judicial officers can also be developed subsequent to the judicial colloquium as it this will enhance our learning & understanding their perspective and other basic (but important) things which might go missing unknowingly. She also shared that with the support of UNFPA, the MJA is also working on the similar work (training module to be developed for the judicial officers undergoing training). Therefore Dr. Singh suggested that it will be discussed with Plan India that whether we should go for the replication of the same for UP or the Judicial Colloquium/s (as mentioned above) are to be proposed. This will be taken up in the next consecutive meetings.

KEY DECISIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES TAKEN DURING THE MEETING

S. no	Action points	Person/s responsible	Deadline
01.	Discuss for the module development or conducting the judicial colloquium, the funds are to ascertained with Plan India or GOI (PNDDT cell) or both	Vatsalya	--
02.	Discussion to be made with chairperson & director IJTR regarding the judicial colloquium or module development	Mr. A P Mishra	--

03.	Develop SOP (technical & financial proposal)	Mr. A P Mishra & Vatsalya	
04.	Conduct the judicial colloquium three mandals have been finalized viz- Gorakhpur, Jhansi & Kanpur	--	--

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Before 30th November
