

# ANNUAL REPORT

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CHIEF FUNCTIONARY

Dear Friends,

The Year 2019 remained full of surprises; on August 5<sup>th</sup> 2019, Parliament abrogated article 370 and Changed the status of the State to UT, followed by constant bandh and curfew, which impacted the organization's work; however, in the last quarter, NDF activities regained momentum, and we reached to communities and govt at different levels. Media engagement also remained a main focus and tool to reach out to large sections of society. Abrogation of article 370 has paved the way for the implementation of all Indian Acts in Jammu and Kashmir, including the Right to free and compulsory education Act, 2009, for which NDF had also been advocating with the erstwhile Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir. The beginning of 2020 has brought new challenges in the shape of Covid -19 Pandemic, which has also impacted the development sector, among others.

National Development Foundation, NDF, as a responsible Civil society organization, has always contributed in emergencies by supporting the communities in need, particularly the Children, youth and women we work for. On the lighter side pandemic has changed the meaning of being positive, and recommendations to remain negative started pouring into fallow covid appropriate behaviour. While writing a note for NDF annual report, I would like to thank the NDF team for the good work they did in 2019-20. In view of the media reports and measures taken by the government, it seems that there will be a surge in Covid cases in the near future. We are committed to and duty-bound to keep in touch with our target communities and raise awareness among them through virtual means to fight the pandemic. I hope NDF staff will continue online meetings with various target groups at Village Panchayat and block level, and one major agenda in every meeting shall be to pass all Govt instructions/Advisories and Medical advice with regard to the pandemic in its original form to the participants. I am thankful to the Children, Youth and Communities for furthering the programmes of NDF with their active participation. My special thanks to NDF Executive body, Govt. Departments and officials collaborate in connecting the vulnerable and needy with the social protection schemes of the government. I assure you that NDF will continue its work amid the pandemic, following Covid protocols set out by the government.

I wish all readers good health and all happiness. #Stay Home stay safe, wear Mask and wash your hands regularly





We thank our community representatives, PRIs, volunteers, Members of different civil Societies Organisations, and Foundation Board members for their continued support during the year. We place on record our appreciation of the contribution made by our employees at all levels. Our consistent growth was made possible by their hard work. We thank the Government of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, Jammu and Kashmir Police, Mission Director ICDS, Department of Social Welfare, ICPS Directorate, Department of Wildlife Protection, Department of Education, Directorate of Samagra Shiksha J&K, Directorate of School Education J&K, Directorate of ICDS, and other government agencies for their support. We look forward to their continued support in the future.

We also thank our research partners Jawaharlal Nehru University, University of Kashmir and Central University of Jammu. We thank the District administration of various districts of Jammu and Kashmir, where we have our operations/interventions.

Special thanks to our donors J&K Government, European Union, UNICEF India and CAF India for their continued support.

## ABOUT US

National Development Foundation (NDF) is an Independent Civil Society Organisation and a grass root NGO working for the last three decades on issues related to Child Protection, Education, WASH, Youth Empowerment & Skill Development, DRR & Emergency Response and Nature, Wildlife & Climate Change, focusing on Children, Youth and Women. The organisation is familiar with the local situations and has an extensive presence in various districts across Jammu & Kashmir. NDF has brought positive changes in the lives of Children, Youth and Communities it worked for and has done a commendable job during the last three decades, which has been appreciated and recognised by Government, Communities, Stakeholders and Beneficiaries alike and which can be viewed on our website [www.ndf.net.in](http://www.ndf.net.in).

NDF J&K was formerly known as Modern Cultural Club (MCC) and was set up on 7th September 1992, in Rajouri, J&K, India and got registered under the Societies Act in 1994. NDF was the brainchild of its founder Mr Rajiv Khajuria who established it with a group of 20 young boys & girls.

This youth group got support from the Government and Communities, which strengthened the organisation and helped it grow into a full-fledged NGO owing to its transparent approach and excellent measurable outcomes of its work.

In May 2011, the management of MCC changed its name to National Development Foundation (NDF) to capture the wide range of work cited above as a development organisation. NDF shifted its headquarters from Rajouri to Jammu in 2010, considering the need to be centrally located since its activities extended across Jammu & Kashmir. NDF is a professional NGO with an independent executive board having no blood relations. We work with the target communities' active participation and close collaboration with the Government and have signed MoUs with the state Govt. / DM of the districts it works to give impetus to the mission. Apart from this, many Govt. circulars are in place to facilitate the programmes and activities of NDF. NDF won the best NGO State award by NYKS Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India in 1996-97. In addition, many state and district level awards and appreciations from Govt. have been received from time to time. NDF began its work by organising youth towards National character building by channelising their limitless energies.

The aim of youth mobilisation, capacity building, leadership training programmes, street plays, sports, youth activities and promoting the rights of children and women was to promote peace in the Pir Panjaal region during peak militancy in the late nineties.

In addition to field interventions in the early twenties, NDF started its systemic work and became the first organisation in the state to facilitate the constitution of the first-ever district-level child protection committee under the ICPS Scheme, ordered and headed by the then Deputy Commissioner Rajouri.

At present, National Development Foundation has become a vibrant civil society organisation which enjoys the trust and support of local communities and the Government in Jammu & Kashmir. NDF has field experience & expertise in Child Protection, Education, WASH, Youth Empowerment & Skill Development, DRR & Emergency Response and Environment Protection. NDF has registration under Societies Registration Act, FCRA, Neeti Ayog, CSR-1, 12A, 80G and fulfils all other eligibility criteria to be supported by the Government, corporate and any other National or International donor.



### OUR MISSION

To create an environment where every individual exercises their rights with dignity and lives in harmony with nature.



### OUR VISION

To contribute towards empowering communities, particularly children and youth, to realise their rights, creating opportunities for their development and conservation of nature and natural resources.



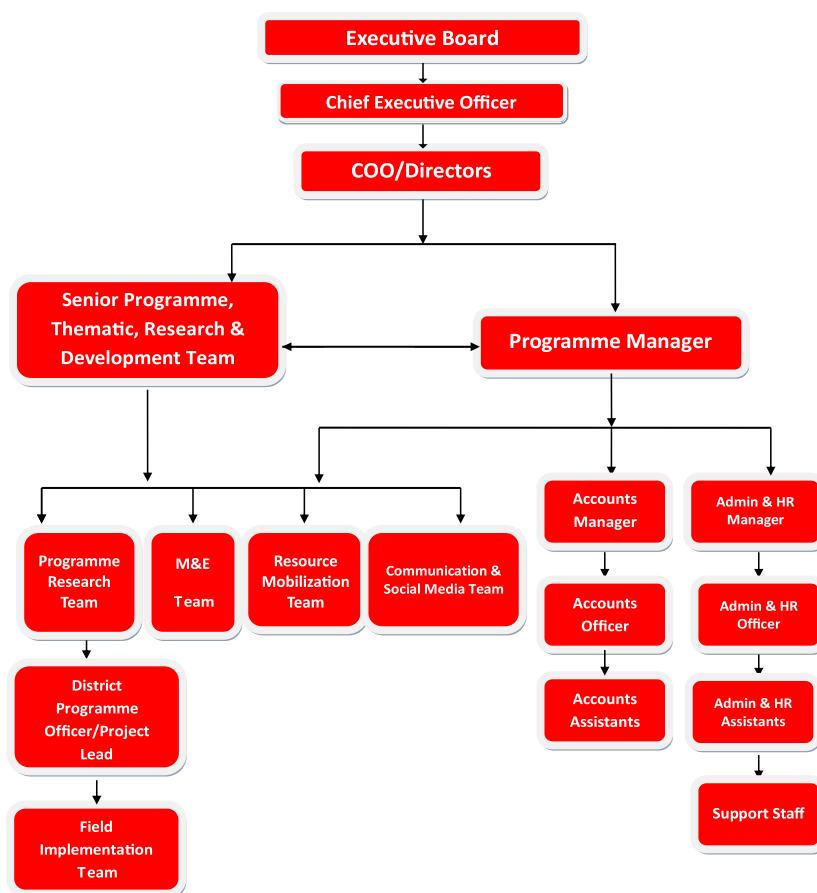
## OUR APPROACH

We explore opportunities to create developmental and conservation models through our programmes with the active participation of Govt. and the communities we work for. Such models are then used as demonstrations and examples of what can be achieved, and we advocate for their replication and wider take-up by the Govt. and other service providers. We work to improve systems, supplement existing schemes and link marginalised communities to such projects mainly run by the Government.

## OUR BELIEF

National Development Foundation (NDF) believes sustainable change is impossible without the Civil Society's proactive involvement in the development process, particularly among Children, Youth and Women. National Development Foundation works with them to make them partners in its mission. We believe that community involvement can transform the dynamics of any civil society intervention. The participation of community members ensures that programmes respond directly to their priorities. By empowering community members, we see a range of practical benefits, including increased capacity and skills of local community members, greater beneficiary engagement, increased information sharing, and better programme outcomes for both the organisation and the beneficiaries.

## Organisational Chart



## OUR VALUES

### Credibility

We work efficiently with optimum utilisation of resources and are accountable to communities, partners, and donors. We set the highest standards of personal commitment toward our work.

### Proactive

We set high goals, work proactively to achieve them, and are committed to improving our quality of work.

### Innovation

We are open to new ideas that can bring sustainable changes in the lives of the communities we work for, particularly Children and Youth. We learn from the past and improve/organise for the future.



## a. Child Protection

Nation Development Foundation works and collaborates with various Government and non Government stakeholders in creating a protective environment for children free from all forms of violence, abuse, exploitation, and neglect; strengthening community-based child protection mechanisms through effective implementation of child protection policies, legislations, services, and schemes; advocating and influencing legal and policy reforms in line with Global Conventions on the Rights of the Child in the state of J&K; and utilising a child rights programming framework keeping in mind the cross-cutting themes of child participation, non-discrimination and best interest of children while working with and for children for the realisation of their Rights.



We are strengthening health systems & nutrition services for all children and women. Effective implementation of health/medical schemes; preventing child marriage & reducing adolescent pregnancies; providing infrastructure and health services to improve the health status of communities.

## b. Education



National Development Foundation, NDF collaborate with various Government and non-Governmental stakeholders and works towards ensuring every child, especially the most marginalised those in greater danger of being left behind like girls and children with disabilities, enjoy their right to equitable and quality Education from early learning opportunities to secondary Education so that they reach their full potential; work for effective implementation of education policies, legislations, schemes and services; strengthening policy and legal reforms in line with the right to Education and providing infrastructure to improve education services.

## c. Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

National Development Foundation, NDF aims to improve general public health and transform the lives of communities by improving their access to safe Water, sanitation and hygiene; work and build partnerships with Government and non-governmental stakeholders to empower and enable communities to demonstrate sustainable WASH solutions to influence policy; improve access to water supply by leveraging government resources; construct toilets to stop open defecation for universal toilet use at households, school, institutions, and public places; improve hygiene practices by promoting knowledge and motivating change on main hygiene behaviours; strengthening linkages between government WASH facilities/schemes and communities, and promote safe waste management and disposal.



## d. Youth Empowerment and Skill Development



National Development Foundation, NDF aims at creating a pool of young and independent people from a section of eligible and underprivileged youth and women through skill upgradation and livelihoods in accordance with market requirements to aid economic growth; skill up-gradation through vocational training of deserving and most marginalised youth and women; Gender equity and women empowerment; development and empowerment of youth and adolescents by utilising their limitless energies and potential through, Camping, Leadership programmes, Sports, cultural, literary and other youth activities which can inculcate among them a sense of patriotism, selfless service, the dignity of labour, fraternity, brotherhood and overall discipline in a broader sense.

## e. DRR and Emergency Response

National Development Foundation, NDF aims to build resilience and reduce the vulnerability of communities, especially children, youth, and women, by improving community preparedness for emergencies. In the aftermath of natural disasters; work and collaborate with Government and non-governmental stakeholders to reach out to the most marginalised & needy families affected by natural disasters to respond to their immediate essential needs and long-term rehabilitation; to promote and build leadership among children, youth, and women through community-based approaches enabling them to participate in the decision making process to respond effectively to humanitarian crises; and provide child-friendly spaces to cater to the children's psychological, nutritional, medical and protection needs.



## f. Nature, Wildlife and Climate Change



Under this thematic area, our main thrust is on a) Himalayan Wildlife & Environment Protection, b) Climate Mitigation & Adaptation c) Water & Wetlands. National Development Foundation, NDF aims to work with many stakeholders to conserve and protect Himalayan Wildlife and critical ecosystems for continued social, economic and environmental benefits. In addition, we work on various climate mitigation and adaptation strategies to reduce climate change's impacts. NDF also aims to document wetlands and wetland biodiversity of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh through on-the-ground research and citizen science initiatives. To achieve the overall objectives, we aim to work closely with communities, several leading scientists, conservationists, educators & experts from varied professional backgrounds with a passion for the conservation of nature and natural resources.



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# Annual Report

## i)2019-20 Brief

J&K witnessed political uncertainty due to the abrogation of article 370, reorganization of J&K State into UT of J&K and Ladakh and intense security situations due to the Pulwama attack, Balkote strike, and ceasefire violations throughout the year across LoC & IB, which negatively affected the work plan and delayed some of the project activities. On August 5th 2019, President issued a constitutional order superseding the 1954 order, and Parliament approved a resolution scrapping special status to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Indian Constitution, making all the provisions of the Indian constitution applicable to J&K. In addition, the Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation Act 2019 was passed by the Parliament, dividing the State of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories namely Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Union Territory of Ladakh. With the implementation of the Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation Act 2019 in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, Jammu and Kashmir Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2013 and Jammu and Kashmir Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules 2014 has been repealed by the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 and Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016. In addition, many other progressive Acts ensuring children and women rights in the Country are applicable in the UT of J&K like the Protection of Children From Sexual Offences Act, 2012; The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2007; The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009; The Guardian & Wards Act, 1890; The Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956; The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961; The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005; The Judicial Officers (Protection) Act, 1850; The National Commission for Women Act, 1990; and The Right to Information Act, 2005. Instead of Ranbir Penal Code, Samvat 1989, Code of Criminal Procedure, Samvat 1989 and the Evidence Act, Samvat 1977 now The Indian Penal Code, 1860; The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908; and The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 are applicable in the UT of J&K.

Prior to the introduction of the bill and the revocation of the State's special status, the central government imposed a preventive curfew in Jammu and Kashmir, with a surge in security forces, imposition of Section 144 preventing assembly, arresting separatist leaders and placing political leaders under house arrest. No major strikes or incidents of stone pelting were reported. However, the LoC remained hot in Rajouri, Poonch and Baramulla in the months of August, September and October months where the loss of life on either side is reported. Communication lines remained snapped in all the districts of J&K except in four districts of the Jammu region, namely Jammu, Samba, Kathua and Udhampur, in the month of August 2019, which affected the programme in Poonch district. A Mobile internet facility was snapped across the State to prevent anti-social elements from spreading rumours till February 2020. The situation in Jammu and Samba districts remained tense for almost a month, but the field activities were suspended till August 15th. With communication lines remaining snapped and Section 144 imposed, Poonch district remained the worst hit in the Jammu region, and the project activities were suspended till September 2019; section 144 was relaxed, paving the way for the resumption of normal activities. Again Section 144 and restrictions were imposed in the entire J&K on November 9th 2019, as a precautionary measure in the wake of the Supreme Court judgment in the Ram Janmbhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case, which continued for almost a week and delayed some of the events and campaigns planned during children's week. Therefore, the overall security situation in J&K remained tense throughout the year, which affected the timely execution of planned activities.

During this year (2019-20), NDF was running the project "Strengthening CSOs to make them accountable for facilitating access to justice for children in Jammu and Kashmir" Supported by European Union and Disaster Risk Reduction Supported by CAF India. EU began an intervention in 30 villages of Jammu, Samba and Poonch districts in January 2018, and CAF India is working in 10 villages in Poonch District. The action in this year of implementation promoted progressive and sustained initiatives of building capacities of JJ functionaries/Government officers, especially law enforcement agencies, including police officers, community-based institutions, CSOs, children and communities, which contributed to the realization of provisions of JJ Act and improving access to justice for all children in J&K. The project has been successful in building the capacities of JJ functionaries including SJPU of 3 target districts on JJ Act which gave a head start to the implementation of JJ Act and ICPS in the 3 target districts of J&K.

## ii) Engagement of Community for the effective working of village level mechanism to redress the Child Protection Issues. (Village and Block Level)

During this year, NDF has been successful in establishing a community based child protection redressal mechanism at the village and block level as envisaged under the ICPS in all the 3 target districts i.e. Jammu, Samba and Poonch. 63 child protection groups at the village and block level with increased awareness and improved understanding of child rights and child protection were able to raise, address and respond to the protection issues of children effectively in the best interest of children. These groups have provided safe spaces to the communities for interaction and joint decision-making to seek cooperation from each other which has helped overcome mistrust and developed interdependence to resolve the children's issues.



The program has been designed in such a way that they further advocated with the CPS Department and SCOC for the formation of DCPCs and replication of the 'community-based child protection mechanism' model piloted and demonstrated under the action. As a result, Panchayat level Child Protection Committees were formed in all the Panchayats of J&K in 2019.

- **Block Level Child Protection Committees (Jammu, Samba and Poonch)**

Block Level Structures to resolve the Issues raised by Child Protections Committees of Jammu, Samba and Poonch district. As we have already formed the committees on block level in all the three target districts with the participation of all the important stakeholders.

7 meetings of Block level committees were conducted in the year 2019 instead of 12 proposed due to the security situation in J&K, as highlighted above in the report. Details of the BCPC meetings conducted in 3 districts during this year are as under :

Details of BCPC meetings held in 2019							
S. No.	District	Number of Participants					
		Boy	Girl	Male	Female	Total	Female%
1	Jammu	3	5	14	7	29	41%
2	Samba	7	4	11	7	29	38%
3	Poonch	2	1	12	3	18	22%
4	Jammu	5	2	10	6	23	35%
5	Samba	4	3	6	6	19	47%
6	Jammu	5	2	10	6	23	35%
7	Poonch	7	0	22	1	30	3%
	<b>Total</b>	33	17	85	36	171	31%

**Details of BCPC meetings held in 2019**

During these meetings, the members deliberated on various identified issues and sought resolution within the framework of the committee. The issues that were raised included children in substance abuse mostly consuming locally grown marijuana; lack of transport facility, minimal frequency of plying private vehicles which leads to overloading of vehicles putting the lives of children at risk and children punished for reaching school late; eve teasing outside the school premises; non functional AWCs; non cooperation of AWWs, empowerment of economically weak families by linking them with social protection schemes; children living in extreme poverty without substantial means of living;



lack of basic certificates like State Subject, Aadhar Card and Birth Certificate and Income certificate required for applying for specific schemes due to corruption; children engaged in labour; Child marriage; orphans without parental care and financial means; issues related to schools in target villages that include corporal punishment, bullying by elder students, lack of sufficient and safe classrooms, improper student-teacher ratio, no specific subject teachers, lack of electricity facility especially during children examination, no separate toilet for girls, non-functional toilets, no safe drinking water facility, schools not catering to special needs of children with special needs.

### iii) Details of Child protection issues identified, solved and in the progress of 2019

In 2019, 284 total child protection issues were identified by CGs and CPCs in 30 villages of 3 districts, out of which 123, i.e. 43%, were resolved in 2019 and 161 are in process. Out of these total 284 identified cases, 212, 275, and 49 cases have been raised during CG, CPC and BCPC meetings, respectively. Since most of the cases are the same but highlighted during different platforms, the cumulative number after removing the duplication is 284. Out of total 123 resolved cases, 45, 117 and 12 cases were resolved by CG, CPC and BCPC members, respectively. Since some of the cases were resolved jointly, the cumulative number after removing the duplication is 123.

The child protection issues identified, resolved, and in progress were categorized under different child protection issues such as children involved in labour, child marriage, children engaged in substance abuse, children dropped out of school, children in need of psychosocial care, children victims of bullying, corporal punishment, orphan children without parental care, child victims of sexual abuse, children in need of linking with social protection schemes and other which include children with special needs, etc.



Category	2018 & 2019 total cases identified	2018 & 2019 total solved cases
Child Labour	52	25
Child Marriage	13	8
Substance abuse	106	85
Dropped out of school	110	52
In need of psychosocial support	20	11
Bullying	4	4
Corporal Punishment	11	11
Orphan Children	52	26
Sexual abuse of children	2	2
Social protection scheme	53	27
Others	86	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>275</b>

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Additional District Development Commissioner was the Chief Guest of the workshop. He appreciated the efforts of all the CPC members in strengthening the child protection mechanism in their respective villages by focusing on identifying and resolving child protection issues at their own level in their village and reporting the unresolved cases to competent authorities for early disposal of cases. He also focused on the multi-stakeholder convergent approach required for effective implementation of JJ Act & ICPS to ensure happy childhood free from abuse, exploitation and discrimination for all children at the district level.

The Chairperson CWC complemented the efforts for taking the lead in piloting village-level Child Protection Committees in the Poonch district. He also encouraged the CPC members to report all child rights violations to BCPC, CWC and Childline (1098), considering them the strongest pillar of the 3-tier child protection structure. He explained that CPCs have an important role in creating awareness among the other community members in their villages on child rights and child protection. He urged the CPC members to identify CNCPs, including those engaged in labour, cases of child marriage, children involved in substance abuse, out-of-school children, children on the move, orphans, children living in extreme poverty, etc. and report their cases to CWC Poonch for their protection and rehabilitation.



#### **vi) DM encouraged the young ambassadors of Child rights and Child Protection, and these ambassadors also provided the Life skill.....**

80 Children Group members, including 49 boys and 31 girls of 10 villages of Poonch district, were trained on child rights; child protection; Child Protection Legislations; roles and responsibilities of CGs; and the development of the action plans during the one-day Capacity Building Workshop on November 3rd 2019 at Conference Hall Dak Bangalow Poonch. Apart from CG members, CWC Chairperson, 2 CWC members, 2 JJB members, 2 DCPU staff and 5 Childline staff, 1 police officer and 2 CPC members also attended the workshop.

The Chief Guest of the workshop Mr. Rahul Yadav IAS, District Development Commissioner Poonch, also interacted with the children and reiterated the commitment of the District Administration in ensuring the Right to happy childhood for all children of the District. CWC Chairperson Poonch Mr. Anwar Shah, explained the safety net for the children as envisaged under ICPS and asked them to monitor the violation of child rights and keep track of all the children in the village to ensure they are within the safety net. He urged children to disseminate Childline (1098) numbers to all children so that all children in need of care and protection can access its services.

Apart from the capacity building of the Children Group of Poonch District, we are also organizing three days of life skill training for 30 Children (10 from each District) in Jammu from 5th to 7th December 2019 in Jammu. This life skills training programme taught a broad set of social and behavioural skills, also referred to as "soft" or "non-cognitive" skills, to children that enabled them to deal effectively with the demands of everyday life.

Mr. Shwetank Mishra and Mr. Vikramjeet Sinha were engaged as resource persons for facilitating the workshop. Shwetank is associated with Paul Hamlyn Foundation-UK as a consultant for East India and Lost Childhoods programme in India and is a known trainer on child rights issues, behavioural change training, and organization development processes. Mr. Vikramjeet Sinha is an Arts based therapist and an Arts based Educator, and Dramatist with 20 years of work experience in the social development sector and arts for Psychosocial change and did the team build and leadership camps with young adults using creative drama and the outdoors, creating contexts of learning.

The workshop was conducted with a philosophy that among adolescents and young adults, leadership is latent. The leadership potential of these adolescents and young adults can be activated through self-awareness and self-belief. Therefore, the core of the workshop process was about self-awareness. The methodology used by the resource persons was that of experiential learning through games and situational role play interspersed with reflective discussions. The concepts of leadership and life skills were delivered using this methodology and were mixed and embedded in the process itself. Thus, the workshop schedule and module was not designed with separate thematic sections dealing with topics of leadership and life skills; instead, they were interwoven in the process itself. The various sessions conducted during the workshop were the opening session and setting the expectations, Pre-assessment, concepts of leadership, Status and power, Decision making, Powerlessness, Self and personal power, and closure.



On the third day of the workshop Charter of the demands developed by the participants was presented to Mr. Jugal Kishore Sharma, Hon'ble Member Parliament Jammu-Poonch Constituency, Mr. Chander Mohan Gupta Hon'ble Mayor (with Minister of state Status) Jammu Municipal Corporation Mr. Suran Singh Superintendent of Police, Rural Jammu and Ms. Shalini Sharma Chairperson CWC Jammu during the valedictory session. BDC Chairperson, Sarpanches/Chairpersons of CPCs of target villages also attended the valedictory session of the workshop. Mr. Jugal Kishore Sharma MP was the Chief Guest at the valedictory function and Mr. Chander Mohan Gupta presided over the function.



The above table reveals that 110 children who dropped out of school have been identified by the project, out of which 52, i.e. 47%, were mainstreamed and 58 are yet to be mainstreamed. 106 children involved in substance abuse were identified, out of which 85, i.e. 80% of children have stopped consuming drugs, and 21 are still under the influence of some drugs.

### Community Sensitized on child rights JJ Act, ICPS and other govt. Schemes

2378 community members, including 1167 adults and 1211 children of 25 villages of three target districts, have been sensitized on child rights, child protection, JJ Act and ICPS during 25 sensitization programmes organized at the village level in the year 2019. Out of 30 planned sensitization programmes, only 25 programmes could be organized in this year. The remaining 5 programmes of the Poonch district could not be organized due to the heavy cross-border shelling and firing in the Poonch district in November and December months.

These village-level awareness programmes were organized in collaboration with the CPS department, and 1 CWC and 2 DCPU staff were deputed from each District to facilitate these awareness programmes at the village level. These events were first of their kind and proved extremely effective in terms of establishing direct linkages of community members with the child protection structures at the district level which reduced the trust deficit among the community members and also gave first-hand exposure to child protection issues prevalent in the respective villages to the District Child Protection Cadre who are duty bound to not only rehabilitate the CNCP and CCL but also accountable to ensure preventive measures are initiated on the ground to strengthen child protection environment in these villages and their respective districts at large.



During these village-level sensitization programmes, NDF staff explained child rights and child protection by quoting child protection issues prevalent in the respective villages keeping in mind the principle of confidentiality, the best interest of the children and no harm policy. The members of the CWCs sensitized the community members, including women and children, on various provisions and structures of JJ Act, including the role of CWC, JJB, SJPU and DCPU. They encouraged the children and adults, especially women, to report the child protection issues and child right violation cases directly to CWC if there is any trust deficit in terms of maintaining the confidentiality of the cases. The DCPU staff made them aware of the ICPS scheme and the benefits the CNCP and CCL can avail themselves of, ranging from psychosocial support/counselling to free Legal support. These events have increased the community's confidence in govt. system and structures and have paved the way to enhanced reporting of child protection issues from the target villages.



## District level events for college and school students like Debate/ symposium/ painting/ quiz etc. on JJ Act/ child rights

A Symposium Competition on "children involved in substance abuse" and Painting Competition on "Violence against children no longer tolerated" was organized for students of 5 Govt. Schools of project target villages at Govt. Hr. Sec. School Smailpur, Samba on December 24th 2019. Mr. Balvant Singh CPC Chairperson/Surpanch Smailpur, Ms. Madhu Chadak CPC Chairperson/Surpanch Meen Charkan, Mr. Sawarn Singh EX CPC Chairperson Meen Charkan and Principal Govt. Hr. Sec. School Smailpur were the judge for both events. In total, 164 students and 28 teachers from 5 schools participated in the event. Out of 164 students, 17 students participated in the painting competition, and 13 participated in the symposium competition during the event. The winners and judges of the painting and symposium competition were facilitated. The judges and NDF Senior staff also interacted with the students and responded to their queries regarding violence against children and the relevance of JJ Act and ICPS. The paintings prepared by the children were displayed at the school for exhibition and spreading awareness among students and teachers.



## Conference On Child Rights in the wake of International Day of Peace 2019 on September 23rd

In view of the changed child protection scenario of J&K, NDF, in collaboration with ICPS Directorate, organized a Conference on Child Rights in the wake of International Day of Peace 2019 on September 23rd 2019 at KC Residency Hotel Jammu. Hon'ble Advisor to Hon'ble Advisor to Governor Farooq Khan was the Chief Guest on occasion. Mr. Farooq Qesar SSP Head Quarters, Mr. Tajinder Singh SSP Jammu, Rtd. IGP JP Singh, Editor in Chief The State Times Mr. Raj Daluja, Mayor Jammu Municipal Corporation Sh. Chander Mohan Gupta, ADDC Jammu Tanveer Iqbal Mir were the guest of honors. Around 94 participants representing Civil Society, Universities, Media, Department of Social Welfare, Education and ICPS, schools, JJBs, CWCs, DCPU, Police, Childline, etc attended the programme. COO of NDF gave a detailed presentation on the child protection work of NDF.



Mr. Rajiv Khajuria, SCOC member, while setting the context, detailed out the overall child rights scenario in J&K after the abrogation of Article 370 and with the implementation of the J&K Reorganisation Act 2019 in UT of J&K. He discussed in detail the effects of various Acts on the overall protection scenario of the children in J&K that are implemented in UT of J&K like Protection of Children From Sexual Offences Act, 2012; The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2007; The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009; The commission for protection of Child Rights Act 2005; The Guardian & Wards Act, 1890; The Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956.

He discussed in detail various sections of the J&K Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2013 and Rules 2014, which got changed as the previous Act got repealed by the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 and Model Rules, 2016. He highlighted that JJ Act 2015 treats all children under the age of 18 years in a similar way, except it states that any 16-18 year old who commits a heinous offence may be tried as an adult. It defines three types of offences by CCL: heinous, serious and petty. Thus, JJ Act 2015 is more retributive than reformatory because it contains provisions for teenagers who commit the heinous crime (with the punishment of 7 years or more) to be tried like adults. Since India is a signatory to UNCRC and agrees to the definition of a child as a person below 18 years of age, is obligatory to treat all children equally irrespective of their backgrounds.

## Facilitating interactions between Community groups and elected representatives

38 CG members and 56 CPC members interacted with 48 government representatives in 3 districts and highlighted their concerns to ensure the protection of children in their respective villages. Interface workshops were successful in reducing the gap between the community and Govt. Officials. Interface workshops between CGs and CPCs at the village level with key government officials from CPS, Police, and Social welfare Department facilitated through this project focused on entitlements, policies and protection issues. The interface workshops have provided an opportunity to raise the issues of Children's Rights and Protection with the officials and, at the same time, raised the awareness of the members of groups on provisions and schemes under different departments.



The Govt. officers from various departments explained the schemes and services available for the community and also shared their experiences and limitations while delivering the services; among major was incomplete filing and documentation. The CG and CPC members also shared their experiences and challenges faced while accessing government schemes and services and raised certain concerns on which the government officers attending the workshops took note and ordered immediate redressal of some of the concerns. Interface workshops organized at the District level remained highly effective in bridging the gap and reducing the trust deficit between community and government.



Interface workshop was organized on November 1st 2019, in Poonch district, where in 66 persons participated, including JJB members, CWC Chairperson, CWC members, ICPS staff, Child Line representatives, CG and CPC members, and Police, Health and Education officers. The ADDC Poonch was the Guest of Honour during the workshop and also interacted with the participants in length on the implementation of ICPS in Poonch. CWC Chairperson briefed the house on JJ Act and shared some case stories with them to explain their role and responsibilities towards protecting children. The CG & CPC members raised a lot of concerns/issues with regard to the protection of children, which were addressed by the government representatives.

Interface workshop was organized on December 12th 2019, in Samba district, where in 38 persons participated, including ICPS staff, Civil Society and Child Line representatives, CG and CPC members, and Police, Health and Education officers. The SHO Samba was the Guest of Honour during the workshop. He explained the role police, especially the SJPU is, playing in preventing the children in need of care and protection from becoming a child in conflict with the law through generating awareness among children in school and at the village level on laws of the land and ill effects of substance abuse and other evil practices in society. He also briefed the massive awareness campaign run by Police in Samba district to end this menace of drug abuse. The PO NIC and Counsellor ICPS briefed them about their role and responsibilities and assured full cooperation to CPC in the redressal of child protection issues. The CG & CPC members raised a lot of concerns/issues with regard to the protection of children, which were addressed by the government representatives. Some of them included: due to corruption in the system, poor and needy families face difficulty in accessing govt. schemes; no vocational training for school dropouts in nearby villages; the prevalence of drug abuse in all the target villages; corporal punishment in schools; children involved in child labour, rag picking and begging;

Interface workshop was organized on December 14th 2019 in Jammu district in collaboration with the ICPS department, where 40 persons participated, including ICPS staff, BDC, CG and CPC members, and officers from Police, social welfare, Health and Education departments. During the interface, the government officers shared schemes and services of their relevant departments with the representatives of community structures of 10 villages. The CG & CPC members also shared their concerns and challenges they face while accessing government services. Some of the important issues that were discussed in detail during the interface by the CG & CPC members with the government officers were: Substance Abuse prevalent in Kathar, Nardi wala and Barui villages; pathetic condition of roads in almost all the villages with some accident-prone areas; lack of road connectivity to schools forcing children to walk to school for hours; lack of public transport facility leading to the monopoly of private transporters; low frequency of private transporters plying in these villages lead to overloading of vehicles prone to accidents and pose a great threat to lives of children; challenges faced by economically weaker families in getting the basic documents ready like income certificate, disability certificate and so forth; and lack of sufficient infrastructure in the schools including classrooms, boundary walls, playgrounds, toilets, etc. Concerned Govt. Officers took note of the issues raised by the community and encouraged CPC members to reach to them directly.

### Media Sensitization

Around 20 Media professionals from leading print, electronic and virtual media were trained on Child Rights, Child Protection, the role of media in advocating for child rights and child protection legislation, including JJ Act, POCSO, CLPRA and Do's & Don'ts for media reporting on children during one day workshop organized by NDF in collaboration with Editor's Guild Jammu on December 29th 2019 in Jammu. Advocate Vikram Srivastava from Independent Thought New Delhi and Chief Operating Officer, National Development Foundation, were the resource persons.



Mr. Rajiv Khajuria, Founder Emeritus, National Development Foundation, briefed the house on the procedures and authorities under JJ and POCSO Act in the UT of J&K. He emphasized the role of media in advocating for child rights and the need for enhanced ethical reporting of children issues by media professionals keeping in mind the best interest of the children with regard to Rule 74 of JJ Act and POCSO Act. Since media is the most effective tool to amplify the voices of children, it must be used cautiously considering the no-harm policy.

The resource persons sensitized the participants on child rights; child protection; the provisions of Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act 2015, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act 2012, Press Council of India Act 1978, Guidelines by News Broadcasters Association (NBA), Guidelines by Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF), Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995/Rules, 1994, Information and Technology Act (ITA), 2000 for Children with regard to children reporting; NCPCR handbook for media professionals including Do's and Don'ts for media on children reporting; and guidelines for media reporting on children issued by Delhi High Court. The technical session was followed by an open house discussion, wherein the queries of the media professionals were addressed, and media personnel were made aquatint with the laws related to children reporting in media to enhance reporting of children issues and advocate for child rights through media.

### **Interagency Regional Alliance on Child Rights (IRACR)**

The Interagency Regional Alliance on Child Rights (IRACR), with experts from the Academia, BAR and Civil Society, has become a stronger voice of civil society demanding access to justice for children in J&K. With the enhanced knowledge and understanding of child protection, IRACR has come up with solid recommendations for govt to ensure effective implementation of JJ Act and ICPS in J&K.

### **Awariness Camps on Disaster Risk Reduction**

During the year 2019-20, NDF organized Disaster risk reduction awareness campaigns in 10 villages in the Poonch districts. During the campaigns, children and community members brought out campaigns and sensitized the community members to adopt such practices so that we minimize the effect of disaster in any condition. The team from civil Defence also demonstrated the hand-holding techniques to the people of the area. Youth of all the ten villages of our target area did the mapping of the most vulnerable families in the village during any disaster and set the roles and responsibilities of the young youth during any disaster condition.





**AUDIT REPORT U/S 12A(b)**

**FORM NO. 10B**

[See rule 17B]

AUDIT REPORT UNDER SECTION 12A(b) OF THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961, IN THE  
CASE OF CHARITABLE OR RELIGIOUS TRUSTS OR INSTITUTIONS

We have examined the balance sheet of **NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (NDF) 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Shakuntala Bhawan, Ram Janki Enclave, Udheywala, Jammu** at 31.03.2020 and the income and expenditure account for the year ended on that date which are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said trust or institution.

We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the head office and the branches (NIL branches) of the above named institution visited by us so far as appears from our examination of the books, and proper returns adequate for the purposes of audit have been received from branches (NA) not visited by us subject to the comment given below:

In our opinion and to the best of our information given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view:

- (i) in the case of the balance sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named institution as at 31.03.2020 and
- (ii) in the case of the income and expenditure account, of the deficit of its accounting year ending on 31.03.2020

The prescribed particulars are annexed here to.

**Comment:** Sundry Creditors are subject to confirmation.

For O.P. Garg & Co.  
Chartered Accountants

  
CA. Vikram Garg  
(Partner)  
M. No. 097038



Place: Jammu

Date: 30.11.2020

UDIN: 20097038AAAAHG4032



**NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, NDF**  
1st Floor, Shakuntala Bhawan, Ram Janki Enclave, Udheywala, Jammu (J&K)

**Balance Sheet as at 31.03.2020**  
(All amount are in INR)  
**For the Year Ended 31st March-2020**

<b>Fixed Assets:</b>	
(As per Schedule '1' attached)	951,715.00
<b>Current Assets, Loan and Advances</b>	
Cash & Bank Balances:	1,411,955.23
Loans and advances	-
	<b>1,411,955.23</b>
Grant receivable against works executed	745,701.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,109,371.23</b>
<b>Unsecured Loans</b>	229,000.00
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	3,201,922.00
	<b>3,430,922.00</b>
<b>Reserve &amp; Surplus</b>	<b>-321,550.77</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,109,371.23</b>

For O.P. Garg & Co.  
Chartered Accountants

  
**CA Vikram Garg**  
Partner  
M. No. 097038

  
**Arli Sharma**  
Chief Functionary

Date :  
Place: Jammu



**NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, NDF**  
1st Floor, Shakuntala Bhawan, Ram Janki Enclave, Udheywala, Jammu (J&K)

**Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on 31.03.2020**  
(All amount are in INR)

**For the Year Ended 31st March-2020**

<b>Income</b>	
Restricted Income (Grant/Donations)	7,493,602.00
Unrestricted Income (Grant/Donations)	1,365,437.00
Other Income	87,311.00
	<b>8,946,350.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Programme Implementation Expenditure	3,899,833.00
Adminstrative and Other Expenditure	5,387,740.12
	<b>9,287,573.00</b>
Excess of Expenditure over Income	<b>-341,223.12</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,946,350.00</b>

**Receipt and Payment Account for the year ended on 31.03.2020**  
(All amount are in INR)

**For the Year Ended 31st March-2020**

<b>Receipts</b>	
Opening Cash and Bank Balance	673,362.35
Grants and Donations	8,944,648.00
Other Receipts	576,546.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,194,556.35</b>
<b>Payments</b>	
Programme and Administrative cost	8,945,290.12
Less: Expense payable	1,771,970.00
	<b>7,173,320.12</b>
Addition in Fixed assets	59,236.00
Previous year liabilities Clearance and advances	1,550,045.00
Cash and Bank Balance at the end of the year	1,411,955.23
	<b>3,021,236.23</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,194,556.35</b>

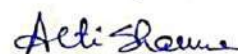
The above figures are in agreement with the books of account produced before us and funds as shown on thereceipts side have been fully utilisedby the organisation under various heads as shown in payment side of " Receipts and Payments account" of this year and previous years.

For O.P. Garg & Co.  
Chartered Accountants

  
**CA Vikram Garg**  
Partner  
M. No. 097038

Date :  
Place: Jammu



  
**Aril Sharma**  
Chief Functionary





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