

Child Rights Working Group – Meeting Minutes

Date: 2 February 2010
Time: 9:00 – 11:30 AM
Minutes takers: Lan and Hong (SCiV)

1. Opening and Introduction

2. Discuss and agree to the submission of CRC Complementary Report (Save the Children)

2.1 Participants' comments

- Communication mechanism for the first time of sharing/developing CRC shadow report, we, therefore, need to manage it carefully (VAPCR)
- Sharing but not for substantial changes (Magritte)
- Dr. Huu is fairly new to the process so we need to approach him first and let him understand clearly about the process. (Mr Minh - UNICEF)
- Letter should have been sent to Children's Bureau Director (Mdm Thanh Thanh – VAPCR)
- More developments and changes, if possible (Mdm Thanh Thanh – VAPCR)
- Dialogue with the government – process and purpose should be clear (Peter - Plan)
- Unicef and VAPCR will be in the meeting on the process of shadow report. (Peter - Plan)
- When officially submit to Geneva, a copy will be sent to MOFA as reference. (Peter – Plan, Minh - UNICEF)
- List of concerned ministries from MOLISA (Lan – CEFACOM)
- Data update – not update again unless requested by Geneva (Lan – SCiV, Lan - CEFACOM and Magritt)
- NGORC: support from PACCOM can be sought as they are willing to (Ha – NGORC).

2.2 Key conclusions:

1.1.1 It is agreed that we should plan for the first meeting with Mr.Huu (MOLISA) and then 2nd meeting with MOLISA and relevant ministries and departments regarding sharing of the report. SCiV and CEFACOM as chairpersons discuss with Task force for the plan.

1.1.2 The Complimentary report should be sent after the State report. Therefore, according to CRC timing update, we should send the report in/by 2012.

3. Priorities and draft work plan of CRWG in 2010

3.1 Participants' comments

- We should focus in one of the Government's priorities which is development of Community based child protection systems (An – Plan)
- Other issues for consideration should come from the Complementary reports, including:
 1. Strengthening MOLISA and Children's Bureau through capacity building
 2. Legal implementation
 3. Ombudsperson for children
 4. Child participation
 5. Data collection
- The priority of promoting local NGO/CSO through several joint activities including capacity buildings, sharing experiences... so that they participate more actively in the network, especially advocacy work. Currently, VAPCR has started to join the network, which is a good start. Later on, we should involve more organizations. In the South, there is a network of local NGOs working

with children and they are eager to join. Although the beginning, they could be hesitated but hopefully after several joint activities, they will be more actively joining and learning experiences from other international and local NGOs (Ms.Lan - SCiV)

- It is also important that child protection policy should be developed in local NGOs and/or INGOs and government partners. This is the first requirement for any organization/agency working for children's rights should take into account. However, in VN, there is very few local organizations which develop their own child protection policies. (Ms Lan - CEFACOM),
- We should develop our independent CRC monitoring system, which works closely with government and includes several meaningful joint activities (examples: studies, research, workshop....) (agreed by all)

3.2 Key conclusions:

- Plan International will provide some initial draft for the plan for CRWG for 2010 from their experience of being chair of the CRWG in past few years (Mr. Tuan and Peter – Plan)
- A Plan of Action for CRWG 2010 will also be worked by the new co-chairs of the working group (Lan – SCiV)

4. Discuss and agree to the improvements to be done for better function of CRWG and select the new Chairperson

4.1 It is agreed that the chairing of CRWG will be rotated among members

4.2 This year, SCiV (on behalf of International NGOs) and CEFACOM (on behalf of local NGOs) are nominated. Ms Lan – SCiV to confirm after consultation with her organization while Ms Lan from CEFACOM agrees to take the role.

5. Schedule for next meetings:

5.1 Meetings will be held in NGORC every 2 months, preferably on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

5.2 7th April will be the next meeting – AM, TBC.

5.3 Minute taking responsibility will be rotated among participants.