

Scheme for Community-Based Childcare Initiatives

1. Title of the Programme

Community-Based Childcare and Development Programme

Theme: *Ensuring Safe, Healthy, and Holistic Development of Children*

2. Background and Rationale

Many children in communities lack proper supervision, nutrition, early education, and emotional support due to working parents, poverty, or limited childcare facilities. Community-based childcare initiatives provide safe environments, promote child development, and support families. These programmes strengthen families and ensure the well-being and protection of children.

3. Objectives

- To provide safe and supportive childcare services
 - To promote physical, emotional, and cognitive development
 - To ensure proper nutrition and health monitoring
 - To support working parents and families
 - To promote early childhood education and social skills
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4. Target Group

- Children aged 0–6 years (early childhood care)
 - Children aged 6–14 years (after-school care)
 - Children from vulnerable and low-income families
 - Working parents and caregivers
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5. Programme Location and Duration

- Location: Village halls, schools, or parish centers
- Duration: Continuous programme
- Timing: after school hours or holidays

6. Key Components of the Programme

A. Safe Childcare Environment

- Secure and clean childcare center
- Child-friendly space and facilities
- Supervision by trained caregivers

B. Early Childhood Education

- Basic learning activities
- Storytelling, games, and creative activities
- Cognitive and language development

C. Nutrition Support

- Healthy snacks or meals
- Nutrition awareness for parents
- Monitoring child growth

D. Health and Hygiene

- Regular health check-ups
- Hygiene education
- Clean and safe environment

E. Emotional and Social Development

- Play and social interaction
- Emotional support and counselling
- Building confidence and self-esteem

7. Programme Activities

Activity	Frequency
Learning sessions	Daily
Play and recreation	Daily
Health check-ups	Monthly
Parent meetings	Monthly
Nutrition programmes	Weekly
Awareness sessions	Quarterly

8. Implementation Plan

Phase	Activity	Timeline
Phase 1	Community needs assessment	Month 1
Phase 2	Setup childcare center	Month 2
Phase 3	Recruit and train caregivers	Month 2–3
Phase 4	Programme implementation	On-going
Phase 5	Monitoring and evaluation	Continuous

9. Roles and Responsibilities

Programme Coordinator

- Overall programme management

Childcare Workers

- Daily childcare and supervision

Health Workers

- Health monitoring and guidance

Community Volunteers

- Support programme activities

Parents

- Participate in meetings and support child development
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10. Resources Required

- Childcare center space
 - Toys and learning materials
 - Furniture and equipment
 - Nutrition supplies
 - Trained staff and volunteers
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11. Budget

Item	Estimated Cost (₹)
Equipment and toys	1,000
Nutrition support	2,000
Staff honorarium	1,000
Training	1,000
Total	5,000

12. Monitoring and Evaluation

- Child attendance records
 - Growth and health monitoring
 - Parent feedback
 - Programme review meetings
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13. Expected Outcomes

- Improved child health and nutrition
 - Better early childhood development
 - Increased school readiness
 - Support for working parents
 - Stronger and healthier communities
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14. Sustainability Plan

- Community participation
 - Volunteer involvement
 - Local contribution
 - Support from NGOs and donors
 - Government scheme linkage (like Integrated Child Development Services – ICDS)
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15. Conclusion

Community-based childcare initiatives ensure the safety, development, and well-being of children while supporting families. Such programmes contribute to building a healthy, educated, and strong future generation