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**Report
of
The 3rd Regional Convening
on
Accelerating Efforts to End Child Marriage in South Asia
Through
Joint Action with Regional and National Human Rights Institutions
and
Key Regional Partners
10 – 11 September 2018**



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Accelerating Efforts to End Child Marriage in South Asia through Joint Action with Regional and National Human Rights Institutions and Key Regional Partners

Executive Summary

The 7th Governing Board Meeting held on 14th May 2018, while considering the report of the Pre-Technical Sessions tabled by the Director General and noting the outcomes of the meetings directed that:

- The Country Status Report and the Country Strategic Actions presented by the Member States will be compiled, refined and shared by the SRS with all the participants for further inputs on timeframe and lead agency;
- The Country Strategic Actions will form part of the Regional Action Plan on Ending Child Marriage and will be the basis for ongoing partnership and reviews of progress for implementation of the RAP.
- The SRS will compile all the comments provided by the ‘Group Exercises’ and share a refined version of the RAP to all participants with a timeline to revert back with any additional comments. Following this the SRS will share the final version of the RAP to all;
- The GBM further reiterated that given the RAP is an already endorsed plan, the reviewed and refined RAP should also be considered approved in principle.
- However, the SRS will table the RAP for further consideration of the 8th GBM as and when it is hosted.

The Governing Board also endorsed that the 3rd Regional Convening on Child Marriage as proposed by the Secretariat to be held in partnership with the Centre for Reproductive Rights and partners be convened from the 6-7th August in Colombo as agreed by the Srilanka SAIEVAC Mechanism.

The 3rd Regional Convening was accordingly convened in Colombo from the 10-11th September 2018, hosted by the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs, Government of Srilanka, led by the Department of Child Care and Probation Services and supported by the National Child Protection Authority and NACG Srilanka. The Meeting was organized by the SAIEVAC Regional Secretariat with support of the Centre for Reproductive Rights, Ford Foundation and key partners.

This is the most strategic and crucial event that not only builds on the series of past events as elaborated in the Concept Note which is annexed (**Annex-1**) to the report particularly since it takes the whole regional momentum to the next phase with clearly defined milestones as elaborated below.

The 2 days event (**Agenda at Annex -2**) was packed with the following Objectives and Expected Outcomes:

a) Objectives:

- 1) To review outcomes and follow up actions of the 2nd Regional Convening with particularly attention to the status and next steps of the Child Marriage Advocacy Para and the Kathmandu Call for Action 2014;
- 2) To review the outcomes of the FUM NHRI with particular attention to revisiting the proposed Strategic Actions and their alignment with the RAP and country priorities;
- 3) To discuss and formulate/outline a strategic partnership/collaboration framework with the NHRC/Is so as to establish a clear process and procedure; and

- 4) To Revisit and refine the RAP Child Marriage: 2018-2023 and produce the Final draft to be tabled for final endorsement of the 8th GBM and the 5th SAIEVAC Ministerial Meeting.

b) Expected Outcomes:

- 1) The Child Marriage Advocacy Para refined and a revised/reinforced advocacy plan/steps endorsed;
- 2) The Kathmandu Call for Action revisited and reaffirmed;
- 3) The Priority Strategic Actions revisited, refined for implementation and periodic monitoring; and
- 4) The final refined RAP to End Child Marriage in South Asia: 2018-2023 produced for submission to the 8th GBM and the 5th SAIEVAC Ministerial to be held in 1st Qtr 2019 in Islamabad, Pakistan.

c) Participants (Annex-3)

The Convening was attended by Participants from SAIEVAC Government Mechanisms (GBM/Coordinators), relevant government agencies handling child marriage, Social Affairs Division, SAARC Secretariat, NACG Chairs/Thematic leaders, key UN/INGO Advocates/Experts working with SAIEVAC, NHRIS and the CEDAW Committee Member from Asia/Nepal.

The Inaugural Session of the Meeting was presided over by the Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Affairs

d) Outcomes:

As expected the 3rd Regional Convening achieved the following:

1. The Draft Child Marriage Para which was negotiated during the 2nd Regional Convening and subsequently shared widely within the SAIEVAC National Mechanism and political platforms was revisited and re-endorsed;
2. The Kathmandu Call for Action – 2014 was reviewed and re-endorsed;
3. The Priority Strategic Actions: 2018-2019 was reviewed and finalized;
4. Revisited and refined the RAP Child Marriage: 2018-2023 and produced the final version to be tabled for final endorsement of the 8th GBM and the 5th SAIEVAC Ministerial Meeting.

The meeting also had the opportunity to consider the findings of the mappings on law and policy on child marriage and suggested recommendations to promote legal accountability to end impunity for child marriage in four countries (Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan) presented by CRR.

A. Day 1: Monday 10 September, 2018

1. Inaugural Session

The Inaugural Session was presided over by Ms. Ashoka Alawatte, Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Affairs, Government of Srilanka as the Chief Guest.

- Ms. Chandima Sigera, Commissioner, Department of Probation and Child Care Services and SAIEVAC National Coordinator, Srilanka provided the welcome address;
- The Opening Remarks were given by the following special invitees:
 - Ms. Purna Shrestha, Regional Manager for Asia, Center for Reproductive Rights (Center);
 - Ms. Rishfa Rasheed, Director, Social Affairs, SAARC Secretariat;
 - Ms. Kunzang Lhamo, Chairperson, SAIEVAC Governing Board

- The Key Note Address was delivered by Ms. Bandana Rana, CEDAW Committee Member as the Guest of Honour.

2. Business Session

a. The Kathmandu Call for Action - 2014 and the Follow Up Actions of the 2nd Regional Convening – 2016:

i) The Kathmandu Call for Action (KCA)

The Director General introduced the KCA by providing a brief historical perspective on the genesis and the process involved in finalizing the KCA besides the use of the KCA as an important strategic guide and advocacy tool to move the child marriage agenda forward.

He also presented the KCA clause by clause so that all are updated on the content and intent of the KCA. He also reinforced that while the KCA still remains relevant and does not really require reinforcement or adjustment, however he urged the participants to provide any suggestions they may have to strengthen/update the KCA.

In the absence of any suggestions/recommendations for change, the KCA was re-endorsed for ongoing use.

ii) Follow Up Actions of the 2nd Regional Convening – 2016:

The DG provided a brief update on the follow up actions taken on the following decisions of the 2nd Regional Convening.

- To involve/engage the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Member States in future national and regional dialogues on child marriage so as to sensitize them on the issue so that they are better equipped to shape the global conversation and advocacy on child marriage and represent the South Asian perspective at the global platform.
 - This is considered crucial and all National Mechanisms are encourage to reinforce this efforts. At the regional level the agenda is proposed for inclusion for discussion during the SAARC Technical Committee on Women, Youth and Children as well as the Meeting of the Gender Policy Advisory Group Meeting. The meetings are likely to take place in Pakistan.
- SAIEVAC Regional and National Mechanisms as well as collaborating partners which includes the SAARCLAW, NHRI, SACG, Parliamentarian Forums and others to step up efforts to table the draft para on child marriage to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the respective Member States and lobby for inclusion in the 19th SAARC Summit Declaration (Ref next section).
 - Ongoing
- The SRS to plan and execute targeted advocacy in Islamabad, Pakistan as the host of the 19th SAARC Summit, in the final build up to the Summit in collaboration with the key national partners, with the aim to advocate for inclusion of child marriage concerns/ issues in the declaration *and also get visibility of the issue itself*.
 - SAIEVAC Regional Secretariat and National Mechanisms have undertaken this on different occasions.

- The SRS in partnership with key regional and national partners to develop and execute a comprehensive advocacy plan at the earliest aimed at mobilizing greater political convergence in getting the issue of child marriage into the 20th SAARC Summit agenda.
 - While initial efforts have been undertaken, however given the current scenario pertaining to the SAARC Summit, the SAIEVAC Mechanisms and partners need to reinvent/reinforce the advocacy.
- The SRS seek support to institute and operationalize an effective monitoring framework and reporting mechanism for the Regional Action Plan to End Child Marriage.
 - The SRS with technical support of UNFPA has put together the initial draft framework of the M&E which has also been tabled for the review and consideration of the 7th GBM in May 2018. However, additional work is required to finalise the framework especially in relation to the review and refinement of the RAP with its changing scope.

a) Findings of the mappings on law and policy on child marriage and suggested recommendations to promote legal accountability to end impunity for child marriage in four countries (Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan)

- Ms. Purna Shrestha, Regional Manager Asia, CRR made a brief presentation on the mappings undertaken in the four countries. She outlined the process adopted for the mapping study, the scope of the study and the preliminary outline of the recommendations incorporated in the document;
- She said that the focus of the study was on identifying normative and implementation gaps pertaining to ending impunity for child marriages and putting together specific recommendations targeted at different institutions responsible for addressing the issue in each country;
- She underlined that while efforts are underway from CRR through partnerships with key stake holders like SAIEVAC, the policy briefs will have greater bearing on the informing and supporting action at the national levels;
- She underlined that as different countries undertake national and sub-national level discourses and initiate actions, the mapping study/policy briefs will be very useful as crucial source of information on the gaps and areas for action

b) Review and Finalization of the Priority Strategic Actions: 2018-2019 through Country Group Exercises

The Pre-Technical Sessions of the 7th SGBM in Bhutan in May 2018 through country group exercises developed a joint priority strategic actions which will be implemented during the 2019-2020 time frame under the lead of the NHRCs of the respective Member States. However, the type/scope of the action plans developed were considered too ambitious and diffuse and therefore the plans were once again tabled to the 3rd Regional Convening for further review and refinement.

The finalized/updated Priority Strategic Actions: 2018-2019 is placed as a separate report to this.

c) Formulate/outline a strategic partnership/collaboration framework with the NHRC/Is so as to establish a clear process and procedure

Given that most of the heads of the NHRCs except Maldives could not make it to the 3rd

Regional Convening duet op various practical and logistics issues, it was decided that a separate forum of the NHRCs and SAIEVAC will be convened to take stock of the ongoing collaboration and to explore the possibility of formulating strategic partnership framework

B. Day 2: Tuesday 11 September, 2018

1. Group Exercise: Revisit and refine the RAP Child Marriage: 2018-2023 and produce the Final Version to be tabled for final endorsement of the 8th GBM and the 5th SAIEVAC Ministerial Meeting.

In order to ensure that the country groups consisting of representatives of the Government, NACG and other stakeholders are able to create a common understanding of the RAP and to draw consensus on the scope and dimension of the RAP 2018-2023, Country Groups were formed to undertake the exercise.

The country groups were asked to ensure that the discussions and the suggestions/recommendations/amendments which they make must be regional in nature and not grounded to national level characteristics and specifics.

The Final version of the RAP is presented separately.

2. Draft M&E Child Marriage

The Director General apprised the meeting on the ongoing efforts to develop the following documents that will go through a series of discussions and ultimately a regional consultation to finalize them before being tabled to the Governing Board Meeting.

- Questionnaire for Member States and SAIEVAC to measure progress made against the Regional Action Plan to End Child Marriage in South Asia (2018-2023);
- Indicator definitions and metadata for the indicators of the Regional Action Plan to End Child Marriage in South Asia (2018-2023);
- Results framework of the Regional Action Plan to End Child Marriage in South Asia (2018-2023)

While the aspiration was to finalize these docs and get them ready for submission to the next GBM together with the final version of the RAP, however capacity challenges will dictate the pace at which this effort can be moved forward.

3. National Level Actions for Ending Child Marriage

The Director General briefed the 3rd Regional Convening on the national level actions for ending child marriage in partnership and spearheaded by the NHRCs. While revisiting the actions taken post NHRI meeting in June 2016 as reported in May during the Pre-Technical Sessions, the DG highlighted the following as major steps forward.

- The National Human Rights Commission, NHRC, India began its two day's 'National Conference on Child Marriage in collaboration with the South Asia Initiative to End Violence against Children (SAIEVAC) at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi today on the 29th August, 2018. This was preceded by a one-day curtain raiser by the CSO Coalition and Members on the 28th August to strategise contribution during the main Conference.

- Nepal National Conference on Ending Child Marriage through Joint Actions with the NHRC Nepal, Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens and NACG Nepal in Collaboration with SAIEVAC Regional Secretariat and Key Stakeholders, 26-27 September 2018

C. Closing Remarks

Closing remarks were made by the Chairperson of the SAIEVAC Governing Board, the Commissioner, DPCC who is also the SAIEVAC National Coordinator, Srilanka and the Director General, SRS.



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CONCEPT NOTE

3rd Regional Convening

On

Using Law to Promote Accountability to End Child Marriage

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3rd Regional Convening on Using Law to Promote Accountability to End Child Marriage in South Asia

A. Background

1. The Regional Action Plan (RAP) on Child Marriage:

The development of the Regional Action Plan to End Child Marriage in South Asia (RAP) was initiated as part of the decisions arrived at during the **Regional Meeting to Review Commitments and Actions for the Girl Child** – organized by the SAIEVAC Regional Secretariat on 17-18 December, 2012, in Kathmandu, Nepal, in collaboration with UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia and UNFPA APRO, and with participants comprising of the representatives of the SAARC Secretariat, Member State delegates, civil society organizations, regional experts and regional development partners.

This was followed by an Experts Group Meeting in Kathmandu in May 2014, which further reviewed and finalized the proposed outcomes, the implementation framework and key partnerships needed to implement the RAP.

The draft RAP was then circulated within the SAIEVAC National Mechanisms for additional review and comments and the final draft were adopted by the 5th SAIEVAC Governing Board Meeting held in Dhaka in 2014.

2. 1st Regional Convening:

The 1st Regional Convening on Legal Accountability for Child Marriage in South Asia was organized by the SAIEVAC Regional Secretariat and the Centre in November 2014 in November 2014.

In order to support the implementation of the RAP, the Center jointly organized with SAIEVAC the first ever ‘Regional Convening on Legal Accountability for Child Marriage in South Asia’ in November 2014. The event was hosted by the Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare (MoWCSW), Government of Nepal, with participation of high-level government officials, SAARC Secretariat, NACG Representatives, SACG Agencies, key regional partners.

The Kathmandu Call for Action to End Child Marriage in South Asia (KCA) that emphasizes the urgent need to strengthen legal accountability for ending child marriage in the region was adopted.

3. 2nd Regional Convening:

Building upon the momentum of the first regional convening and in preparation for mounting wider regional advocacy as the region gears up for the 19th SAARC Summit to be held in Pakistan in November 2016, SAIEVAC and the Center organized the 2nd Regional Convening to take stock of actions taken by governments and other

stakeholders in the region to implement the strategies enumerated in Expected Outcome 1 (EO 1) of the RAP and the KCA.

The Meeting was hosted by the MoWCSW, Government of Nepal as part of their continued support for concerted action in the region to address child marriage. The 2nd Regional Convening also focused on how SA can contribute towards creating momentum within SAARC to support the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goal Target 5.3 on eliminating harmful practices, including child marriage.

Key Outcomes of the Consultation

1. To involve/engage the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Member States in future national and regional dialogues on child marriage so as to sensitize them on the issue so that they are better equipped to shape the global conversation and advocacy on child marriage and represent the South Asian perspective at the global platform;
2. SAIEVAC Regional and National Mechanisms as well as collaborating partners which includes the SAARCLAW, NHRI, SACG, Parliamentarian Forums and others to step up efforts to table the draft para on child marriage to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the respective Member States and lobby for inclusion in the 19th SAARC Summit Declaration;
3. The SRS to plan and execute targeted advocacy in Islamabad, Pakistan as the host of the 19th SAARC Summit, in the final build up to the Summit in collaboration with the key national partners, with the aim to advocate for inclusion of child marriage concerns/ issues in the declaration and also get visibility of the issue itself;
4. The SRS in partnership with key regional and national partners to develop and execute a comprehensive advocacy plan at the earliest aimed at mobilizing greater political convergence in getting the issue of child marriage into the 20th SAARC Summit agenda; and
5. The SRS seek support to institute and operationalize an effective monitoring framework and reporting mechanism for the Regional Action Plan to End Child Marriage.

Proposed draft para for the SAARC Summit Declaration Background:

The 2nd Regional Convening unanimously endorsed that having devoted significant efforts at the technical and agency level, it was now most crucial and pertinent to pitch advocacy at the highest level to create the necessary momentum for the SAARC Region to achieve the Goals and Outcomes of the Regional Action Plan and the related SDG targets committed to by all our Governments.

The draft Para

“We resolve to make concerted efforts to enact, enforce and uphold laws and policies aimed at eliminating the practice of child marriage as a matter of ensuring women’s and girls’ human rights and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. We agree that the age of marriage for both boys and girls shall be set equally at a minimum of 18 years, and we commit to ensure the registration of all births and marriages”.

4. Follow up Meeting (FUM) of the “Accelerating Efforts to End Child Marriage in South Asia through Joint Action with Regional and National Human Rights Institutions and Key Regional Partners”, 12-13 May 2018, Bhutan

a) Background

The RAP has clearly outlined under Outcome 1 Activity 1.6 the role of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) in promoting legal accountability for ending child marriage and includes the convening of a regional forum of NHRIs to strategize their role in ending child marriage.

Based on Outcome 1 and Activity 1.6 of RAP – “Accelerating Efforts to End Child Marriage in South Asia through Joint Action with Regional and National Human Rights Institutions and Key Regional Partners” was organized on 2-3 June 2016 by SAIEVAC in partnership with Center for Reproductive Rights (Center) and the Regional Initiative for South Asia Human Rights Mechanism (RI-SAHRM).

The Meeting endorsed Short Term and Long Term activities and the NHRIs in partnership with SAIEVAC National mechanisms (Government and NACGs), SAARCLAW Chapters and key partners, committed to organize national level consultations to follow up on these decisions and strategize key actions/interventions.

The Consultations in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan in partnership with the NHRIs generated significant convergence in terms of the strategic direction required to strengthen the partnership across sectors to achieve tangible progress in ending child marriage.

b) Pre-Technical Sessions of the 7th SAIEVAC Governing Board Meeting GBM): The Follow up Meeting in Bhutan was convened as part of the Pre Technical Sessions to the GBM which also included the Review of the RAP to End Child Marriage:

- The NHRI FUM which was held on the 12th of May resulted in further reinforcing the partnerships with the NHRIs and wider stakeholders in accelerating the efforts to end child marriage. The meeting also resulted all 8 Member States developing and endorsing a set of strategic Actions that will be jointly implemented in 2018-2019.

These strategic actions will provide the basis on which monitoring of the RAP can be undertaken through a broad based partnership

- The Review of the RAP on the 2nd day (13th May 18) resulted in an in-depth review and refinement of the RAP. The 1st RAP - 2015-2018 is now proposed for a five year life span to coincide/harmonize with the 2nd FYP of SAIEVAC.

The meeting also discussed and agreed that the above outcomes will be tabled to the 3rd Regional Convening which will be held in August 2018 in Colombo, Sri Lanka after seeking due endorsement of the 7th GBM.

B. 3rd Regional Convening - “Accelerating Efforts to End Child Marriage in South Asia through Joint Action with Regional and National Human Rights Institutions and Key Regional Partners”

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Accordingly, the 3rd Regional Convening is now being convened after considering other practical implications since the 7th GBM decisions in May as outlined below.

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2. Expected Outcomes:

- The Child Marriage Advocacy Para refined and a revised/reinforced advocacy plan/steps endorsed;
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3. Proposed participants

- Participants from SAIEVAC Government Mechanisms (GBM/Coordinators)
- Relevant Government agencies handling child marriage
- Social Affairs Division, SAARC Secretariat
- NACG Chairs/Thematic leaders
- Representative/s from SAARCLAW, AFPPD, UN/INGO Partners, Ford Foundation and selected Key Advocates/Experts
- CRC/CEDAW Committee Members(?)
- NHRIs

4. Dates : 10-11 September 2018

5. Venue : Colombo, Srilanka

6. Hosted by: Ministry of Women and Child Affairs, Government of Srilanka,
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TENTATIVE AGENDA

Day 1: Monday 10 September, 2018

0830 – 0900: Registration

0900 – 1030: Inaugural Session

BUSINESS SESSION

1030 – 1100 : The Kathmandu Call for Action - 2014 and the Follow Up Actions of the 2nd Regional Convening – 2016
- DG SAIEVAC

1100 – 1130 : Findings of the mappings on law and policy on child marriage and suggested recommendations to promote legal accountability to end impunity for child marriage in four countries (Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan)
- Ms. Purna Shrestha, Regional Manager Asia, CRR

: Discussions

1130 – 1300 : Review and Finalization of the Priority Strategic Actions: 2018-2019 through Country Group Exercises

: Discussions

1300 – 1400 : LUNCH

1400 – 1530 : Formulate/outline a strategic partnership/collaboration framework with the NHRC/Is so as to establish a clear process and procedure

1530 - 1600 : TEA BREAK

1600 – 1645 : Open Forum

1645 : Concluding Day I (Administrative briefings if any)

Day 2: Tuesday 11 September, 2018

0930 – 1000 : Registration

1000 – 1005 : Re-cap of Discussions from Day - I

1005 – 1200 : Group Exercise: Revisit and refine the RAP Child Marriage: 2018-2023 and produce the Final Version to be tabled for final endorsement of the 8th GBM and the 5th SAIEVAC Ministerial Meeting.

1200 – 1330 : Group Presentations and Finalization of the RAP

1330 – 1430 : LUNCH

1430 – 1530 : Draft M&E Child Marriage

: Discussions

1400 – 1530 : National Level Actions for Ending Child Marriage

: Discussions

1530 : Closing Remarks

: Closing Tea

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