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For an Equitable Sharing of National Revenue



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GROUP 2: DELIVERY AND COLLABORATION

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GROUP 2 - FEEDBACK

- 1. Problem 1:

- Step 1. No it does not. Problem has to start with understanding scope/scale of problem of child welfare to inform budget. Need total scoping of problem. Need disaggregation of data and a child centred/sensitive budget. Profiling of community
- **Recommendation:** Then have evidence based, **collaboratively/consultative** done policies, plans/strategy/ budget, participatory approach and **communicate** plan well. Need to specific in terms of our target groups, spatial distribution.
- Need clarity on mandates. Government is responsible for service delivery. NPOs provide support.
- Need not to redistribute funds with the sector. There are times when duplication of services can be avoided. Need to be efficient in how we spend money.

PROBLEM 2

- ?There should be no **progressive realisation**. Child issues are paramount and should be prioritised. There should be alignment of budgets and policies with respect to child's rights. There should be evidence based activities.
- **Outcome** is not directly in line with the problem statement. It should be about building an individual that would find meaning in life and play a meaningful and worthy role in society.
- As per recommendation we need a holistic strategy to deal with human resources mobility between government. This stabilisation will lead to optimum service delivery.
- Incentivising performance within the NPO sector.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ECD funding should not be allowed to crowd child welfare others. Needs a proper needs assessment for every provinces by well qualified assessors so that they inform policy and strategy and properly cost legislation. . ECDs are a crucial investment as it affects other well being services.
- Need to change mindset as child care. It is an important investment for society. Social assistance is therefore important as it builds a child that would be worth in society.

PROBLEM 3

- Problem3: Partly agree with problem statement on the existence of disparities in service delivery, and we add that there should be some standardisation of funding per child - in line with the set norms and standards across the board and service delivery should be responsive to evidence based needs.
- Recommendation: We should have norms and standards for evaluating progress but we should go beyond this and aspire for better. We should see these norms as living (dynamic) and which can be continuous improved upon.
- Recommendations: The division of revenue should be based on costs/ needs and not political driven (especially during election cycles)

PROBLEM 3 CONT'

- Improve statement of outcome: improved service delivery thru better planning, coordination, consultation and communication.
- Recommendation: There should be coordinated and integrated service delivery (planning, budgeting, consultation, communication)
- We need a value statement, to guide us on how we relate to one another (NPOS and Gvt) or a principle that will guide our relationship and we look at each other as formal partners.

THANK YOU!