

**Draft RECOMMENDATIONS FROM  
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**Recommendations Workshop 1: Forms of Commercial Sexual Exploitation (Multi- Agency Efforts)**

- ❑ Establish minimum standards and increase and strengthen the quality of care services for the recovery and reintegration of child victims.
- ❑ Establish programmes to provide care and rehabilitation for boy victims.
- ❑ Pilot and replicate alternative models of care, such as community based rehabilitation and reintegration.
- ❑ Institutionalize meaningful child and youth participation at all levels for child survivors of sexual exploitation and at-risk youth to inform and support social action to combat these crimes and thus improve policy and programmes.
- ❑ Child participation should be integrated into all policies and programs and budgets funded by governments
- ❑ Database of offenders to be created and used among countries at regional level
- ❑ Establish long term programmes which build self esteem, life skills and confidence of children and youth
- ❑ Ensure long-term reintegration support for the children which includes psychosocial recovery, formal or non-formal education, economic empowerment services etc.
- ❑ Child survivors of sexual exploitation must never be treated as criminals and therefore laws amended accordingly
- ❑ Promote corporate social responsibility including Codes of Conducts for the private sector (e.g. tourism industry, ICT).
- ❑ Sensitisation programmes to address stigmatization and discrimination of victims, in order to improve reintegration into families and communities. Enlist the support of local government, religious leaders and tribal elders

**Recommendations Workshop 2: Legal Framework, Accountability and Law Enforcement  
(Multi- Agency Efforts)**

**National Level**

- ❑ Prepare a comprehensive Child protection policy with a strategy of implementation
- ❑ Ratification of International legal instruments for protection of child rights and harmonization of national laws
- ❑ Monitoring mechanism to assess progress and implementation of the law in place
- ❑ Coordination of child help lines and the use of information for improved law enforcement

- ❑ Child friendly services within the law enforcement

**Regional Level:**

- ❑ Bilateral agreements for response, assistance and reintegration for victims
- ❑ MOUs to facilitate implementation of bilateral or multilateral agreements
- ❑ Standard operating procedure for trafficking-repatriation-integration
- ❑ Extradition Treaty in place with no dual criminality provision
- ❑ Special Judicial system at regional level
- ❑ Regional hotlines for children
- ❑ **Recommendations Workshop 2: Regional cont.**
- ❑ Cross border and joint investigation, legal support and care
- ❑ Voluntary Repatriation
- ❑ Monitor and follow up regional commitments arising from mid-term review 2004 in Colombo and Daka (the Declaration on commercial sexual exploitation of children)
- ❑ Effective system of regional monitoring of child rights including the implementation status of national plans of action, time frame, effective resources allocation and coordination, and other commitments.

**Recommendations Workshop 3: Holistic Integrated Inter-Sectoral Policies (Multi- Agency Efforts)**

- ❑ There is a need for the establishment of a national level multi-sectoral body with multi-ministerial representation (including planning commission) under the leadership of a focal ministry to coordinate and facilitate planning of individual ministries to implement a National Child Protection Policy/Strategy of child protection.
- ❑ Participation in the multi-sectoral authority will include relevant ministries, child representatives (from various backgrounds), civil society and other relevant actors.
- ❑ The multi-sectoral authority will supervise progress and extend technical assistance.
- ❑ The multi-sectoral authority will hold a collective fund for multi-ministerial initiatives.
- ❑ The multi-sectoral authority will work at the central level and also will be represented at every tier of administration (as felt appropriated by the states).
- ❑ MoUs and protocols to be established to facilitate and reinforce collaboration between and within ministries and across the ministries, children, civil society and other actors.

**Recommendations Workshop 3: Holistic Integrated Inter-Sectoral Policies (Multi- Agency Efforts)**

- ❑ Continual awareness raising, sensitization and capacity building of all relevant actors (children and adults, policy makers and professionals etc.) and committed resource mobilization from institutional actors to community level so that a multi-sectoral approach can be sustained and taken forward.
- ❑ The children must be actively involved and capacitated to participate in planning, monitoring and when appropriate in service delivery (peer support etc.).

- ❑ Direct reporting and assistance mechanisms for children (such as help lines, ombudsman, etc) established to facilitate the provision of information and response on issues related to children.
- ❑ Sufficient budget allocation for implementation of national child protection system and strategies

<b>Recommendations Workshop 4: Strategies and goals for Regional and International Cooperation</b> <i>(Multi- Agency Efforts)</i>
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- ❑ Improved regional and international cooperation is of vital importance to enable and facilitate cross border actions.
- ❑ A reinforcement of the SAARC task force mechanism through stronger linkage with SAF, rollout and implementation of the standard operating procedures, fine tuning and harmonization in the regional context, support through enabling legislation, and involvement of NGOs and the private sector
- ❑ The role of civil society as a watch dog needs to be further explored. The role of civil society as a watch dog needs to be further explored.
- ❑ Regional and International Cooperation
- ❑ Broaden SAARC Convention to include other aspects of sexual abuse.
- ❑ Ensure the signature and ratification of the Palermo Protocol and the ILO Convention 182 on the Worst forms of Child labour.
- ❑ People working with and for children should be aware of and trained in Child Rights, issues and child friendly behaviours.
- ❑ Child participation should be integrated in all policies and programmes
- ❑ A common Child Helpline number across the region – 1098