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Prioritising Children

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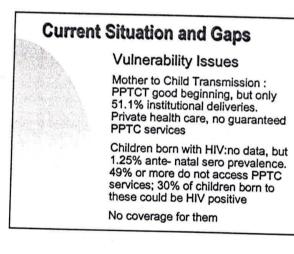
Lack of Policy and Programme Preparedness to deal with the issue of HIV/AIDS and children

- No mention in the 10th plan or the State PIP for NACP II
- No systematic and large scale attempt so far to estimate the number of children, vulnerable or affected and their needs.

Subsequent documents touch upon it: The Health Task Force Report (2001), the Karnataka State Health Policy Document/

Health Policy Document(2002),the Mid Term Appraisal of the 10th plan; NACP III draft PIP for Karnataka and the National Consultation on Children affected or vulnerable to HIV/AIDS (2005) but there are gaps

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Current Situation and Gaps

Vulnerability Issues

School AIDS Programmes : 1.3 million children reached so far; No access to information for out of school children; (3.8 million children) drop out rate among girls 46%; literacy rates among girls 57.45%.

Child protection programmes : Lack of access to information for children in risk situations; larger child protection measures (missing children, trafficking, child abuse, exploitation) including to meet the needs of those orphaned/ destitute due to AIDS, lacking.

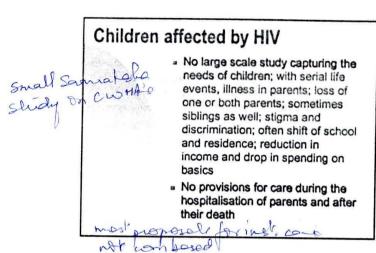
Current Situation and Gaps Children Living with HIV Poor access to care facilities: No training of doctors health care providers on paediatric HIV; sensitising on issues of stigma and discrimination No access to Paediatric Formulations of ARV; No access to special nutrition Only 9.4% children reported to have normal nutritional status in Karnataka. Anaemia 70% Muthod Mathematical Im Markawakaka Current

Current Situation and Gaps

- Reduced resources for health care for mother and child as increasing number of HIV positive widows.Household income is reported to fall by 9.24% with one HIV positive member (NCAER study) - Lecce
- For mothers, no helpline or support services; currently no access to creches;
- For children, parenting and nurture; basic needs- food shelter, educational access social inclusion issues
- Care of children from vulnerable communities (children of sex workers; trafficked children)

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Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07) - Goals for children

- All children in school by 2003; all children to complete five years of schooling by 2007
- Reduction in Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) to 45 per 1000 live births by 2007 and 28 by 2012

Doubtful unless the HIV related issues are tackled

Recommendations

Key Approach

All measures to protect vulnerable children from HIV infection and

to mitigate the impact of HIV on those living with and affected by HIV so that they can progress on their path of normal development

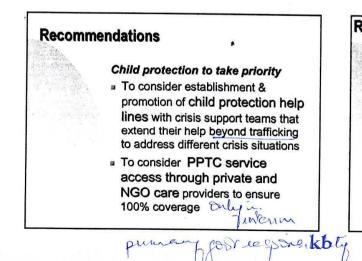
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the development and support of child / family-centred, community based approaches

Recommendations

Child protection to take priority

To ensure access to information and life skills training to all children but especially those in difficult circumstances and out of normal channels for information flow; like school drop outs, working children, children of sex workers, street children and children orphaned by HIV through sustained multi-sectoral programmes

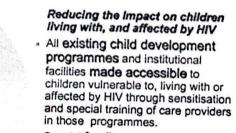


Recommendations

Reducing the Impact on children living with, and affected by HIV

- Immediate procurement and provision of Paediatric ARTs at least at all taluka hospitals, along with training of health care providers on prescription, management and adherence guidelines
- Inclusion of children living with HIV into schemes for children with special needs for nutritional support

Recommendations



 Special family support programmes for HIV positive BPL families

Recommendations

- Reducing the Impact on children living with, and affected by HIV
- Foster Care Programme to be extended to rural areas; to include extended family / community carers. The programme to be linked with community monitoring by women's SHGs
- Development of programmes that support community counsellors to provide local support through crisis situations for children in rural areas.