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Dear all,

I am back at my desk and would like to share the various updates from the Secretariat. we are herewith sharing the priority-wise issue list based on the Action Plan adopted at the 9th PCM that needs to be addressed by all of us.

Three categories of issues

1. Focal/Ongoing Issues
 - 1.1 Maternity Entitlements
 - 1.2 ICDS
 - 1.3 WSCF
 - 1.4 PNMT
 - 1.5 IMS Act
 - 1.6 NPA
 - 1.7 Creche services
 - 1.8 Budget analysis
 - 1.9 SSA linked to Sibling care
 - 1.10 93rd amendment
 - 1.11 Quality of Pre-school education
2. Capacity building Issues
 - 2.1 Perspective Building
 - 2.2 Fund raising
 - 2.3 Project FORCES to the outside community, form pressure groups through advocacy, capacity building and information sharing.
 - 2.4 Dialogue with the government
3. Organisational Issues
 - 3.1 Constitution

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1. Focal/Ongoing Issues

1.1 Maternity Entitlements

- Demystify Maternity Entitlement Benefit Act/recommendations, etc.
- Continue to sharpen the Recommendations to the 2nd Labour Commission.
- Procure the latest copy of the Unorganised workers' Bill and share.
- Critique the Nat. Mat. Benefit assist. Scheme and with inputs from all, prepare a Position Paper with the help of a Consultant.

By 1st July, Secretariat will send out a Format for the study and the State chapters will send their

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findings by 31st October. Secretariat will then hire a consultant to compile and develop a report within a month.

- **Working Group: Mridula Bajaj, Mina Swaminathan, R.Geetha, Bikash Das, Chetna Kotecha & National Secretariat.**

1.2 ICDS

- National FORCES to collect recommendations and disseminate to all.
- National FORCES to lobby with the DWCD for universalisation of ICDS.
- **KILA Study:** Mina to send draft report to Nat. Sect. And Mobile Creches within a week. She will then prepare a 1-2 page report highlighting major issues for discussion before the next PCM.

1.3 WSF

- Budget, Consultant, logistics of hiring, booking, etc, material
- Maha FORCES to be requested to host the PCM in Jan. 2004. coinciding with the WSF.
- **Core Group** (to deal with logistics, issues and activities, mobilisation of people, exhibition, status paper on ECCD, linkages with other groups there)

Dr. Neena Gupta, Dr. Shanmugham Velayutham, Kunjubeen/Chetna Kotecha, Dr. Veda, Mridula Bajaj, Hemlata Kansolia, Rajkumari Dogra, Ramakant Satapathy, Vasanthi Raman & Maha FORCES.

1.4 PNDT

- increase own knowledge and network with other groups
- Nat. Sect. to share all information available
- Take up this issue at the WSF in a big way.
- Look out for major violations by doctors, etc.

1.5 IMS Act

- Study Act when made available. Also. look at existing rules.

1.6 NPA

- Dr. Shanmugham Velayutham to email 10 Point charter of recommendations.
- National Secretariat to share names from other regions with the Govt. for invitations to regional consultations

1.7 Creche Services

- Prepare questions for MPs
- Study Revised Creche Scheme
- Nat. FORCES to lobby for increased corpus for the Creche scheme.

1.8 Budget analysis

- Capacity building for FORCES through Disha workshop at end of June
- Call experts for revision of demand.

1.9 SSA linked to Sibling care

1.10 93rd Amendment

1.11 Quality of Pre-school education

- Tool to be shared by Mina within a month

2. Capacity building issues

2.1 Perspective Building

- To be done at WSF. This will provide an opportunity to bring people together and then at the next PCM, the issues and perspectives can be brought together.
- Vision & Mission Statement to be prepared by Nat. Sect.

2.2 Fund raising

- The Steering Committee will develop guidelines and a Policy on Funding after the State chapters will send all information on membership and funding, etc.

2.3 Project FORCES to the outside community, form pressure groups through advocacy, capacity building and information sharing.

2.4 Dialogue with the government.

3. Organisational Issues

3.1 Constitution

- The 1st draft of the 'Convention on Membership' to be sent in by Bikash Das by 31st July and comments to be sent back to him.
- A Consultation to be held on Constitution
- All State Chapter brochures to be screened by the Steering Committee.

10th PCM:

The National Secretariat wrote to Maha FORCES regarding the decision of the PCM to participate in WSF and to request them to host the PCM at Mumbai in January 2004. Dr. Vrinda Dutta agreed in principle but needs more time to find out about logistics (accommodation for 50 persons) on the TISS campus and will inform accordingly.

Training workshop on Budget analysis

It was informed at Ooty that Disha (Ahmedabad) was organising a training workshop on the subject and five names were received from the floor which was communicated to Chetna Kotecha. However, only Chetna could attend this training workshop at Delhi on 27-28 June 2003. Those who did not inform/attend were Karnataka FORCES, Delhi FORCES, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu FORCES. Awadhesh who was also to attend the training , could not due to being away from Delhi for personal reasons.

Individual membership

A letter to Mina Swaminathan has been sent from the Secretariat inviting her to be an individual member of National FORCES.

Letters to ME Working Group, WSF Core Group and Former Executive Committee members (Now members of the Steering Committee) have been sent.

Copy of the Unorganised worker's Bill - A copy is being send today separately for perusal and reference

This is all for now.

With regards.

Bullu Sarin