

## **Evaluation**

### **Child Focused Community Development Programme (CFCDP)**

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The first of the three Child Focused Community Development projects have been evaluated after completion of their project cycle, in the year 2007. These projects were taken up as the first initiative marking the paradigm shift from traditional programs of Residential Child Care. The CFCD approach is always geared for the neediest of the needy children through building up of the capacity of people, their families and by strengthening the community participation in decision-making and in all aspects of programme planning implementation.

The first of the three CFCD projects which were evaluated are:-

1. Community based Child Development Project of Navjeevan, Vyara, Gujarat.
2. Community based Child Development Project of NIRPHAD, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh
3. Holistic Child Development Project of KSK, Kshipra, Madhya Pradesh

Some of the very important findings of these evaluations have been documented, of which few are stated below:-

- CFCD Projects are an effective tool to:-
  - Determine what people from all walks of life think are the important issues related to the growth and maturation of infants and young children.
  - Help measure the pulse of the community with regard to its understanding of the importance of early child education and development.
  - Determine what the different segments of the community think is their responsibility to help parents ensure the social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual development of their children.
  - Determine the willingness of the different segments of the community to become involved in ensuring that all children have an equal opportunity to succeed.
  - Begin to engage all segments of the community in strengthening the CFCD approach.
- Empowering the target community to demand their rights and entitlements.
- Engaging the community to take up micro enterprises for their own sustenance which compliments the livelihoods derived from their agriculture lands.

- **Community participation as an important segment in the implementation of the programmes.**
- **Women's role in a CFCD approach is important and benefits them in improving their morale and confidence as key role players in decision-making, played both at the family level and at community level.**

**Till date HCDI has evaluated 14 CFCD Projects which have been implemented in the state of Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Nagaland and the Andamans.**

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