



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Women and Child Development - Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 - Constitution of a State Level Steering Committee under the chairpersonship of the Chief Secretary of the state - Sanction accorded - orders issued.

WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT(B) DEPARTMENT

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- Read 1 Guidelines of Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0
2. Letter No PA/178/2024-CPMU from Ministry of Women and Child Development dtd 13/03/2026

ORDER

The guidelines of Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 stipulates that the Chief Secretary of the State shall coordinate the activities of various departments through a State Level Steering Committee to ensure effective convergence between various schemes/programs having bearing on nutrition and review the progress made regarding nutritional indicators on regular basis. Improvement in nutritional outcomes requires effective convergence of various services and coordinated action across multiple departments. Regular review and strategic guidance at the highest administrative level would significantly strengthen convergence mechanisms and accelerate progress in addressing malnutrition.

(2) The Ministry of Women and Child Development, vide reference 2nd cited, has requested to constitute a State Level Steering Committee under the chairpersonship of the Chief Secretary to facilitate inter-ministerial / inter-departmental convergence.

(3) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord sanction for constituting a State Level Steering Committee under the chairpersonship of the Chief Secretary of the state comprising the members listed in the table below, to facilitate inter departmental convergence and to

monitor progress on key nutritional indicators in line with the guidelines of Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 .

Sl No.	Composition	Designation
1.	Chief Secretary	Chairperson
2.	Principal Secretary ,Women and Child Development Department	Member
3.	Additional Chief Secretary , Health& Family Welfare Department	Member
4.	Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department	Member
5.	Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resource Department	Member
6.	Principal Secretary, Local Self Government Department	Member
7.	Principal Secretary ,General Education Department	Member
8.	Principal Secretary, Agriculture Department	Member
9.	Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies Department	Member
10.	Nutrition Expert (Dr. K.E. Elizabeth, Former Professor& HOD, SAT, Department of Paediatrics, Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram)	Member
11.	Director, Department of Women and Child Development	Member Secretary

(4) Terms of Reference (ToR) for the steering committee are enclosed as annexure.

(By order of the Governor)
SANTHOSH KUMAR T K
ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

To:

The Director, Women and Child Development Department

Dr. K.E Elizabeth, Former Professor & HOD, SAT, Department of Paediatrics, Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram

The Principal Accountant General(Audit),Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Accountant General (D.B.Cell), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

General Administration (SC) Department

Health& Family Welfare Department

Water Resource Department

Local Self Government Department

Agriculture Department

General Education Department

Food & Civil Supplies Department

Finance Department

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Annexure

Terms of Reference (ToR)

- i). Provide strategic policy direction and oversight for implementation of Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0.
- ii). Review key nutrition indicators (stunting, wasting and underweight), SNP coverage and quality, Anganwadi Infrastructure, delivery of Anganwadi services, etc. using Poshan Tracker data to identify high-burden geographies and priority indicators for targeted programme strengthening.
- iii). Facilitate convergence and coordination among Ministries/Departments at the State level to address structural and cross-sectoral determinants of nutrition, including health, sanitation, education, livelihoods and Panchayats.
- iv) . Periodically review compliance with nutrition norms and regular quality testing for the Supplementary Nutrition Programme.
- v). Review progress reports received from District Nutrition Committees along with Action Taken Reports (ATR) on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).
- vi). Monitor fund utilisation and programme efficiency and advise on reallocation and timely utilisation of resources.
- vii). Disseminate State-specific operational strategies and replicate best practices and innovations from districts.
- viii). Leverage inputs from technical institutions and experts to strengthen planning, monitoring and course correction as and when indicated.
- ix). To consider and deliberate on any other matter(s) related to the mandate of the committee, as may arise from time to time.