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Minutes of the 1st Stakeholder Engagement Workshop on Child Safety Guideline Framework

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The **Workshop** was organised on 7th Feb'23 to discuss the Child Safety Guidelines framework developed under Urban95 Programme with the concerned stakeholders of the city working towards child Safety and development including various government, private, NGO's etc. The meeting was held in the mini-meeting hall of the Udaipur Municipal Corporation. This meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Udaipur Municipal Corporation (UMC).

The list of the participants attended this workshop is as under:

SN	Name	Designation	Dept/Org
1	Ms.Ragini Damor	Deputy Commissioner	UMC
2	Mr. Karnesh Mathur	Assistant Engineer	UMC
3	Mr. Zuber Chishti	CDPO, Udaipur Urban	ICDS
4	Mr. Vaibhav Saroha	City Coordinator	Medical & Health Department
5	Ms. Jaya Bhavsar	Principal	Sankalp Rehab for special kids
6	Dr. Gayatri Tiwali	Professor	Home Science College, Udaipur
7	Mr. Bhupender Salodia	Assistant Manager	ICLEI SA
8	Dr. Smita Mathur	Professor	Home Sc. College, Udaipur
9	Ms. Meenakhi	Program Coordinator	Gramin Sewa Sansthaan
10	Ms. Kalpana Sharma	ECD Expert	Seva Mandir
11	Ms. Shilpa Sharma	ECD Expert	Seva Mandir
12	B. K. Gupta	Child Expert	Alert Sansthan
13	Ekta Chanda	Co-ordinator	Child fund India
14	Mr. Vikas Tripathi	Child Protection Expert	Praytna Sanstha
15	Dr. Kailash Brijwasi	Director	Jatan Sansthan
16	Ms. Neelu Choudhary	SBCC Expert	Parents+
17	Dr. Usha Chaudhery	ECD Expert	Parents+
18	Mr. Amit Upadhyay	Program Manager	Urban95 Program
19	Mr. Akhilesh Tank	City Coordinator	Urban95 Program
20	Mr. Pushpendra Srivastava	Team Leader	PMU, Urban95 Phase-II
21	Mr. Om Prakash	ECD Expert	PMU, Urban95 Phase-II
22	Mr. Rahul Rathi	Research Associate	PMU, Urban95 Phase-II
23	Mr. Abbas Kikali	UD Expert	PMU, Urban95 Phase-II
24	Mr. Yougal Tak	UDI Expert	PMU, Urban95 Phase-II

Detailed Minutes of the Stakeholder Engagement Workshop are as under:

Mr. Amit Upadhyay, Program Manager, Urban95 Program gave a brief description of the Urban95 Program's vision and activities ongoing in Udaipur city. Mr. Pushpendra Srivastava, Team Leader PMU Urban95 Phase-II welcomed all the participants and requested all the participants for a common round of introduction. After a short

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round of introduction, the presentation & Group exercises were held. The detailed minutes are as under:

1. Context Setup

- a. ECD Expert, PMU presented the background, need, vision & objectives of the Child Safety Guidelines before the participants focusing on the 5 core objectives ,i.e. Inclusive, Accessible, Safe, Green & Playful of the Urban95 Program to make the participants understand about the workshop.
- b. He presented the data on the non-fatal injuries of young children with a comparison of the data from National, State & City. He shared that the causes of 74% of the total registered cases were due to the falling of the children, road accidents, hitting/biting by strays & insects/reptiles biting.
- c. Challenges faced by young children with regard to the infrastructure at the neighborhood level (with a focus on accessibility, playfulness & safety) were shared through a case study. Behavioral challenges faced by the young children were also shared during the presentation.

2. Group Exercise (30 Minutes)

PMU team facilitated the formation of 04 groups of participants for conducting the group exercise to collate their views on improving the child safety provisions for Udaipur city.

Participants were requested to share their views considering the behavioral and Infrastructure challenges they visualize for the young children using the ITCN spaces in the city and suggesting measures for improvements required for their physical and mental safety.

The following space typologies were allotted to the groups for the group exercise:

- i At Home (Infrastructure, appropriate WaSH, Health, Nutrition, Healthy Environment, Physical Safety, Emotional Security, Nurturing Home)
- ii Neighbourhood & Streets
- iii ITC Spaces including Parks
- iv Social Risks (Unhealthy environment, Safety from crime, Social risks, Safety from abuse (physical, mental, social etc)

2.1 Suggestions received from all the four groups are as under:

Group-01 - At Home

- a. Participants focussed on "At home" as their space typology subject for discussion as well as covered Parenting during their discussion.
- b. covering the Pregnant & lactating women's safety at home to make sure their psychological & Physical well-being. This included health relationship support from family members & partner/spouse.
- c. Avoiding social taboos as first feed with "Janm Ghutti", not letting them to walk outside the home with kids to save them from "buri najar" in the early 6 months. Which hampers the overall development of the young children.
- d. Minimum mobile usage during pregnancy for better physical & mental health
- e. Consider the pre-natal & post-natal care requirements.

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- f. keeping baby healthy socially, mentally and physically during the early years.
- g. Establishing/creating/launching city level Parents help desks including Parent education programs to sensitize and to guide Parents, Caregivers & baby sitters on different stages of child development in first 1000 days, positive parenting, nurturing care during the early years.

Home Parenting HSP - INDICATORS (Indicative Elements)

	ACHIEVABLE	OUTCOMES
1. Psychological Well being of pregnant women -		→ Happy & Healthy mother & child.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FLY Relations - Support - Social taboos - Limited use of mobile 		
2. Perinatal & Postnatal care -		→ Ensuring Effective MCH practices & quality provisions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Place - People - Provisions 		
3. Health of child -		
		→ Effective parenting
- Suggestive Measures -		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHCs - Parent Help centres / desks. • PEP → parent education programmes. • BCC - Behavior Change Communicators (Sensitize). 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family members • Baby sitters.

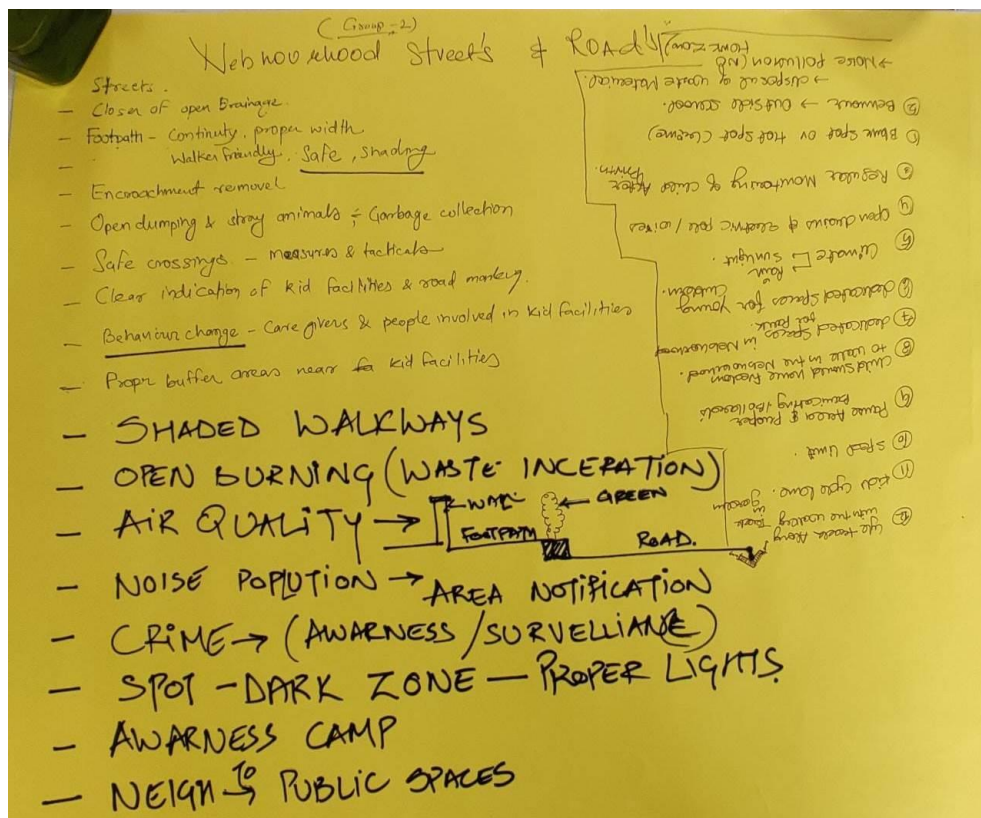
(Group 1.)

Group-02 (Neighbourhood, Road and streets)

- a. Covering the open drains in the neighbourhood as the city's sewerage system is functioning now and the drains are presently used for the storm water drainage purpose only. These open drains should be covered now to avoid the chances of children falling into it.
- b. Continuous footpaths with sufficient width and without any hindrances to be used by walker (trolley). Shading elements, adjoining cycle paths could also be proposed adjacent to the footpaths. Usage of barricading/bollards for increasing the safety of the children & their caregivers.
- c. Dedicated pathway markings on the internal roads.
- d. Encroachments on the roads should be removed with the provisioning of dedicated parking spaces.
- e. Open dumping spots should be removed by UMC to avoid the attraction of stray animals. The city should promote door-to-door waste collection (100%) and other prevailing systems.
- f. Safe crossing provisions along the junctions and road with proper markings. Implementations of pilots/tactical Interventions on road safety for promoting speed calming measures.

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- g. Kid's facilities should be accessible through proper signages, dedicated pathways and road markings.
- h. Regular engagements with the caregivers should be conducted to address the safety and security provisions for the young children's and targeting behavioural change among the caregivers.
- i. Provisions for buffer areas near the kids playing facilities for avoiding any conflict with the moving traffic or strays.
- j. Burning of waste/dry leaves in the park and neighbourhood should be stopped.
- k. Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) should work on improving the air and noise pollution in the city especially near the parks.
- l. Crimes against children should be stopped through surveillance and effective monitoring, increasing the awareness among the people. Transforming the spaces to ITC Friendly spaces at neighbourhood level, parks & public spaces.
- m. Dark spots/zones should be identified in the neighbourhoods, streets and kids playing areas and efforts should be made to properly lit them.
- n. Electric cables & transformers should be properly covered to assure the safety of children.
- o. As a part of behaviour change, caregivers should be encouraged to spend sufficient time with their kids in outdoor activities, organizing awareness camps for Parents & Caregivers on early childhood development.
- p. Focussing on care of children taking climate change into consideration. (change in unexpected weathering conditions impacting young children's health & well-being).
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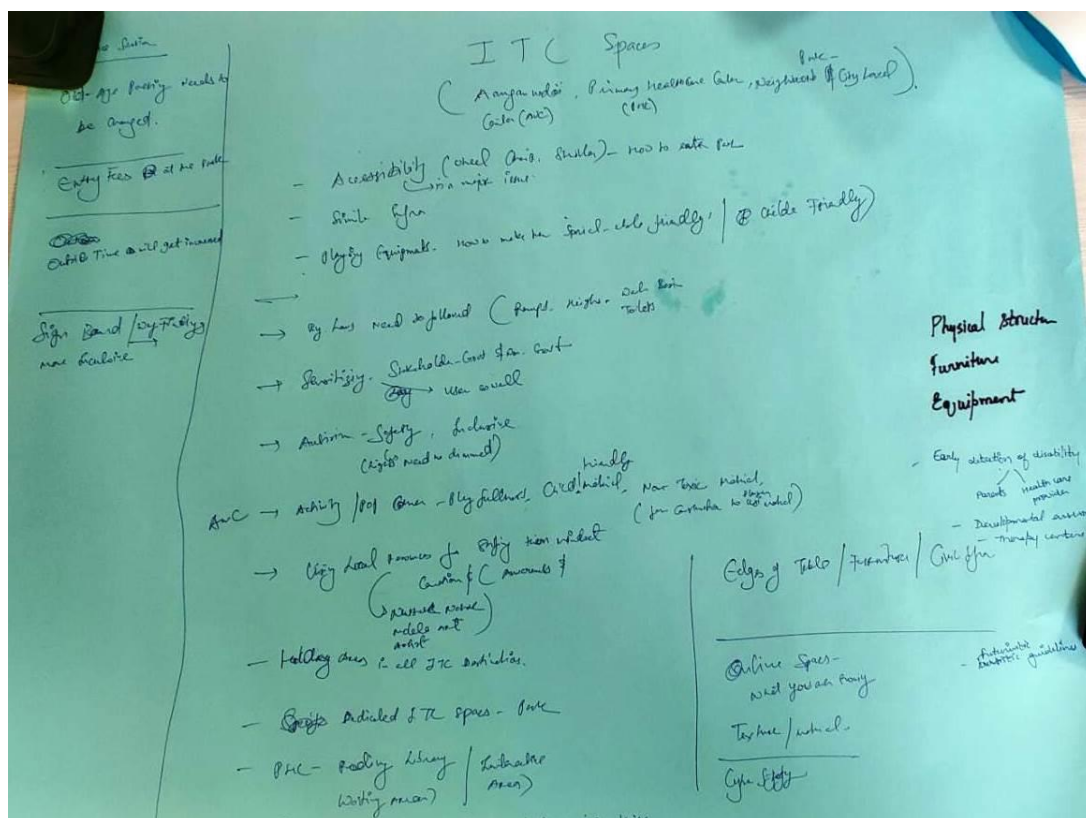


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Group-03 – ITC Spaces including Parks

- a. ITC spaces should be easily accessible for young children. Ramps should be provisioned and height of the stair's footsteps shall be made child friendly.
- b. Low heighted water taps and basins should be provisioned which can be easily used by the children.
- c. Playing zones shall be developed with the child friendly equipment's. Provision of tot-lots could also be there.
- d. Parents-Caregivers should be made aware about the needs of the young children for their appropriate development which includes spending time with them, outdoor activities, healthy and safe environment etc.
- e. The playing equipment's, furniture & other materials used in the ITC spaces should not have any kind of sharp edges.
- f. The Aanganwadi Centres should have age appropriate toys & learning material.
- g. Window height should be appropriate and should be out from the reach of the children to avoid safety hazards.
- h. ITC Spaces should be covered under "No honking zones" helping children to play in less noise pollution areas.
- i. Trainings should be organized by the Health Service Providers (ICDS, Medical & Health Department etc.) targeting the Parents & Caregivers for] early detection of any disability within the child.
- j. Care-givers coming with the young children to the Parks should be provided relaxation in terms of entry fee to promote outdoor activities as well as to increase frequency of caregivers visiting parks.
- k. Parks and spaces related with children should be provided with adequate sign boards in the city for easy reach. Facilities related to these spaces like water & toilet facilities, way signages for tot-lots etc should also be indicated with proper signages for easy access.
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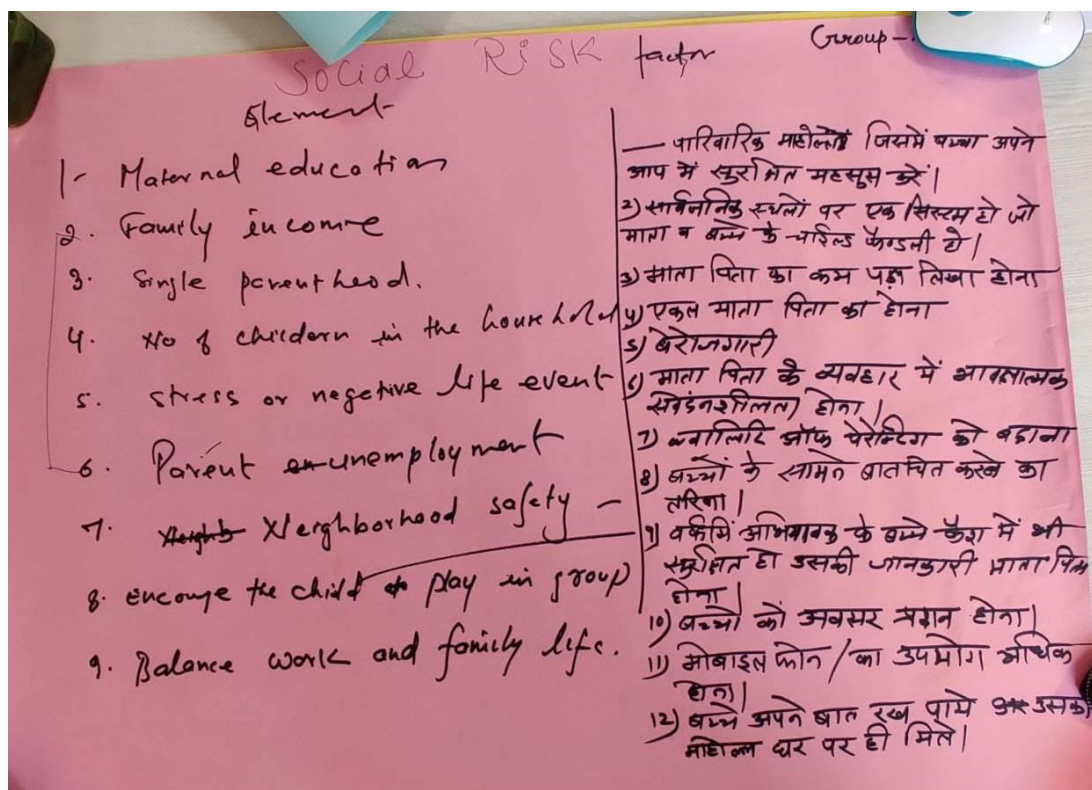


Group-04 Social Risks

- Emphasis should be given on maternal education as it directly impacts the growth & development of the young children in the early years.
- Families suffering from stress due to negative life events should overcome and should improve the environment which is beneficial for the young children.
- having infants which suffered from negative incidents like deaths of family members, thrashing incidents etc. should try to improve the environment of the home as the young children are the most affected ones. Family environment should be comfortable and cheerful for young children for physical & mental well being.
- Young children should be encouraged to play in group, allowing children to develop social skills at their own pace. Young children should be given enough time by their parents & caregivers and other family members. Efforts should be made towards improving the quality of parenting to ultimately improve the up-bringing of young children
- Environment of the Crèche/ staying facilities should be good. Caregivers should also monitor the environment of these facilities regularly.
- Usage of mobiles should be reduced by Parents/Caregivers/Family Members in front of the children.
- Young children should be empathized, this indicates them that Parents & Caregivers can deal with any of their emotions, assures reliability & feel of safety among them. This gives them confidence to share any kind of thoughts and negative incidents leading to stress.(bad touch etc.)

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- h. Education of parents and the family income also plays an important role in deciding the exposure of facilities to young children, frequency of visiting parks etc.
- i. In case of single parenthood, the young child faces challenges in terms of getting appropriate time from the parent especially in the nuclear families. Means could be derived in which time allocation to the child could be assured.
- j. Neighbourhoods should be transformed into safe, sensitive and learning spaces which can assure their proper growth & development.



Towards the end of the session few other issues were also raised by the participants which includes the theft of young child in the city and incident related to the attack of the wild life animal on the young children residing at the fringe area of the city as these areas are close to the Jungle. Issues related to dog-biting young kids were also discussed by the participants.

Mrs. Ragini Damor, Deputy Commissioner, UMC while presiding over the workshop shared that children live in the environment created by adults, in which the needs of the children are not taken care of and often knowingly or unknowingly the children get injured. So, it is necessary to transform the places in the city specially used by the children including the parks, Aanganwadi Centres, Primary schools into safer ITC destinations. She shared that the suggestions given by various experts/stakeholders in this workshop shall be included while framing the guidelines and UMC shall positively take steps to implement these guidelines in the city. She also shared that UMC will also take steps to make the community aware about the issues related to the safety of children by running social awareness programs with other departments,

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institutions, etc present in the corporation area. In the ending remarks, she shared that the draft document with suggestions incorporated shall be presented & discussed in the next stakeholder engagement meeting before its implementation. After this ECD Expert from PMU presented on the strategies to be adopted on the operation & management of the Child Safety Guidelines in the city.

The workshop ended with a vote of thanks from the City Coordinator, Urban95 Program.



Participants during the Stakeholder Engagement Workshop