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National Commission for Women and Children

Ministry of Education and Skills Development



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March 11, 2024

EXECUTIVE ORDER

MANDATES OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN (NCWC)

The National Commission for Women and Children (NCWC) holds a pivotal role as the government agency overseeing women and children's issues in the country.

According to Sections 54 of the Child Care and Protection Act (CCPA) of Bhutan 2011, Section 9 of the Child Adoption Act (CAA) of Bhutan 2012 and Section 6 of the Domestic Violence Prevention Act (DVPA) of Bhutan 2013, the Commission shall have the status and powers of the Competent Authority as specified in three Acts.

Tasked with formulating legislations, policies, institutional and monitoring mechanisms, and coordination roles, the NCWC is entrusted with promoting and protecting the rights of women and children as outlined in this Executive Order.

1. Legal and Policy Framework.

- 1.1. The NCWC shall be the primary agency responsible in formulating and reviewing legislation, bylaws, policies, institutional frameworks, and procedures related to gender, child protection, and well-being. The Commission shall ensure that these measures conform to national, regional, and international standards and treaties aimed at advancing gender equality and safeguarding the rights of women and children.
- 1.2. In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, the NCWC shall conduct regular assessments and research to identify emerging issues and challenges faced by women and children and insights and recommendations will be utilized to inform the formulation of effective legal and policy frameworks.

2. Regulatory and Monitoring

- 2.1. The NCWC shall institute effective monitoring mechanisms to assess implementation of legislations, policies and institutional frameworks related to women and children including violation of their rights.
- 2.2. The NCWC shall undertake systematic and periodic evaluations to assess the impact of current plans, programs, and policies from the gender equality and child centered perspectives.

3. Coordination and Data management:

- 3.1. The NCWC shall function as the central coordinating body for initiatives concerning the rights and well-being of women and children, promoting collaboration among government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other relevant stakeholders. The Commission will also facilitate the exchange of information and best practices among stakeholders to optimize the effectiveness of programs addressing issues related to women and children.
- 3.2. The NCWC shall collaborate with relevant government agencies, non-governmental organizations and other relevant stakeholders to collect and analyze data related to the status of women and children in the country.



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4. Focus on the rights of women and children through gender and child responsive interventions.

4.1. The NCWC shall prioritize activities that promote the empowerment, education, and well-being of women and children, encompassing considerations for their social, cultural, economic, and political dimensions. Thorough consideration will be placed on addressing gender-based violence, violence against children, discrimination, and exploitation with the aim of fostering a safe and inclusive society.

5. Reporting:

5.1. The NCWC shall timely prepare and submit reports to the Government, regional bodies, and international treaty bodies on the status related to gender and children.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.


(Kesarang Deki)

Chairperson, NCWC

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9. Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Thimphu.
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