

Collaboration Initiatives of IRHDTC

Adolescence is a recognized critical period for development. During this time, a supportive environment plays a vital role in fostering well-being and contributing to social cohesion. In this context, Integrated Rural Health Development Training Center (IRHDTC) implemented a noteworthy initiative within Parsagadhi Municipality. This initiative aimed to mobilize relevant stakeholders in Parsagadhi Municipality for collaborative efforts to create an adolescent-friendly environment, optimizing resource utilization.

This report details a collaborative effort initiated by IRHDTC. They brought together key members of the community, including the mayor, ward president, government officials, school committee representatives, school principals and representatives from Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and establish a joint partnership focused on making Parsagadhi Municipality a more supportive and adolescent-friendly.

IRHDTC believes that by working together, everyone can contribute to this important initiative. This collaborative approach aims to achieve long-lasting results, ensuring a brighter future for adolescents in Parsagadhi Municipality.

Objectives

- To establish a partnership with stakeholders in Parsagadhi to support adolescents, addressing issues like Early and Forced Marriage, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights.
- To develop sustainable programs involving community leaders, government officials, educators, and civil society to empower adolescents.
- To monitor progress and ensure lasting improvements in the well-being and opportunities for adolescents in Parsagadhi Municipality.

Outcomes

A collaborative meeting held in Parsagadhi Municipality brought together key figures to discuss creating a more supportive environment for adolescents. The mayor expressed his strong commitment to this initiative, highlighting the importance of working together with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to achieve this goal within two years.

This meeting marked a significant shift, as the mayor acknowledged that previous efforts hadn't prioritized adolescent concerns. He praised the CSOs for raising this important issue and pledged to work collaboratively on these cross-cutting matters. Notably, the focus on adolescent well-being has now reached the ward level, ensuring wider community involvement.

The report also highlights an orientation session on social norms held in collaboration with Yuwalaya. This session, attended by Vision Child Club members from all 11 community schools and boys from child clubs, aimed to raise awareness about positive and negative aspects of social norms. This initiative aligns with the "I am a Child Not a Bride" campaign, emphasizing the importance of addressing social norms that can impact adolescents.

In essence, this report showcases a promising new chapter for adolescents in Parsagadhi Municipality. Through collaboration, a commitment to prioritizing adolescent well-being, and addressing social norms, the community is on a positive path towards creating a more supportive environment for its adolescents.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the collaborative meeting in Parsagadhi Municipality signifies a positive step towards creating a more supportive environment for adolescents. The strong commitment from the mayor, alongside collaboration with Civil Society Organizations, covers the way for a successful future. This focus on adolescent well-being, within a two-year timeframe, positions Parsagadhi Municipality to become a leader in fostering a flourishing environment for adolescent girls and boys.

Annex: Photos



Adolescent girls learning to speak up through games



Child Club member speaking about the positive and negative aspects of social norms



Vision Child Club leader sharing her experience about previous Friend-raiser event



Stakeholders meeting initiated by IRHDTTC to execute an integrated approach to make Parsagadhi municipality adolescents-friendly



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Our vision child club member presenting about the positive and negative aspect of social norms