

Syllabus for Job Training Course for CDPOs/ACDPOs

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The job training is to be conducted using participatory learning techniques. The classroom teaching is to be supported by role-play, demonstration, mock sessions, practical exercises and case studies. In order to give quality training, feed back mechanism is built into each component.

The job responsibilities of CDPOs are as given below.

A. Planner

1. Implementation of ICDS Programme and Delivery of Services
2. Conduct Survey in the Community with AWW
3. Meeting Concerned Block Level/Field Level Officers, Panchayati Raj Members & Local Leaders
4. Coordination and Convergence of Services
5. Preparing Project Report

B. Manager & Administration

Material & Equipment

6. Procurement, Storage and Maintenance of Equipment & Supplies
7. Procurement & Distribution of Supplementary Nutrition
8. Maintenance of Records & Registers

Personnel

9. Recruitment and Training of Staff
10. Motivation, Appreciation and Development of Staff
11. Arranging Educational Programmes

Finance

12. Allocation of Budget & Release of Funds for AW Activities
13. Drawing and Disbursement of Funds

C. Organiser & Implementator

14. Organise Supply of Material & Equipment to AWC
15. Day to day Supervision of Delivery of Services at AWC
16. Undertaking Periodic Field Visits for Supervision of Project Team in the Field
17. Monthly Meetings with Project Staff
18. Preparation & Dispatch of MPR/QPR/APR

D. Educator and Communicator

19. Guiding and Continuing Education of Project Staff
20. Inform and Educate Community
21. Promote Involvement & Participation of Community
22. Maintain Liaison with Local Functionaries of Other Programmes/Agencies/and PHC
23. Facilitating Formation of Village Level Coordination Committees
24. Eliciting Participation and Contribution from the Community

The **Key Elements** of the Revised Syllabus are:

- Child Centered Development Approach
- Life Cycle Basis for Interventions
- Child's Rights Perspective
- Gender Sensitivity
- Emphasis on Preventive Approaches to Malnutrition & Disability
- Reaffirming Sound Traditional Child Care Practices
- Family Focused and Community-Based Approach
- Enabling Joyful Learning Environment
- Focus on Under Threes
- Communication and Counselling Skills
- Self Evaluation and Self Assessment

The **Guiding Principles** for revision of Syllabus are:

- Development of Each Module Keeping in View:
 - Key Elements
 - Responsibilities, Tasks & Qualifications of AWWs
 - Each Theory Session of not More than one Hour and Fifteen Minutes Duration
 - Emphasis on Hands-on-Experience & Skill Building
 - Supervised Practice instead of Field Placement
 - Highlighting Inter linkages across Components

The **Major Learning Goals** of Job Training are -

1. Planning and Managerial Skills to Implement ICDS Project
2. Management of Supplies, Equipment and Services
3. Supervision and Monitoring ICDS Programme
4. Leadership, Motivation and Team Building
5. Guiding & Educating Project Team
6. Importance of Early Childhood Care & Development
7. Improved Family & Community Practices in Nutrition and Health Care
8. Nutritional Assessment and Counselling for Young Children
9. Improved Parenting Skills and Behaviours
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The document includes detailed Curriculum Content, Programme Schedule and Programme Content.

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PREFACE

Training is the most crucial element in ICDS as achievement of programme goals depends upon the effectiveness of frontline workers in improved delivery of package of services under ICDS. Importance and relevance of training in implementation of ICDS Programme has been recognised ever since its inception.

As an Apex body for training of ICDS functionaries, NIPCCD has come a long way and has established its identity in organising training. It is in the forefront in bringing out documents related to training i.e. training curriculum, modules and material etc. We are taking strides to restore the vital role of NIPCCD in training of ICDS functionaries such as CDPOs, Supervisors & Anganwadi Workers and Trainers of MLTCs.

NIPCCD presently is revising training curriculum of all categories of ICDS Functionaries and Trainers. It gives me immense pleasure to put before you the Revised Syllabus for Job Training of CDPOs/ACDPOs as the first one in the series. The total duration of the syllabus has been reduced to 30 days with 26 working days. I hope the revised curriculum will provide the requisite knowledge and skills to CDPOs. Hopefully trainers would find detailed contents along with instructions for class assignments and practical exercises useful in planning the training.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts put in by Training Division in preparing syllabus in a record time.

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