

Suggested Research Topics for studies to be sponsored by Ministry of WCD.

(a) Child Related Issues:

1. Time- use study of ICDS functionaries including DPO/CDPOs, Supervisors, AWW to assess their engagement in non-ICDS activities (per day/month/qtr).
2. Impact of effective convergence of ICDS with Health, Sanitation & Drinking water- Gaps & Deficiencies at the Block and Village level.
3. ECE Impact of preschool education in ICDS on enrolment of children in school vis-à-vis the children not availing PSE at district level.
4. Key areas of community participation and barriers for active engagement of the community in ICDS activities at the village level.
5. Efficacy of Health & Nutrition Education and Village Health and Nutrition Day impact on awareness levels and behavioural change in the community. Roles of AWWs/ANMs and ASHA.
6. Assessing the quality of different services delivered to pregnant women and children below the age of two years under ICDS programme.
7. Survey and assessment of nutritional status in districts not covered under Annual Health survey.
8. Study of Delhi or other metropolitan city as a “Safe City for Children”, to identify weak and strong points and help address gaps;
9. Efficacy of supplementary food nutrition distribution through SHGs/Mahila Mandals.
10. Documenting best practices of Government and non-Government organizations on survival and protection of children, also on development and participation of children for learning and wider dissemination.
11. Data on children in need of protection.
12. Study on understanding of parents and households for Early Childhood Development.
13. Collection/ compilation of Data on children affected by civic strife.
14. Data on children living in metropolitan slums.
15. Reasons for children coming into conflict with law and their rehabilitation.
16. Use of Children in crime.
17. Reasons for children running away from home and what happens thereafter.

18. Increase in trafficking of the girl child: causes, types of intervention and rehabilitation which could be undertaken and implementation through NGOs, including sensitization of police and functionaries.
19. Mapping of source and destination areas of trafficking of children for commercial sexual purposes and tracking / mapping of the change in these patterns and reasons thereof.
20. Study on family participation in child protection procedures.
21. Study on Institutional Services for children under Child Protection Measures.
22. Need Assessment for Creche facilities.
23. Rehabilitation and restoration of a juvenile in conflict with law.
24. Study on street children and rag pickers.
25. Study of children in difficult circumstances especially children of *Devdasis*, trafficked children, children in conflict zones and *Adivasi* children.
26. Study on child labour in view of existing data gaps.

(b) Women Related Issues:

27. Research study on female foeticide /infanticide.
28. Study of communities that are traditionally into trafficking and means to wean them away; assessment of whether their vulnerability has been increasing over time, reasons thereof.
29. Study of migrant women, their economic status, and their vulnerability to trafficking, social security recommendations.
30. Study of seasonality in trafficking and efficacy of programs like NREGA and Ujjawala in curbing trafficking.
31. Rehabilitation status / condition of women sex workers after they have ceased to be active (after 35 years age).
32. Prosecution of women as witches, reasons thereof and manner in which States are dealing with it.
33. Impact of Domestic Violence Act and efficacy of implementation of DVA.

34. Problems of women in areas of civil unrest.
35. Documentation of best practices in combating trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation.
36. Impact study of **STEP Scheme**: Increase in income of the beneficiary; how the project has been sustained after the Organization has completed the project; profile of the beneficiaries and the bottlenecks.
37. Impact study of **WWH Scheme**: Women staying in the hostel and the problems faced by them and the initiatives taken.
38. Survey related to Swadhar Scheme to obtain data about the number of destitute women in the country with specific details about their age profile and problems associated with them and kind of economic activities they prefer to do so that they can be rehabilitated properly.
39. Women and migration, with a special focus on domestic workers, including their work conditions and terms of engagement.
40. Women with disabilities with a special focus on adolescent girls.
41. Women, work and the unorganized sector.
42. 'Surrogate Motherhood - Ethical or Commercial'.

(c.) General

43. Study on violence against Women and Children.
44. Study on the process of establishing a unified policy for responsible tourism for protection of women and children from exploitation in NE States.
45. Study on trafficking of women and children to the metro cities of India and abroad from the North East Region.
46. Study on impact of militancy on women and children and preparation of action plan for their rehabilitation.
47. Dynamics behind sex ratio.
48. Study on effectiveness of government measures/central and state interventions, taken to combat sex selective abortion.
49. Impact of sex selective abortion on changing cultural and social mores in states such as Haryana and Punjab, over the past 3-5 years.
50. Study of successful interventions to identify strategies for changing traditional mindsets and practices regarding gender disparity and discrimination against the girl child.

51. Domestic Violence- A study on ongoing projects in Maharashtra and Haryana for documenting best practices.
52. Quick documentation of media initiatives in learning.
53. Video Research Documentation on children media.
54. Documentation of best practices under the media literacy framework on development and participation of children for learning and wider dissemination.
55. Impact of media on overall health of children.
56. Traditional practices and language which underscores and re-emphasise secondary status for women.
57. Study on convergence of schemes.
58. Impact on children of civil strife/ in naxal affected areas.
59. Study the implementation of MGNREGS to understand the status of employment of women under the programme, pattern of utilization of increased income by women and impact of the programme in improving the status of women in securing their rights and entitlements.
60. Study the effectiveness of basic services - education, health, nutrition and work - in enabling the women belonging to SC/ST communities to meet their rights and entitlements.
61. Study on various policies offered by States on promoting Girl-Child and how these have impacted female foeticide.
62. Gender Budgeting- An Audit of ongoing efforts in the government.