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National Commission for Women and Children
Ministry of Education and Skills Development



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EXECUTIVE ORDER

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

The National Commission for Women and Children holds the pivotal roles of the Government agency for issues relating to Women and Children in the Country.

In line with Section 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.

In order to promote and protect the rights of women and children, the National Commission for Women and Children (NCWC) will be entrusted with the critical responsibility of formulating policies, regulations, monitoring and coordination mechanisms. This Executive Order outlines the mandates and responsibilities of the NCWC.

1. Legal and Policy Formulation:

- 1.1. The NCWC shall be the primary agency responsible for formulating and reviewing legislations, policies and regulations on gender and child protection and wellbeing.
- 1.2. The NCWC shall ensure that legislations, policies and regulations are aligned with national, regional and international standards and treaties that promote gender equality, protect and promote the rights of women and children.
- 1.3. 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 inform the development of effective policies and regulations.

2. Regulatory and Monitoring:

- 2.1. The NCWC shall monitor the situation of gender and children including violation of their rights.
- 2.2. The NCWC shall establish robust monitoring mechanisms to assess the implementation of policies, regulations and legislation related to women and children.
- 2.3. The NCWC shall conduct regular evaluations to gauge the impact of existing plans, programs and policies on the rights and wellbeing of women and children.
- 2.4. The NCWC shall collaborate with relevant government agencies, non-governmental organizations and private sectors to collect and analyze data related to the status of women and children in the country.

3. Coordination:

- 3.1. The NCWC shall serve as the coordinating body for initiatives related to the rights and wellbeing of women and children, fostering collaboration among government agencies, civil society, international organizations and other relevant agencies/stakeholders.



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- 3.2. The Commission shall facilitate the exchange of information and best practices among stakeholders to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of programs addressing women and children's issues.
- 3.3. The NCWC shall work closely with law enforcement agencies to ensure the timely and effective enforcement of laws protecting women and children.

4. Focus on Rights and Wellbeing:

- 4.1. The NCWC shall prioritize activities that promote the empowerment, education, and wellbeing of women and children.
- 4.2. Special attention shall be given to addressing gender-based violence, violence against children, discrimination, and exploitation of women and children, with the aim of creating a safe and inclusive society.

5. Reporting:

- 5.1. The NCWC will report on the situation of gender and children at the national, regional and international levels.
- 5.2. The NCWC will coordinate the preparation and timely submission of reports to the Government, Regional and International Treaty bodies.
- 5.3. The NCWC shall conduct studies/assessments including management of data, information and analyzing on gender and children.

This executive order shall take effect immediately.

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(Kessang Deki)
Chairperson, NCWC

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