

Public Hearings for Children affected by HIV and AIDS

In efforts to addressing the issues of children in HIV/AIDS context, six public hearings have been held by NCPCR from December 2009 to February 2010 for orphan and vulnerable children infected/affected by HIV/AIDS in Tamil Nadu (Chennai), Karnataka (Bangalore), Maharashtra (Mumbai), Andhra Pradesh (Hyderabad), Manipur (Imphal), and Delhi (where West Bengal, Orissa, Gujarat, Nagaland and Uttar Pradesh also participated), involving the participation of ten states.

S. NO.	DATE	LOCATION	NO. OF CASES HEARD
1.	24.12.2009	Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh	27
2.	28.01.2010	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	44
3.	29.01.2010	Bangalore, Karnataka	23
4.	30.01.2010	Mumbai, Maharashtra	19
5.	19.02.2010	Delhi (Delhi, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, West Bengal, Nagaland)	24

The public hearings have shown the challenges faced by children to live a life with dignity and the responses of various State governments in provisioning of services – in terms of health care, psycho-social support, nutritional support through ICDS, mid day meal schemes, PDS and other programs, education facilities, free transportation, legal aid, access to institutional as well as non-institutional support and so on. Further, efforts of the State have been focused largely on prevention of HIV/AIDS amongst adults and minimal on prevention of pediatric HIV and adequate provisioning of care and protection to those children affected and infected by HIV/AIDS

Issues highlighted during the Public Hearings

States	Total no. Of cases ¹	Health & Nutrition	Education	Shelter care & Housing	Property Rights & Legal Aid	Stigma & Discrimination	Livelihood
1. Andhra Pradesh	27	25	20	9	6	10	13
2. Tamil Nadu	44	5	15	7	9	5	13
3. Karnataka	23	5	3	5	13	3	8
4. Maharashtra	19	9	5	6	3	5	4
5. Delhi	5	4	1	0	0	0	2
6. Orissa	7	6	3	1	1	0	5
7. Gujarat	6	3	3	1	0	3	4
8. West Bengal	3	3	2	0	1	2	2
9. Uttar Pradesh	2	2	1	0	2	0	2
10. Nagaland	1	1	1	0	0	0	1

¹ Each case involved more than one issue during the public hearings