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Dear Sir,

INVITATION TO ECOWAS CHILD MINISTERS' MEETING AT ECOWAS
COMMISSION ABUJA, NIGERIA ON TUESDAY 25TH OF SEPTEMBER, 2007.

ECOWAS has for some-time been developing a Draft Child Policy and Strategic Plan of Action. An ad hoc experts working group, Civil Society Organizations from the region, Child Experts from ECOWAS member states and other stakeholders, have examined and approved the Draft ECOWAS Child Policy and Strategic Plan of Action.

ECOWAS Ministers in charge of Child Issues will be meeting on Tuesday 25th of September, at the ECOWAS Commission in Abuja to examine and adopt the ECOWAS Draft Child Policy and Strategic Plan of Action.

As a stakeholder on Child Issues, it is my pleasure to invite you for the meeting.

Please find attached the following documents:

- Draft ECOWAS Child Policy, and
- The Strategic Plan of Action for the Draft ECOWAS Child Policy.

Please accept, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Commissioner in charge
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THE STRATEGIC PLAN
OF ACTION FOR THE
DRAFT ECOWAS CHILD
POLICY - 2007 - 2011

August, 2007

The Strategic Plan of Action for the Draft ECOWAS Child Policy 2007 - 2011

The objective of the Strategic Plan of Action is to translate the fifteen goals, set objectives and implementing strategies outlined in the ECOWAS Child Policy into time bound sustainable programmes that reflect its mission and leads to the realization of its vision statement.

Priority 1: Child Survival

Goal Statement: Ensure that all children enjoy the right to life, nutrition, health and identity for holistic development.

Objectives	Strategies	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Verifiable Indicators	Means of Verification	Time Frame
Ensure reduction of child mortality.	Cover all children with available health and nutritional schemes	Intensify immunization coverage for all children. Sensitisation of parents on the importance of immunisation	Improved immunization coverage	Reduced death due to vaccine preventable diseases	Surveys	2007-2011
	Promote exclusive breastfeeding of children Increase medical personnel and health care facilities	Educate parents on the imperative of breast-feeding Train more health personnel	Improved immunization coverage Reduced malnutrition, low birth weight, stunting and wasting Improved and equal access to quality health services for all children in the sub-region.	Reduced death due to vaccine preventable diseases Height and weight measurements Number of health workers trained	Surveys Paediatric unit records Surveys	I
	Provide better access of the population to health services	Establish more health care facilities and disease control centres. Introduce incentives to retain doctors, and to encourage them to go to rural areas	Better equipped health facilities and disease control centres Better equipped health facilities in urban and rural areas	More health centres built and equipped. Number of health workers retained in different areas especially rural areas	Health facility records Hospital Records	
	Providing health education and ante-natal care for pregnant women	Develop community health education programmes for pregnant women. Develop, produce and widely disseminate I:C materials on the rights of the child to identity.	Achieved safe motherhood	Number of awareness raising campaigns	Activity Reports Surveys	
Ensure birth registration.	Employ active and passive methods of birth registration especially in hard to reach areas.		Achieved universal birth registration of children	Increased birth registration statistics.	Birth records.	

Priority 2: Right to Development

Goal Statement: Ensure that the child enjoys the right to intellectual and emotional development in the early years as well as the right to formal

Objectives	Strategies	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Verifiable Indicators	Means of Verification	Time Frame
To ensure qualitative care, protection and stimulation of children in their families	Enhance child development capacities of parents	Promote exclusive breastfeeding for 6 months and ensure breast-feeding for 2 years	Reduced U5MR, IMR and NMR	Number and reach of awareness raising campaigns	Mass media events and records	2007-2011
		Promote qualitative household food security Involve fathers in child care-taking	Elimination of malnutrition, stunting and low birth weight More stimulation for children	Growth monitoring of children Intensity of advocacy and numbers of media events undertaken Numbers of schools built and equipped in all areas especially hard to reach ones.	Growth measurements Surveys	
To ensure equality of early childhood care and development for all children	Encourage proliferation of ECCD centres and provide guidelines for them.	Establish and equip high standard ECCD in all communities, especially in hard to reach areas. Establish crèches in work places.	Increased ECCD enrolment	Number and quality of crèches established in work places Measures of school readiness of children	Surveys and pre-primary enrolment figures Surveys	
		Develop mechanisms for monitoring learning outcomes of ECCD. Enforce universal basic education.	Achieved qualitative care of children Increased number of children ready for school	Number and quality of crèches established in work places Measures of school readiness of children	Surveys Tests and measurements	
To ensure free compulsory and basic education for all children	Ensure adequate number of primary schools.	Enforce universal basic education. Mainstream child rights into teacher education and	Universal school attendance. Increased primary school enrolment Increase in numbers of teachers trained.	School-enrolment statistics Survey of teacher training institutions		
	Ensure adequacy of trained and motivated teachers.				Surveys	

		primary, secondary school curriculum.				
Ensure high completion rate of primary education.	Identify and assist children with learning problems.	Identify gifted children and facilitate greater creativity and production.	Reduced drop out rate.	Number of children with learning problems identified and assisted.	Surveys based on school records	
			Reduced incidence of underachievement	Number of gifted children identified and assisted	Surveys and school records	

Priority 3: Protection of children with disabilities

Goal Statement: Ensure right to survival, care, protection and security of all children with disabilities to promote their active participation in their families, communities and societies

Objectives	Strategies	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Verifiable Indicators	Means of Verification	Time Frame
Ensure inclusion and access of children with disabilities to education, health, vocational training as well as provision for special services.	Include children with disabilities in planning and monitoring of education, health, vocational training facilities	Member states to ensure enforcement of provisions of relevant legislations to guarantee the rights of children	Unrestricted, un-segregated access to health, educational and social services achieved for children with disabilities	Number of awareness raising campaigns and workshops mounted	Survey of media events and training workshops	2007-2011
		Ensure adequate training of teachers to cope with disabilities.	Child-friendly pedagogy for disabled children.	Increased integration of children with disabilities into schools	School performance data	
		Strengthen families and communities to cope with disabilities.	Enhanced capacity of parents and communities to cope with disabilities	Number of parents of the disabled participating in programmes	Surveys	
		Provide ramps to public buildings and special toilets and special seats on buses.	Mobility of the disabled enhanced.	Increased ramps, toilets and seats in transport system and public buildings	Surveys: Increase visibility of the disabled in public places and events	
Prevent disabling conditions and accidents.	Ensure polio immunization coverage for all children.	Establish more National Immunisation Days, Weeks and Months.	Decreased number of children with disabilities	Reduced incidence of poliomyelitis	Statistics on immunisation coverage	
		Forge links and referrals between health centres, paediatric units and ECCD centres.	Increased number of early diagnosis and treatment of disabilities.	Number of cross referrals achieved.	Survey of hospital records	

Priority 4: Child Labour

Goal Statement: *Eradicate child labour especially its worst form within the shortest possible time.*

Objectives	Strategies	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Verifiable Indicators	Means of Verification	Time Frame
To eliminate child labour especially its worst form.	Member states to develop a strategic alliance against child labour.	Create a network of poverty eradication and developmental programmes for prevention and elimination of child labour	Eradication of child labour especially its worst forms.	Number of workshops and collaborative events undertaken. Number of poverty reduction programmes in countries	Surveys.	2007-2011
		Networking with governments, law enforcement agencies, NGOs/ CSO's, media and development partners	Mobilisation of society against child labour	Number of alliances formed.	Surveys.	1
		Undertake surveys to determine the existence, magnitude and nature of child labour in the organized private sectors and informal sectors.	Improved knowledge of child labour	List of hazardous labour and conditions generated.	Surveys.	
		Enforce child labour laws	Decreased number of child labourers	More violators of child labour laws arrested	Surveys.	
	Enforce basic education.	Provide incentives for school attendance of children in endemic areas	Improved schooling and vocational training of 15-17 year olds	Increased school enrolment	Surveys	
	Develop child labour policy and action plans.	Strengthen labour inspectorate to cover informal sector	Prevention of child labour	Increased school attendance	Surveys	2007 - 2008
		Establish poverty reduction strategies in endemic areas	Identification and removal of underage children in hazardous occupations	Numbers of children identified and removed	Surveys	
			Prevention of child labour	Decreased migration of children		
				Increased primary school attendance		

Priority 5: Child Trafficking

Goal Statement: Ensure that all children in the sub-region are safe from trafficking for forced domestic work, prostitution, begging, ritual, drug peddling and other purposes

Objectives	Strategies	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Verifiable Indicators	Means of Verification	Time Frame
To eradicate and prevent child trafficking	Member states to enact and enforce legislations against child trafficking (where not available).	Establish awareness raising campaigns.	Elimination of child trafficking in the sub-region.	Number of awareness campaigns	Surveys	2007-2011
		Enforce anti-trafficking laws.	Prevention of child trafficking.	Numbers of laws passed, cases treated/processed		1
	Establish mechanisms and agencies to prevent internal and cross-border trafficking.	Establish bilateral and multilateral agreements with neighbouring countries;	Prevention of child trafficking in the region.	Number of M.O.Us signed.	Activity reports	
To remove, rehabilitate and reintegrate trafficked children.	Enforce anti-trafficking laws. Implement the ECOWAS action plan on trafficking	Introduce poverty reduction in endemic areas; mainstream child trafficking awareness into primary and secondary schools curriculum and sensitization of other educational institutions and bodies	Prevention of child trafficking and removal and reintegration of identified traffic victims	Number of trafficked children prevented, repatriated, removed, rehabilitated and reintegrated.	Activity Reports	
To prosecute child traffickers	Promote networking among governments, NGOs/CSOs, agencies, media professionals and trade associations and stakeholders. anti-child trafficking legislation.	Sensitize police, judiciary, media and medical authorities towards trafficked victims especially during investigation and trial process	Increased prosecution of child traffickers	Numbers of traffickers convicted	Records of court proceedings	

		Sensitization campaigns for the teachers and pupils of koranic schools	Sensitise law-enforcing agencies on child's protection issues.	Numbers of traffickers convicted. Number of shelters built for victims of trafficking.	Court records.	
		Establish sub-regional co-operation.	Decreased trafficking of children	Number of cross border traffickers convicted	Surveillance surveys	

Priority 6: Protection from Inadequate and Deficient Parental Care

Goal Statement: Ensure that the child enjoys adequate parental care and is protected against all ills including impact of divorce, harmful, socio-cultural practices and child abandonment

Objectives	Strategies	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Verifiable Indicators	Means of Verification	Time Frame
To ensure that all children have adequate care.	Establish family counselling.	Awareness raising campaigns.	All children experience parental care.	Fewer children experience family problems	Surveys	2007-2011
To ensure equal treatment of male and female children.	Train boys and girls to be responsible and accountable. Send both genders to pre-primary and primary schools.	Use traditional and modern means to counsel parents.	All children enjoy equal treatment	No gender disparity in pre-primary and primary enrolment.	Surveys	1
To shield children from impact of divorce	Sensitise parents on effects of divorce/separation	Mount awareness raising campaigns	Increased protection of children from impact of divorce Families more knowledgeable on the causes and impact of divorce	Reduced number of children who suffer from divorce	Surveys	
	Undertake research on negative impact of divorce	Disseminate findings via media and workshops		Reduced incidence of divorce over time	Surveys	
To provide adoption and foster laws	Ensure integration of abandoned children	Provide a home for every orphan/ destitute child.	Provide a system of foster care and adoption of all children in need	Reduced number of children in institutions and on the street	Survey of orphanages and street children	
To eliminate harmful traditional practices	Prevent FGM and early marriage	Mount awareness campaigns against FGM, early marriage	Enhanced protection of the girl child	Number of girls prevented from experiencing FGM and early marriage	Surveys	

Priority 7: Protection from Sexual Exploitation

Goal Statement: Ensure that all children are protected from sexual exploitation in all its forms.

Objectives	Strategies	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Verifiable Indicators	Means of Verification	Time Frame
Protect boys and girls from sexual abuse and exploitation.	Strengthen existing legislation against sexual abuse and exploitation.	Encourage media to report cases.	Drastic reduction / elimination of sexual abuse and exploitation of children	Reduced reports of sexual exploitation	Surveys - police records.	2007-2011
		Prosecute offenders	Reduction of sexual abuse	Number of offenders being prosecuted	Police and court records	
		Sensitise parents, teachers, caregivers and the community on sexual exploitation.	Fewer incidence of sexual exploitation	Decreased number of victims of sexual exploitation	Surveys	
		Promote participation of CSOs/NGOs in provision of crisis centres, referrals, counseling and rehabilitation of child victims of sexual abuse.	Removal, rehabilitation and reintegration of child abuse victims	Increased participation of CSO's and NGOs in provision of crisis centres	Activity records	
		Control the use of internet for child pornography and child prostitution.	Ensure cybercaf�e's disallow children from using the internet for pornography	Increased control of use of internet for child pornography	Surveillance	
		Enactment of legislation prescribing code of conduct for hospitality facilities e.g. restaurants and bar owners with appropriate sanction for breaches	Sensitisation and Awareness campaign directed at those in hospitality industry. (Hotel and Restaurant Owners)	Decreased involvement of hospitality industries in sexual exploitation of children	Surveys	

Priority 8: Protection from involvement with narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

Goal Statement: Ensuring that children are protected from drug abuse and participation in the distribution of hard drugs

Objectives	Strategies	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Verifiable Indicators	Means of Verification	Time Frame
To monitor and eradicate drug abuse.	Indigenise and enforce the UNCRC, African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and the ECOWAS Child Policy.	Establish engaging programmes for children.	Reduced involvement of children with drugs.	Number of detoxified children.	Programme records.	2007-2011
		Provide recreational facilities.	Reduced involvement of children with drugs	Numbers of children participating in recreational activities	Surveys	1
	Establish alternative means of realization of potential among children.	Provide competitive activities for children.	Reduced drug addiction	Reduced number of children who take drugs	Surveys	
		Build resilience of children to withstand pressure to take drugs	Reduced drug addiction	Reduced number of children who take drugs.	Surveys	
	Promote awareness raising campaigns on the negative consequences of child involvement in hard drugs.	Mount awareness raising campaigns against drug-taking and drug trafficking	Reduced involvement of children with drugs	Reduced number of drug addicted children	Surveys	
		Establish school drug education programme, and demand reduction	Reduced involvement of children with drugs	Increased number of schools with drug education programmes	School records surveys	
	Facilitate treatment, rehabilitation and re-integration into their families of child victims of drug abuse and drug peddling.	Train and strengthen the capacity of medical doctors, nurses and health professionals involved in the treatment and rehabilitation of children involved with drugs.	Increased quality in treatment and rehabilitation of children involved with drugs	Growth in number of detoxified drug victims	Hospital records	

			Increased numbers of health professionals involved in treatment and rehabilitation of children involved with drugs	Increased number of well equipped centres which treat drug addicted children	Surveys	
			Increased number of child victims of drug abuse being rehabilitated and reintegrated into their families	Reduced number of street and other drug addicted children	Surveys	
	Establish mechanisms to prevent children being used as couriers by drug barons	Awareness campaigns in schools and youth frequented settings	Drastic reduction and elimination of child couriers	Reduced number of children used as couriers	Surveillance surveys	1

Priority 9: Protect children from HIV/AIDS						
<i>Goal Statement: To protect children from HIV/AIDS through mother to child transmission and other avenues of infection.</i>						
Objectives	Strategies	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Verifiable Indicators	Means of Verification	Time Frame
To protect children from mother to child transmission during pregnancy, child birth or breast feeding.	Ensure availability of prevention of mother-to-child transmission services in all ante natal clinics	Availability of antiretroviral drugs and maternal care to ensure safe birth	Reduced mother to child transmission of AIDS	Reduced number of children born with AIDS	Medical records.	2007-2011
	Indigenise and enforce the UNCRC, African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and the ECOWAS Child Policy.	Enact child rights law and enforce them	Availability of legal framework for implementation of child rights	Number of child rights laws passed	Proceedings of law formulating bodies	1
		Develop, produce and disseminate IEC materials on child protection from HIV/AIDS.	Increased awareness of prevention of Mother-to-child transmission of AIDS	Number and reach of IEC Materials	Activity Records	
To ensure survival of HIV/AIDS orphans.	Avail children with free Anti-Retroviral Therapy.	Undertake national surveys on children infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS.	Prevention of further spread of AIDS.	Reduced number of death of children infected with AIDS and improved welfare of those affected by AIDS	Hospital Records Research	2007 – 2008
	Establish mechanisms to reduce discrimination in education of children living with AIDS	Facilitate the continued education of children living with AIDS.	Increased school participation of children infected with AIDS	Increased number of AIDS infected children who attend school	School Health Records	
	Empower families and communities to cope with HIV/AIDS	Mount awareness raising campaigns on living with AIDS.	AIDS infected persons integrated into families	Increased number of AIDS infected children integrated into families	School records	

	Avoid stigmatizing AIDS victims.	Sensitisation on modes of transmission of HIV/AIDS and methods of prevention. Establish mechanisms and structures in communities to provide care and support for children affected by HIV/AIDS	AIDS infected persons integrated into families Improved care of AIDS infected persons	Reduced number of abandoned AIDS infected children Improved welfare of children affected by AIDS	Surveillance surveys Community records Hospital records	
	Impact mitigation for children affected by HIV aids					

Priority 10: Protection from Violence						
<i>Goal Statement: Ensure that children are protected from violence and are not used as perpetrators of violence in the sub-region.</i>						
Objectives	Strategies	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Verifiable Indicators	Means of Verification	Time Frame
To ensure that children are not recruited as child soldiers.	Enforce international and regional laws that prohibit recruitment of children as soldiers. Create a conducive environment for peace in the sub-region.	Ensure that violators of laws are brought to justice. Adopt positive conflict resolution mechanisms based on traditional values.	Decreased number of child soldiers. Reduced armed conflict	Increased numbers of violators tried Reduced casualties	Proceedings of trials Surveillance surveys	2007-2011
		Monitor children and protect them from torture and rape. Institute special measures to care for displaced and refugee children.	Decreased number of children who are raped and mutilated Achieved protection of children during conflict	Reduced number of stranded children Decreased numbers of refugees	Surveillance surveys Surveillance surveys	
Ensure that children are protected during humanitarian challenges.	Ensure that the safety and protection of children is paramount in all decisions taken during conflict. Ensure that emergency safety and health measures are available to children and their families during conflict and humanitarian challenges.	Monitor the welfare of children	Achieved protection of children during emergencies.	Number of protective mechanisms established	Surveys	
Ensure that children are protected from membership in gangs and cults.	Get children involved in positive, interesting and rewarding projects.	Establish creative and absorbing physical and cognitive contests.	Decreased involvement of children with cults and gangs.	Reduced cult crises and gang activities.	Surveillance surveys	

Priority 11: Children in conflict with the law

Goal Statement: Ensure that the juvenile justice system is child friendly and that children in custody are provided reformative and rehabilitative services.

Objectives	Strategies	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Verifiable Indicators	Means of Verification	Time Frame
To protect rights of children in conflict through preventive, protective, reformative and rehabilitative measures and programmes.	Undertake research to reveal strategies of crime prevention. Ensure child friendly investigative procedures.	Involve children in participatory research to determine fulfilling activities. Train law enforcement personnel, judicial personnel and appropriate officers for children on the appropriate standards of handling children. Ensure appropriate support services for children.	Member states have law respecting and abiding children. Achieved protection of children in conflict with the law. Protection of children	Reduced number of first and repeated offenders. Number of law enforcement, judicial personnel, and appropriate officers for children trained Number and quality of support services	Surveys. Activities report Surveys.	2007-2011 I 2007 - 2008
		Indigenise and enforce the UNCRC, African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and ECOWAS Child Policy. Provide children access to free legal aid and counselling	Available legal framework for protection of children in conflict with the law. Improved protection of children in conflict with the law	Number of laws enacted and enforced Numbers of children given free legal aid	Records surveys Court proceedings	
		Provide speedy trial for children in conflict with the law Provide children in conflict with the law with opportunities to testify in all legal proceedings against them. Establish and equip rehabilitative institutions with facilities for non-formal education/vocational training.	Reduced trial time of children in conflict with the law Increased protection Rehabilitation of children in custody	Computation of case disposal time Increased number of children testifying in legal proceedings against them Number and quality of non-formal education	Surveys Court proceedings Surveys	

		Continuous training of social welfare officers.	Improved protection of children	Number of training sessions and number of participants	Surveys
		Sensitisation of parents, communities, schools and law enforcement agencies on issues concerning the protection of the rights of children in conflict with the law.	Increased awareness of the rights of children	Fewer violations of the rights of children	Surveys

Priority 12: Child Participation						
<i>Goal Statement: Ensuring that the child depending on his age and maturity can participate in decisions on matters which affect him/her.</i>						
Objectives	Strategies	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Verifiable Indicators	Means of Verification	Time Frame
Promote respect for views of all children depending on their age in families, communities, schools, and administrative processes.	Indigenise and enforce the UNCRC, African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and ECOWAS Child Policy.	Advocacy and awareness raising to promote respect for the views of children in families, schools, communities and administrative processes, targeting socio-cultural practices inimical to child participation.	Families, programme planners and professionals know and respect the participation rights of children, and integrate opportunities for their relevant participation into programmes	Number of laws passed and efforts at enforcements	Compendium of country laws	2007-2011
Promote children's knowledge of their rights	Provide child friendly versions of laws and policies concerning participation rights	Awareness raising in schools and other settings frequented by children	Various categories of children enlightened on their participation rights and oriented towards participation	Numbers and reach of child friendly versions for various categories of children	Tests and measurements.	
Empower children with skills and competences that promote self-expression	Train children and equip them with life skills. Develop their leadership skills to effectively participate	Encourage formation of children's groups, associations and forums in which children can feel comfortable and learn to participate	Children express themselves competently in different forum	Tests and measurements	Activity reports	

Priority 13: Creating child-friendly environments						
<i>Goal Statement: Create and sustain a child friendly social and physical environment for child survival, development, protection and participation.</i>						
Objectives	Strategies	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Verifiable Indicators	Means of Verification	Time Frame
To ensure a safe and healthy living environment for all children	Enforce the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, the UNCRC, the Declaration of a Culture of the Rights of the Child in West Africa (2001-2010) and the ECOWAS Child Policy	Effective implementation of legislations which cater for the provision of child friendly environments.	Existence of child friendly facilities for the holistic development of children.	Number of law enforcement efforts	Surveys	2007-2011
		Establish functional agencies to facilitate provision of child friendly environments. Establish child friendly schools and hospitals.	Achieved environmental protection for children. Achieved good standard of health and education for children.	Standards of hygiene, waste disposal	Surveys	
To ensure economic and physical access to all basic physical and social services	Member states to establish poverty eradication schemes	Ensure adequate social expenditure to economic rights of disadvantaged children Construct ramps in all public buildings for children especially those with disabilities	Improved access to social services Inclusion of disabled in public places and events	Increased rates of primary school completion and disease control Number and reach of poverty reduction schemes	Drop out statistics Budget plans	
To ensure access to safe drinking water and environmental sanitation	Enact and enforce laws, policies, programmes, to prevent exposure of children to harmful environmental	Provide potable water and eradicate water, vector and airborne diseases with accessible and	Achieved environmental protection of children	Reduced incidence of water and airborne diseases	Surveys	

	contaminants in water, soil and food	affordable measures	Reduced poison in the environment	Reduced diseases	Hospital records	
To improve the safety of the child's environment and to prevent accidents	Introduce home, road and community safety education into school curriculum	Prevent the dumping of toxic wastes and contaminants	Increased safe and accident free environment	Decreased number of hazards and accidents	Surveys, public health records	
To ensure creation of adequate facilities for play, recreation and cultural activities in all neighbourhoods;	Provision of parks, open space, recreation and cultural	Reclaim deteriorating neighbourhoods to create more space for recreational and cultural activities	Improved participation of children in play, recreation and cultural activities	Number and quality of recreational facilities and number of children using them	Surveys	1
To ensure that children are trained and knowledgeable in the maintenance of environment and facilities.	Include children in all ongoing activities to improve environment	Train children to conserve and maintain different aspects of our environment	Achieved continuity in knowledge of environmental management and maintenance culture	Proven ability of children to manage	Surveys	

Priority 14: Legal framework						
<i>Goal Statement: Provision of an appropriate legal framework for the promotion and enhancement of the survival, development, protection and participation rights of the child.</i>						
Objectives	Strategies	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Verifiable Indicators	Means of Verification	Time Frame
To enforce the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, the UNCRC, the Accra Declaration on War-affected Children in West Africa, the Decade of the Culture of the Rights of the Child in West Africa (2001-2010) and U.O Conventions 158 on Minimum Age for Employment and Convention 182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labour.	Indigenisation by Member States of: the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, the UNCRC and the ECOWAS Child Policy Other relevant legislations on children	Institute follow up to ensure the implementation of enacted laws	Availability of appropriate legal framework.	Laws passed	Proceedings of law enacting bodies	2007-2011
		Produce child friendly literature on child related legislations	Improved knowledge of survival, development, protection and participation rights of children.	Numbers of child friendly editions of laws available.	Activities report	
		Publicise legislations in relevant media (i.e. print and electronic media)	Increased awareness of laws.	Desk review	Publications and media features	
	Mainstreaming laws into school curriculum	Revise school curriculum to include rights	Widespread knowledge of interconnectedness of rights	Revised curriculum	Guidelines for curriculum	
	Wide dissemination of child related legislations and information on child rights.	Produce numerous copies of laws and distribute to all government and non-governmental agencies	Availability of laws for enforcement	Availability of child rights legislation in relevant places	Survey	

	Promoting good governance in member states:	Ensure that governments promote justice, equity, peace and on which the rights are based	Enabling environment provided for the implementation of rights	Reduced conflict, force and fraud in societies	Surveys	
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Priority 15: Sustainable Resource Mobilisation, for Children

Goal Statement: Ensure that budgetary allocation to ECOWAS Child Policy and Programmes at the regional, state and local levels is commensurate with the priority accorded child right issues.

Objectives	Strategies	Activities	Anticipated Outcome	Verifiable Indicators	Means of Verification	Time Frame
To ensure that the priority in budget accorded children in the Declaration of the Culture of Rights of the Child in West Africa (2001-2010) is realised in the implementation of the ECOWAS Child Policy;	Enforcement of budget priority for children as provided in the Declaration of the Decade of the Culture of Rights of the Child in West Africa (2001-2010).	Give greater priority to budget programmes that advance the child's right to education, health, welfare, development, protection and justice, through poverty reduction schemes.	Adequate budget for implementation of ECOWAS Child Policy.	Significant increase in budgetary allocations to child rights issues	Comparison of past and new budgets for child rights programmes	2007-2011
To strengthen accountability in the budget process	Member States to give priority to the advancement of child rights in their budgeting. Revise governments accounting system to provide track of all revenue inflow to child rights Avoid duplication - encourage inter-sectoral and inter-ministerial cooperation and partnerships	Increased budgetary allocation on child rights programmes after systematic assessment of budgetary expenditure on children. Provide demarcation of child related budget, spending and monitoring	Adequate budgets for programmes especially issues relating to economic and socio-cultural rights of children Expenditure on child rights can be monitored	Priority accorded child rights Well-defined child right's budget and revenue for implementation	Increase in child rights budget Budget plans Implementation plans of programmes	