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CHILD ABUSE
FROM
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• INTRODUCTION
• The National Capital District Child and Family Services formally used to be a division of the Department for Youth Community Development and Religion. We just recently move away from the main Department to being a Standalone function under the ministry for CDY&R.
FUNCTIONS

• Our functions are statutory in that we are guided by the 5 pieces of Child Protection and Family Welfare Legislations, the main one being the Lukautim Pikinini Act 2015, and other related Legislations such as the Adoption of Children’s Act, Matrimonial Causes Act, Family Protection Act, and also Sexual Offences Against Children’s Act 2002, and others.
CHILD ABUSE

• Child abuse as a working definition is denying a child his or her rights or doing something injurious to a child.

• Child abuse can be categorized under a number of ways, we in child protection want to categorize abuse by the signs in children, either:
• Signs of Neglect, Signs of Physical abuse, Signs of Sexual abuse, Signs of psychological abuse.

• The LPA creates offences for abuses caused to children in Sec. 78, Sec. 79 failure to discharge duties (parents), Sec.80 harmful customary practices, Sec. 54 Child Labour, Sec.82 Sale of Children and Sec. 86 Child marriage.
The National Lukautim Pikinini (Child Protection) Policy

- The National Child Protection Policy states these forms of abuses as Protection Needs of Children in Papua New Guinea including street children, children in contact with the law (Juvenile Justice Act 2014), child protection in emergencies, child trafficking and smuggling, and others. In the Strategic Priorities the Policy outlines the 5 Strategies the NLLP and the LPA would be effectively implemented.
• In the Strategic Priorities the Policy outlines the 5 Strategies the NLLP and the LPA would be effectively implemented in addressing issues of children in need of protection in PNG.
ATTENDING TO CASES OF CHILD ABUSE

• As stated above our functions are guided by Legislation, especially the Lukautim Pikinini Act 2015.

• The Act defines certain forms of abuse against children and gives use the mandate to perform duties in response to these denial of rights of children and abuses.
CHILD ABUSE CASES IN THE LPA

- Section 46 – Child in immediate Danger, S.52
- Section 48 – Taking Abandoned Child, S.52
- Section 49 – Lost or Run Away Child, S.93-100
- Section 108 – Neglected Child – maintenance
- Section – 113 – 114 – Neglected Adopted Child - maintenance
- Section 43 – Restoring Child (S/W)
The LPA Regulations have forms specific to use while performing tasks of protecting children in need of protection:

- Form No.16 – Notification of child in need of Protection.
- Form No.17 – Child Protection Orders
- Form No.19 – CP Safety Assessment
- Form No.20 – CP Care Plan
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• In 2018 – Assistance to Family including aspects of children in Need of Protection:
  • Customary Adoption – 101
  • IPO - 135
  • Maintenance – LPA - 595 (Arr. & Vari.)
  • Search Warrant - 25
CONTINUUM OF SERVICES AND PROCESS OF CARE

1. PRIMARY (UNIVERSAL) INTERVENTION- targeting whole communities or families in order to build public resources and attend to social factors that contribution to children being in need of protection

2. SECONDARY (TARGETED) INTERVENTION- focus on vulnerable families/children and young people, i.e., those with special needs

3. TERTIARY INTERVENTION- targeting families in which serious abuse/neglect has occurred and aim to reduce the long term of this and prevent it recurring. This include statutory care and protection services
Thank you...

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Questions????