

Commission on Poverty (CoP)
Task Force on Children and Youth
Meeting held on 26 May 2005
Gist of Discussion

The CoP Task Force on Children and Youth held its first meeting on 26 May 2005.

Item (1) Intergenerational Poverty (CoP Paper 12/2005)

2. The Meeting noted the latest focus and work of other related bodies and committees. Members agreed that a life-cycle approach should be used in assessing the needs of children and young people and designing appropriate intervention measures. In doing so, the Task Force should focus on the poverty alleviation and prevention elements and the interface of existing programmes, as well as avoiding duplication of efforts of other relevant bodies so as to maximize the impact of work. The Task Force should also consider how to improve the cross-sectoral and interdisciplinary collaboration of existing programmes.

3. As a first step, the Task Force would conduct an overview of the existing services for children and youth in relation to intergenerational poverty with a view to identifying and examining the existing service gaps. Subject to the findings, the Task Force would decide the focus of work and map out the strategy and recommendations on reducing risks of intergenerational poverty. Members also agreed to adopt an action-oriented approach and develop pilot projects to address the needs of children and youth, while giving priority to the high-risk groups.

Item (2) Modus Operandi of the Task Force

4. Members agreed that the Task Force should meet as and when necessary. The Task Force would conduct ad hoc visits and dialogues with external parties where appropriate. Non-commission members would also be invited to discussion on a functional need basis.

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