Organized by the South Asia Initiative To End Violence Against Children (SAIEVAC), the 4th NACG (National Action and Coordinating Group Against Violence Against Children) Meeting concluded with greater clarity and understanding in Negombo, Sri Lanka from 17-18 June 2014.

The meeting was hosted by the National Child Protection Authority, Ministry of Child Development and Women’s Affairs, Government of Sri Lanka (SAIEVAC National Mechanism, Sri Lanka) supported by the SACG. The meeting was attended by 21 participants comprising of the Chair and Co-Chairs of the NACG from the member states, representatives from relevant SACG agencies and officials from the SAIEVAC Regional Secretariat.

The meeting reviewed the targets set during the 3rd NACG of December 2013 and affirmed satisfaction on the progress made so far and further agreed upon a set of future Plan of action. One of the key deliberations included reviewing the existing and emerging challenges confronted in the institutionalization process of the NACGs, including the role of the SACG, the UN/INGO partners. Following discussions in a tripartite setting, one of the key outcomes of the meeting was that it came out with a collective clarity surrounding the areas of “structure”, “resources” and “communication procedures” within the SAIEVAC-NACG-SACG interface.

The meeting also endorsed the plans and process for holding the 4th Technical Consultation on “Stepping up Protection to Children with Disabilities in South Asia” slated to be held sometime towards the end of 2014.

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