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e) Frequency of Gathering Data:

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The SAIEVAC Regional Secretariat will house an adequate software system, which will be able to house, analyze and share data.

2. **The Regional HRD Training Workshop on SMIS**

The Regional HRD Training Workshop on SMIS was convened in Paro, Bhutan from the 22-24th of June 2015. The workshop was attended by SAIEVAC National Coordinators, Data and Information Officers and NACG Representatives form the IAs besides officials of the LIA/SRS.

The Workshop was convened with the following Objectives:

1. To review, refine and endorse the SMIS online portal,
2. To familiarize with the different components of the online portal and provide hands on practice on data and information upload,
3. To discuss and agree on the collection, compilation, validation and sharing of data and information
4. To discuss and seek consensus on data and information analysis and use,
5. To undertake hands on practice and compilation/uploading of data and information on the online portal, and
6. To review and assess the implementation of the project activities of IAs and define strategies on the remaining activities if any

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B. Business Session:

1. Briefing on the SMIS Conceptual Framework:

The DG SRS presented the SMIS Conceptual Framework by first providing a recapitulation on the work undertaken during the 2nd SAIEVAC Academy Consultation held in December 2014 in Pokhara, Nepal.

In order to ensure that the Training Workshop takes into consideration some of the concerns raised during the Group Exercise during its deliberations over the next 3 days, he re-tabled the following points for greater clarity:

"It was proposed that the glossary of key terms needs to be uploaded on the system to ensure common understanding of the terminologies used. Also, online discussion forum can be established to promote the exchange of ideas.

A proposal was made to make the system flexible for introducing additional thematic areas other than those prioritized in the current Five-Year Plan of SAIEVAC. It was clarified that the system is open for introducing additional categories of data. It was held that the SMIS needs to be developed as a resource hub with training materials, session plans and other information for the use by the national mechanisms. With regard to the question on whether or not certain announcements can also be part of the system, it was suggested that the existing website of SAIEVAC can be used for such announcements.

The discussion stressed that the management structure for the system needs to be clearly defined that includes human resources involved in collecting and maintaining the data including the national mechanisms. Also, the quality check and ethical clearance for the data also needs to be explicit within the management structure. The sources of data and validation of the data also requires more attention.

A concern was raised on whether not the national mechanisms, particularly the Governing Board Members and National Coordinators will have access to the system to add or modify the data on their own. Also, the need of consulting the national mechanisms for ensuring the authenticity of the sensitive information posted on the SMIS was highlighted. It was made clear that the system has the flexibility of adding users with different levels of permissions for read and write access on the system. Also, the continuous review and improvement of the system will address the concerns of the member states as they emerge".

Following this he presented the Conceptual Framework so that the participants will have a better understanding of this when the SMIS Portal Demonstration is presented in the subsequent agenda item.

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g. Specification of the Software

Features of the Software

+ Input qualitative and quantitative data
+ Analyze data including comparative analysis, generating trends
+ Generate reports- against indicators
+ Export tables, graphs, maps of analysis
+ Accessible via a web interface for public viewing
+ Export data in a variety of formats (such as CSV, Excel, etc.)
+ The website will also provide general descriptions and links
+ Search function

CONTENT OF THE PUBLIC AREA

Users and Roles

USER	PRIVILEGES
Super User	• Create New User Account Suspend User • Delete User Reset Password • Assign Privileges to User Backup Data • Access log files of user activity • Training Staff and assisting staff with software
Data Administrator / Communication Expert	• Upload Data • Edit uploaded Data View Data • Delete Data • Generate analysis (such as graphs, charts) export data • Add, delete or update text and images in website Respond to queries for Information
Public User (no log on necessary)	• View Data • Generate analysis (such as graphs, charts) • Export Data browse website

i. **Technical requirements**
  × Hardware: Servers Firewalls
  × Backup Drives and media Internet Connection

ii. **Software:**
  × Web server Software application Microsoft Office

iii. **Schedule of Backing-up Data**
  × Weekly Full Back up Daily Incremental Backup
  × Monthly Backup for storing at separate location

Publishing and Sharing Data

- Policy on Publishing and Sharing Data

- Confidentiality must be maintained - only broader spectrum of details may be discerned; no children may be identifiable individually
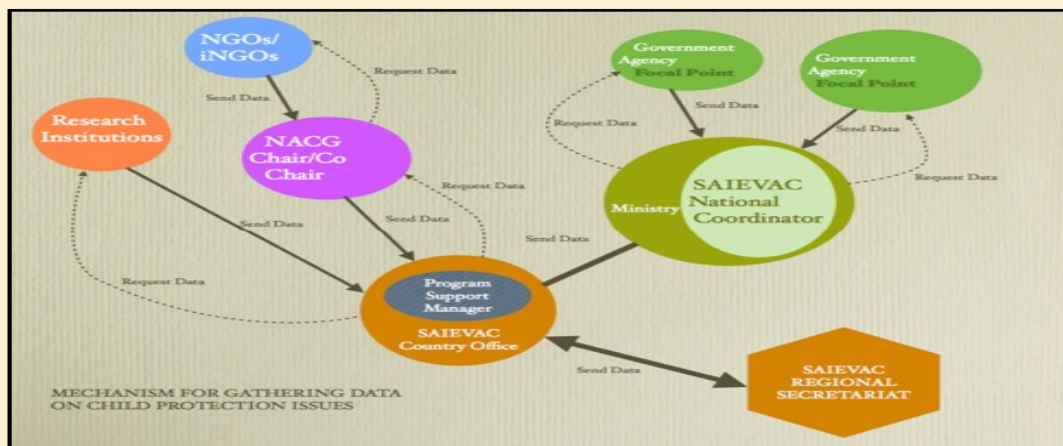
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MECHANISM FOR GATHERING DATA ON CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES

Following the presentation, the discussions focused on the process for data collection, validation and periodicity of data sharing. The discussions also covered issues relating to data and information that was not generated by the Government mechanism but by NACGs that includes UN/INGO partners.

The DG SRS provided clarifications to the issues raised and underlined that the SMIS is to ensure that it has the ability to showcase whatever data and information is available on the SAIEVAC thematic areas both at the National and Regional levels. However, the sensitivities of certain data and information that are generated without having been cleared through proper validation systems or ethical considerations will be dealt with as per standard procedures as defined within the SMIS Framework.

The discussion further drew consensus that the issues can be further discussed when the relevant agenda items are tabled subsequently.

2. Demonstration of the SMIS Online Portal and allied features

Mr. Binit Shrestha, IT Consultant to the SRS building on the SMIS introduction presented by the DG SRS, took the Participants through a step by step demonstration of the SMIS Online Portal. While doing this and since the participants will be going through practical use of the online portal country wise, focused his highlights on the following areas.

a. Back End : - An administrative system through which only authorized personnel from the Secretariat and the member states can access /maintain and upload new information to the system. The system is centrally monitored at the secretariat and any form of modification / addition of content by any other users other than the superadmin has to go through a process of verification / validation until its published.

a.1 Qualitiative Information can be categorized under different thematic areas or different user defined categories. A new information may exist under single or multiple categories and can be country specific or may be applicable to multiple countries.

Multiple Media (Attachments: Documents, PDF, Picture files, Youtube videos) can be embedded in the qualitative content through media assignment.

The status of the new information can be monitored and controlled from within the system. Only those information which are checked to be published will be visible in the front end.

Options for Social media sharing / print / export of the content can be controlled from within the system.

A new information is labelled as Public by default which means any new information / content checked to be published will be visible to all. However, theres an option to label the content to be visible to only a specific group. Any documents / information labeled as "Not Visible to Public" will not be visible to the general mass but only to the ones who are logged in to the system. *This was discussed and approved amongst the member state representatives, experts and SRS officials during the HRDS meet in Pokhara on 25th December, 2015.*

a.2 Banners

Dynamic Sliding Banners along with some accompanied texts can be created / altered from within the system. The Banners will be visible in the front end.

a.3 Categories

5 thematic Areas are defined as the main categories. Multiple user defined categories can be defined and an 'n' number of sub categories can be formed within those categories as per requirement. Each content will then come under atleast one of the categories. A content may exist under multiple categories as per the relevance of the information.

a.4 Content Source

As per the meeting held in Pokhara from 24-26 December, 2015, experts exerted on the importance of defining the source of the content. Hence, the content source can be defined for each new information added to the system.

a.5 Countries

Countries / Country related information / media can be modified and monitored from within the system.

a.6 Modules

Custom Modules can be created as per requirement.

a.7 Menu Management

Menu Items can be created / altered dynamically from within the system. A root menu may have 'n' numbers of sub items.

a.8 Media / File repository

An online file explorer serves the purpose for media / file managment. The design is replicated from a normal Operating System file browsers / explorers to maintain simplicity.

a.9 Global Settings

Global settings / user permissions / user previleges / user management / group management can be defined within the sytem.

a.10 Quantitative Information (Pending)

Quantitative information is yet to be included in the system. The next version of the system will have features to add in dynamic forms to inlcude different types of quanitative information. The technicalities involved will be defined and will be included in the system once the various range of data / information is identified.

The system has been developed in the platform of the latest version of PHP, Javascript and the database system used is MYSQLi.

Fig: Backend Screenshot

b. Front End

The Initial template has been designed and developed and integrated with the back end. The responsive template is user friendly and easy to use, to maintain simplicity. Few template options besides the base option is also being discussed and developed at the moment.

The front end has features to sort country specific information / content and has a user friendly interface to browse through and search relevant information with ease.

Different modules can be placed within the defined template positions as per requirement.

The front end has been developed in the platform of the latest version of PHP, Javascript, CSS3 and the database system used is MYSQLi.

Fig: Initial Template front end - Screenshot

c. Status:

- Design / Development of the system has been completed
- Requires initial content / information (real content) from all the thematic areas (atleast a few from each categories from each member states) to test the feel/look and the technicalities of the system
- Requires further Content addition / Data entry
- Requires further insights regarding the range of quantitative data / information
- The system is yet to be migrated to the approved online location (ie. http://www.saievac.org/mis). It will be migrated and made LIVE once SRS approves of the initial look and content.

3. **Review of data and information from the different MS (IAs) relevant for the SMIS and Sources of Data and Information Collection and the process of validation/Sharing.**

The different Member States shared in turn the type of data and information pertaining to the SAIEVAC thematic areas which can be directly uploaded on the SMIS online portal during the Training Workshop. The data and information were of both qualitative and quantitative and largely consisted of what is officially published or are in public domain. However some of the Member States had also data and information that were official but restricted due to certain sensitivities.

The participants during the course of the presentation also raised the need to define a clear schedule for data collection and sharing within the Member State but also with the SAIEVAC Regional Secretariat. After careful consideration and also taking note of the provision/guidance included in the SMIS Technical Manual, it was endorsed that the different stakeholders in the Member States will maintain a close coordination to ensure that there is no confusion in this. The SRS also assured the Member States that a close consultation and coordination will be maintained as the process becomes activated fully.

The discussion also considered the provision for the role of the SRS in collection, upload of data and information, maintaining the online portal and analyzing and generating reports.

The data and information that the MS shared were then used for uploading on the online portal during the Group Exercise in Country Groups.

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4. **Briefing and Discussion on Post 2015 agenda including VAC targets, goals and the process leading to September 2015, commitments of SAARC Member States and positions on VAC within the agenda, and implication in case of inclusion/non inclusion of VAC targets in the SDGs.**
   - Ms. Kendra Gregson, SACG Chair (UNICEF ROSA) & Technical Referee, SRS

   Ms. Kendra Gregson in her briefing covered the following areas.

   • In September 2015, Heads of State and Government will convene in New York, at the United Nations, for a summit to announce the successor framework to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The new framework will have poverty eradication at its core, and serve as a new sustainable development agenda for the world. Within the discussion on what this agenda will look like there has been increasing recognition that to eradicate poverty, to achieve sustainable development, the issue of violence must be addressed, and specifically violence against children.

- In the lead up to the General Assembly in September, governments are reflecting on the specific goals as well as possibilities to reach them. Both of these have the potential to result in proposals that will weaken the violence agenda – as there are too many goals or it is too difficult to implement. Now is the time for continued focus with government to emphasis the value of the proposed violence aspects of the post-2015 agenda, and highlight that it is possible to make them a reality.
- In brief she said there are 17 proposed sustainable development goals (SDGs) for the post-2015 agenda. Addressing violence against children (VAC) is evident in five of these goals as evidenced in the targets proposed:

GOAL 1: END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE

GOAL 2: END HUNGER, ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

GOAL 3: ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELL-BEING FOR ALL AT ALL AGES

GOAL 4: ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

4.A Build And Upgrade Education Facilities That Are Child, Disability And Gender Sensitive And Provide Safe, Non-Violent, Inclusive And Effective Learning Environments For All

GOAL 5: ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

5.2 Eliminate All Forms Of Violence Against All Women And Girls In The Public And Private Spheres, Including Trafficking And Sexual And Other Types Of Exploitation

5.3 Eliminate All Harmful Practices, Such As Child, Early And Forced Marriage And Female Genital Mutilation

GOAL 6: ENSURE AVAILABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL

GOAL 7: ENSURE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE, AND MODERN ENERGY FOR ALL

GOAL 8: PROMOTE SUSTAINED, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH, FULL AND PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT AND DECENT WORK FOR ALL

8.7 Take Immediate And Effective Measures To Secure The Prohibition And Elimination Of The Worst Forms Of Child Labour, Eradicate Forced Labour And, By 2025, End Child Labour In All Its Forms, Including The Recruitment And Use Of Child Soldiers

GOAL 9:BUILD RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE, PROMOTE INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIALISATION AND FOSTER INNOVATION

GOAL 10: REDUCE INEQUALITY WITHIN AND AMONG COUNTRIES

GOAL 11: MAKE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS INCLUSIVE, SAFE, RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE

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GOAL 12: ENSURE SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION PATTERNS

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GOAL 15: PROTECT, RESTORE AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE USE OF TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS, SUSTAINABLY MANAGE FORESTS, COMBAT DESERTIFICATION, AND HALT AND REVERSE LAND DEGRADATION AND HALT BIODIVERSITY LOSS

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GOAL 17: STRENGTHEN THE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND REVITALIZE THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

She informed the participants that the SACG is brining a consultant on board who will develop and technical briefing paper and certain advocacy materials which can be used by the Member States and SRS for targeted advocacy with higher authorities.

The discussions explored a range of opportunities to create a better understanding of the Post 2015 agenda and how targeted can be undertaken so as to have some meaningful outcome by the time the UNGA considers the agenda towards the end of September 2015.

The following areas were considered as possible opportunities during the discussions:

1) Development of Materials, briefing papers which can be used by the SAIEVAC mechanisms for advocacy and awareness creation on SDGs;
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3) Make efforts to brief the parliamentarians on the SDGs and the opportunities for childen;
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5) SACG to provide briefing papers at the earliest to the SRS and for SRS to share with the SAIEVAC National mechanisms (Governments and NACGs).

5. Group Exercise:

Group I : Data and Information Officers and NACG Group

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>
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>
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The participants were first given a re-run on how to operate the online portal and upload both qualitative and quantitative data and information, by the IT Consultant. The Country Groups coordinated by the respective Data and Information Officers started the process of familiarizing themselves with the online portal and on how to maneuver the steps for data and information upload.

Thereafter all the Country Groups initiated data and information upload which can be viewed at :

http://hoi.com.np/demo1/saievacmis/

Group II : SAIEVAC National Coordinators and PSMs

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6. **Discussion on SAIEVAC Project Issues, project closure procedure, project reports and SDF guidelines/procedures etc**
    - SDF Secretariat

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