

ABSTRACT

Child abuse cases in India, including abduction, coercion, and sexual violence, are at a high rate. In dealing with this problem, the role of international organizations such as UNICEF is needed to assist the Indian government. UNICEF and the Indian government then designed a joint action plan called the Country Programme Action Plan (CPAP) for a certain period. The CPAP 2018-2022 has components aimed at fulfilling the rights of children, women and adolescents in India and protecting them. In the 2018-2022 Country Programme, there is a child protection component that focuses on protecting children from violence, abuse, and exploitation, namely component 5: protection of children from violence, abuse, and exploitation.

This research aims to find out what are the barriers to the implementation of the Country Program on the 5th component: protection of children from violence, abuse, and exploitation. In this writing, the author uses a descriptive qualitative research method by explaining and describing the Program of the 5th component of the Country Programme Action Plan 2018-2022.

The conclusion of this research is that UNICEF faces various challenges and obstacles in implementing the program. One of the main obstacles is the lack of awareness and understanding among the public and authorities regarding this issue. Many people are still not fully aware that child abuse, violence and exploitation are serious violations of children's rights and can negatively impact their development and well-being. Despite these challenges, UNICEF has played an important role in championing child protection in India through the implementation of its Country Program.

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