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ACRONYMS

AE	-	Assistant Engineer
ANM	-	Auxiliary Nurse Mid-Wife
ASHA	-	Accredited Social Health Activist
BEEOs	-	Block Elementary Education Officers
BPM	-	Block Programme Manager
BSSAC	-	Block-School Safety Advisory Committee
CDPO	-	Child Development Project Officer
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CFS	-	Child Friendly Spaces
CMR	-	Child Mortality Rate
CPC	-	Children Protection Centres
CRCC	-	Cluster Resource Centre Co-ordinator
CSO	-	Clinical Support Officer
DCPU	-	District Child Protection Unit
DDMA	-	District Disaster Management Authority
DDSM	-	District Drugs Store Manager
DHS	-	Directorate of Health Service
DME	-	Director of Medical Education
DME	-	District Media Expert
DPM	-	District Programme Managers
DPMU	-	District Project Management Unit
DRDA	-	District Rural Development Agency
DSAC	-	District Support Advisory Committee
DSDO	-	Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
DSSAC	-	District School Safety Advisory Committee
DSWO	-	District Social Welfare Officer
DWSM	-	District Water & Sanitation Mission
DWSC	-	District Water & Sanitation Committee
EE	-	Executive Engineer
HE	-	Health Educator
HM/HT	-	Head Master/Head Teacher
IAG	-	Inter-Agency Group
ICDS	-	Integrated Child Development Services
IMR	-	Infant Mortality Rate
JDHS	-	Joint Directors Health Services
JE	-	Junior Engineer
KMC	-	Kangaroo Mother Care
LHV	-	Lady Health Visitor
MAM	-	Medium Acute Malnutrition
MDM	-	Mid-day Meal
MHRD	-	Ministry of Human Resource Development
MMR	-	Maternal Mortality Rate
MPW	-	Multi-Purpose Workers
NGO	-	Non-Governmental Organisation
NRC	-	Nutrition Rehabilitation Center
NSSP	-	National School Safety Policy

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PHED	-	Public Health Engineering Department
PRI	-	Patient Review Instrument
RBSK	-	Rastriya Bal Swasthya Karzyakram
RMSA	-	Rashtriya Madhyamik Siksha Abhijan
SAM	-	Severe Acute Malnutrition
SDMA	-	State Disaster Management Authority
SHG	-	Self Help Group
SW	-	Surveillance Workers
SWO	-	Social Welfare Officer
SWSM	-	State Water and Sanitation Mission
UNICEF	-	The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
VCPC	-	Village Community Participation Committee
VDP	-	Village Development Plan
VLCCC	-	Village Land Management and Conservation Committee
VLDP	-	Village Land Development Plan
VLMP	-	Village Land Management Plan
WIFS	-	Weekly Iron and Folic Acid Supplementation

Chapter-1: INTRODUCTION

Purpose of the Guideline

This guideline is designed to assist Disaster Management Staff and partners, in establishing and operating Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in an emergency. This guide will specifically help rescue workers and staff in building CFS within temporary/permanent relief camps setup across the state. Besides dealing with Assam Specific Scenarios, it will guide users on low cost and effective material use for CFS Construction.

National School Safety Policy, 2016 (NSSP, 2016) was formulated by NDMA & MHRD, Govt. of India and has been enforced by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The National School Safety Policy Guidelines apply to all schools in the country – whether government, aided or private, irrespective of their location in rural or urban areas. They apply to all stakeholders involved in delivery of education to children in India. The Guidelines stand for a vision of India where all children and their teachers, and other stakeholders in the school community are safe from any kind of preventable risks due to natural hazards that may threaten their well-being during the pursuit of education. The guidelines also actively promote that educational continuity is maintained / resumed even in the immediate aftermath of a disaster so that children are physically, mentally and emotionally secure within their schools. The basic guideline on “Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) for Children in emergencies” was developed by ASDMA with technical support of UNICEF, Assam for implementation under NSSP, 2016. “Prepare design of child friendly spaces for emergencies in advance” is an action point to be taken up at the District level by the DDMA under the NSSP, 2016. In this context a basic guideline was developed by ASDMA & UNICEF, Assam for which is being currently implemented at the district level with effect from 15th July, 2018. In the year 2020, with the advent of a new disaster/epidemic in the form of COVID-19, a modified “SoP on Relief Camp Management” in the context of Flood & COVID-19 was notified by Govt. of Assam focusing on safety of children taking shelter in relief camps. This guideline made CFS an integral part of Relief Camp Management in Assam. However, to address all issues of children in emergencies, a detailed guideline is necessary to bring CFS in Assam at par with UN Standards and give a structured platform for engagement/participation of various stakeholders in CFS.

The Guideline

“Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) for Children in emergencies” is to be designed & implemented for providing children with safe spaces for learning and recreation, and protecting them from various threats and abuses during floods and other disasters by respective District Disaster Management Authorities. ASDMA with technical support of UNICEF, Assam has developed this detailed state level guideline which will replace the existing basic guideline notified on 5th July, 2018 and SoP on Child Friendly Spaces (as part of SoP on Relief Camp Management) notified on 8th June, 2020.

Criteria for CFS Setup

Child friendly spaces have to be operated for all relief camps having more than five child inmates.
