



## Appendix 2 Critical child protection services

Key duty-bearers are	Have a duty to...
<b>Primary carer-givers</b>	<p><b>Family</b> = parental father, mother and children, adopted or blood related and other close relatives including grandfather, grandmother, uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews, and nieces who live in a household.</p> <p><b>Relative</b> = grandparent, grandmother, brother, sister, cousin, uncle, auntie or any other member of the extended family.</p> <p><b>Fit person</b> = a person of full age who is of high moral character and integrity and of sound mind who is not a relative of the child and capable of looking after a child, and has been approved by a social welfare officer as being able to provide a caring home for a child.</p> <p><b>Foster care</b> = a temporary measure provided on voluntary basis by the family and individual who is not related to a child to discharge care and protection to the child.</p> <p><b>Guardian</b> = a person who has a charge or control over a child or a person appointed by deed, will or order of the court and is vested with the duty of taking care and managing the property and rights of the child.</p> <p>Ensure the realisation of their child's right to food, shelter; clothing; medical care (including immunisation); education and guidance; liberty; and the right to play and leisure.</p> <p>Protect the child from neglect, discrimination, violence, abuse, exposure to physical and moral hazards and oppression.</p> <p>Provide guidance, care, assistance and maintenance for the child and assurance of the child's survival and development.</p> <p>Ensure that in the temporary absence of a parent, the child shall be cared for by a competent person.</p> <p>Contribute towards the welfare and maintenance of the child and to supply the necessities for survival and development of the child.</p> <p>They shall not deprive children of "any other thing required for their development"</p> <p>Where biological parents of a child are deceased parental responsibility may be passed on to a relative of either parent or a custodian by way of court order or any traditional arrangement</p>
<b>Local Government Authorities</b>	<p>The Local Government Authority is responsible for employing Social Welfare Officers (who may be assisted by other officers of the authority) to oversee and respond to all issues relating to children.</p> <p>Keep a register of most vulnerable children within its area of jurisdiction.</p> <p>Give assistance to them whenever possible in order to enable those children grow up with dignity among other children and to develop their potential and self reliance.</p> <p>Provide assistance and accommodation for any child who appears to require such assistance as a result of having been lost or abandoned or is seeking refuge.</p> <p>A local government authority may, in consultation with the Minister responsible for social welfare, issue by-laws and guidelines for the operation of approved residential homes, institutions, day-care centres and creches.</p> <p>Uphold its responsibility to ensure medical provision in cases of economic poverty</p>
<b>Institutional duty-bearers</b>	<p>An institution that has care and control of children such as approved residential homes, remand home, approved schools or institutions for socially deprived children and street children.</p> <p><i>Anyone who intends to continue to operate approved residential homes, institutions, day-care centres or crèche must apply to the Commissioner for a permit within six months from the commencement of this Act. 151. The Commissioner shall inspect the premises, books, accounts and other records of the day-care centre or a creche, an approved residential home or institution at least once in every six months and shall submit a report of the inspection to the Minister responsible for social welfare and a copy to the Minister responsible for children affairs. (2) Where the inspection reveals that the day-care centre or a creche is not being managed efficiently in the best interest of the children, the Commissioner shall suspend the permit and the owner or operator shall be ordered to make good any default within a stipulated time. (3) Where the owner or operator fails to make good the default within the stipulated time, the permit shall be cancelled.</i></p>
<b>Community members</b>	<p>Report to the Social Welfare officer any information s/he has that a child's rights are being infringed or of a carer who refuses or neglects to provide the child with food, shelter, right to play or leisure, clothing, medical care and education.</p>

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<b>Social Welfare officers Police</b>	The Social Welfare Officer in the local government authority shall exercise the LGA functions in relation to the welfare of children.	<p>Investigate with a police officer all cases of breach or violation of the rights of the child and to interview the child, where s/he is of sufficient age and understanding.</p> <p>Make every effort with the police to trace the parents, guardians or relatives of any lost or abandoned child and to return the child to the place where he ordinarily resides.</p> <p>Provide parental counselling to caregivers and children to promote reconciliation between them.</p> <p>Receive reports from community members of cases where a child's rights are being infringed.</p> <p>Summon the person against whom the report was made to discuss the matter; and make a decision in the best interest of the child.</p> <p>Where the person against whom the report was made refuses to comply with the decision the social welfare officer shall refer the matter to the court which shall hear and adjudicate the matter.</p>
<b>Judicial duty-bearers</b>	Juvenile Courts working out of the Primary Court will be established to hear and decide all matters relating to children.	<p>Give any relief order as required.</p> <p>Order the parent execute a bond to exercise proper care and guardianship.</p>