



FAMILY STRENGTHENING AND COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORT UNDER THE JUVENILE JUSTICE FRAMEWORK

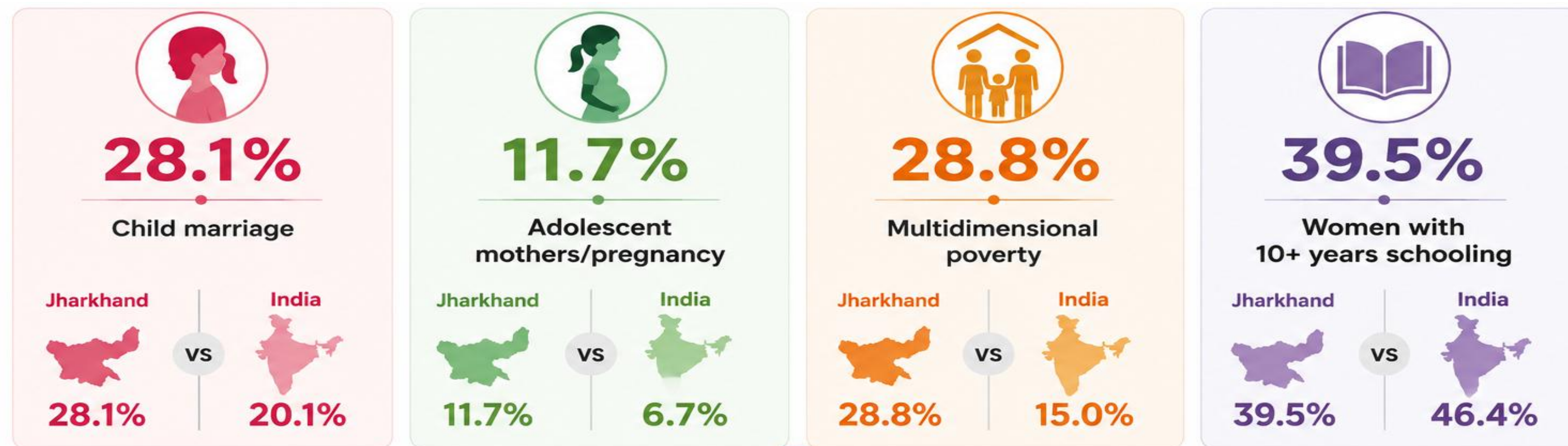
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THE CHILD PROTECTION IMPERATIVE

Jharkhand still has a higher burden of vulnerabilities that can undermine child's safety, education and future opportunities



THE RESPONSE CANNOT BE CHILD-LEVEL ALONE



**STRONGER
FAMILIES**

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**SOCIAL
PROTECTION**

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**COMMUNITY
SYSTEMS**

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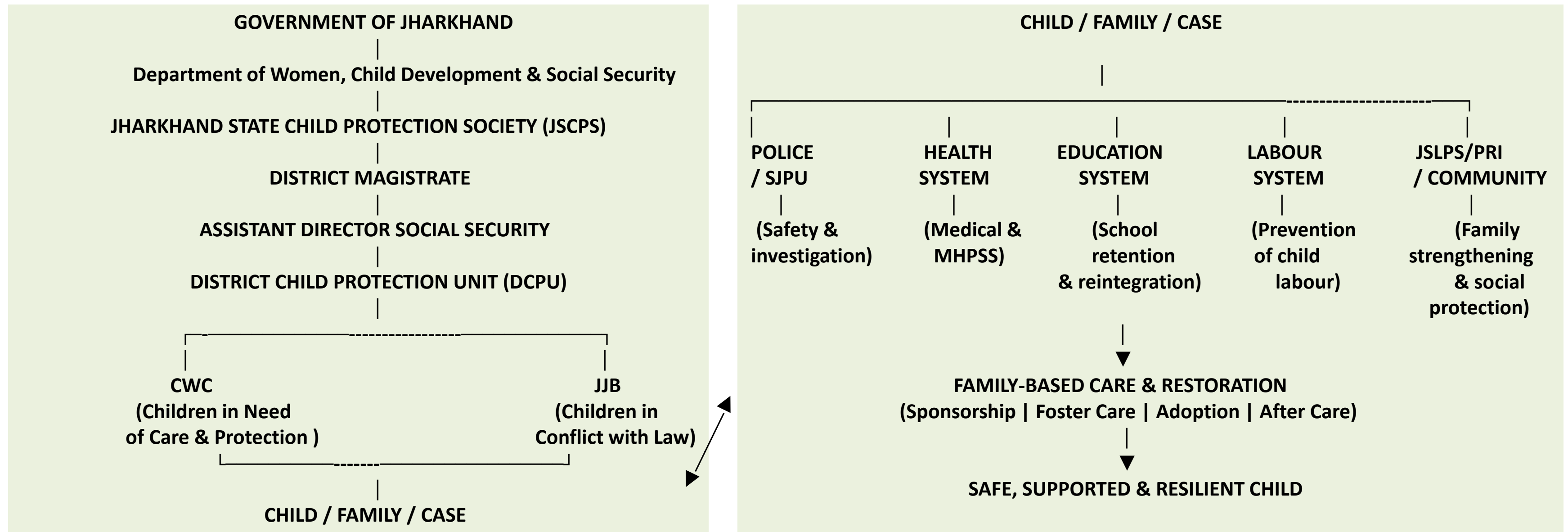


**FAMILY-BASED
CARE**

When poverty, child marriage, adolescent pregnancy and education discontinuation intersect, children face greater risks of vulnerability, violence, exploitation and family separation

CHILD PROTECTION ARCHITECTURE UNDER THE JJ FRAMEWORK

One Child. One Protection System. Multiple Departments Working Together in Convergence & Coordination



The JJ system does not work in isolation. CWC/DCPU provide the child protection pathway; other departments address the underlying vulnerabilities that can lead to separation, while community institutions enable early identification and family strengthening.

PARTNERSHIP FOR A PROTECTIVE ENVIRONMENT

Six Years of JSLPS–UNICEF Collaboration | Since November 2020

Building a protective ecosystem around vulnerable children by strengthening families, connecting them to social protection, and promoting family-based care alternatives

The partnership has strengthened the capacity of JSLPS community cadres to create a protective environment for women, children and adolescents through:

- Strengthening knowledge on **women and child protection**
- Promoting **family strengthening and family-based care**
- Building adolescent **self-esteem and addressing discrimination**
- Promoting positive parenting and family engagement
- Strengthening community engagement through the **Gender Transformative Adolescent (GTA) Toolkit**
- Linking vulnerable families and children with **government schemes and services**



FROM CAPACITY BUILDING TO COMMUNITY-LEVEL ACTION

Building the Capacity of Community Cadres

Training of **SRPs, DRPs, and G-CRPs** on:



Gender Transformative Adolescent Toolkit



Family-Based Care Schemes —
Sponsorship, Foster Care & After Care



Parenting



Self-esteem and positive messaging
through comics



24 District



Scale

2900 SRPs,
DRPs, G-CRPs



1.90 lakhs Community
Outreach

Capacity building has enabled JSLPS's community cadre to act as **first-level facilitators** for identification, awareness, counselling, referrals and linkages.



IDENTIFICATION



AWARENESS



COUNSELLING



REFERRALS

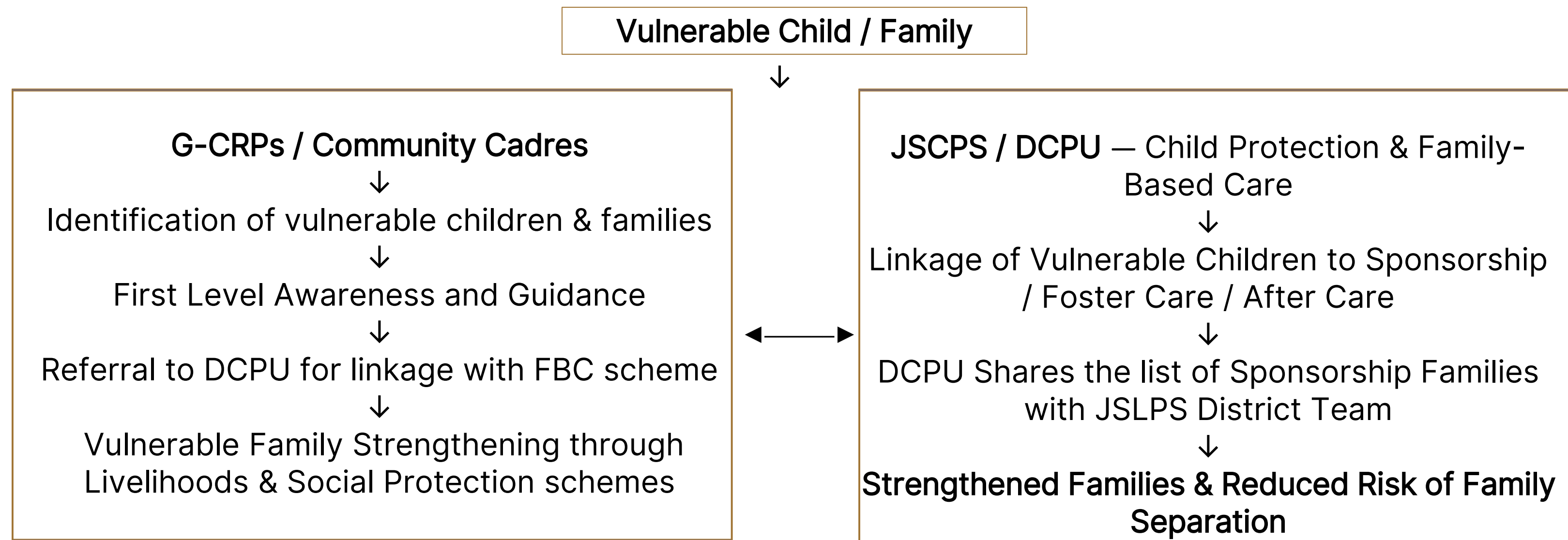


LINKAGES

CONVERGENCE MODEL FOR FAMILY STRENGTHENING

Bringing Community Systems and Child Protection Systems Together

The approach moves beyond child-level support towards strengthening the family environment and addressing vulnerabilities that can contribute to family separation



TWO-WAY REFERRAL & FOLLOW-UP CHANNEL

STRATEGIC CONVERGENCE ACROSS 24 DISTRICTS

In 12 districts, Convergence between JSLPS and JSCPS at state and district levels is supported by UNICEF and PCI

Koderma | Palamu | Garhwa | Hazaribagh | Giridih | Jamtara | Pakur | Dumka | Deoghar | Godda | Sahibganj | West Singhbhum

Sponsorship as a Pathway for Family Strengthening

5,388 sponsorship families

List shared by DCPUs with JSLPS across 12 districts



918 families

Linked with livelihood schemes and benefits by JSLPS



Social Protection → Livelihood Support → Increased Family Resilience → **Reduced Risk of Family Separation**

Community Awareness on Family-Based Care

190841 people with information on:

Sponsorship | Foster Care | After Care | Child Protection

G-CRPs also support vulnerable families by:

- Explaining eligibility and application processes
- Guiding families on documentation
- Identifying vulnerable children
- Referring eligible children to the District Child Protection Unit

Social Protection as a Family Strengthening Strategy

G-CRPs facilitated linkages for Family Strengthening:

12,496 vulnerable families, adolescents and children with government social protection schemes, including:

- Enrolment in school
- Public Distribution system
- Other relevant government benefits and services

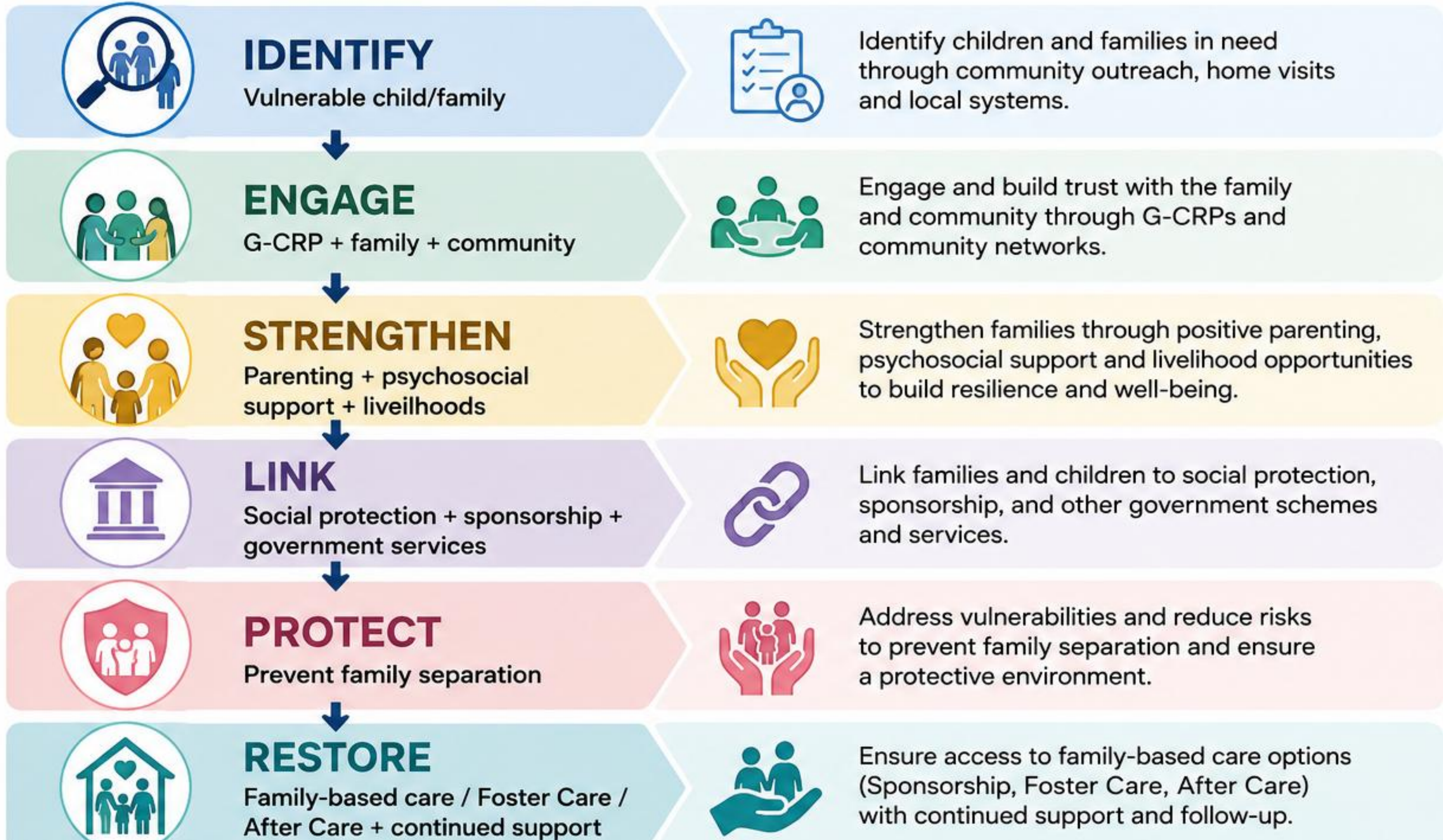
Strengthening Parenting & Adolescent–Family Relation

G-CRPs have supported:

- **78,307 parents** through parenting sessions
- **1,78,288 adolescents** received inputs on:
Body image | Self-esteem | Addressing discrimination
- **22,200 parents and 4955 traditional and Community leaders** engaged through intergenerational dialogues on Child marriage | Aspirations | Gender equality

THE CONVERGENCE PATHWAY

From Vulnerability to Family Strengthening & Restoration



Accountability Mechanism & Priority Institutional Reforms | 2026–2036

- **Clear accountability at every level** — Defined roles and KPIs for State, District, Block, DCPU, JSLPS, Line Departments and Community Institutions.
- **Institutionalize JSLPS–JSCPS convergence** — Mandatory State, District and Block-level coordination and review mechanisms.
- **Integrated service delivery** — Institutionalize convergence with WCD/OSC, Police, Health, Education, Labour, Skill, PRI and Social Protection Systems.
- **Establish a unified referral & case-tracking system** — Track every vulnerable child/family from identification → referral → service delivery → follow-up.
- **Strengthen community-level accountability** — Formalize the role of G-CRPs, VO's and CLFs in identification, referral, follow-up and prevention and ensure linkage between GRC and One Stop Sakhi Centre to address these critical issues.
- **Strengthen community-based prevention and rehabilitation of CCL** — Early identification of at-risk adolescents, family counselling, positive parenting, education/skill linkages and community-based reintegration to prevent repeat offending.
- **Institutionalise rehabilitation & after-care convergence** — Strengthen coordination among **JJB, DCPU, Police, JSLPS, Education, Skill Development and Community institutions** for individual care plans, restoration, livelihood support and sustained follow-up.
- **Outcome-based monitoring** — Move beyond activity/linkage reporting to measurable outcomes such as reduced family separation, school dropout, child marriage and vulnerability.
- **Periodic social audit & independent review** — Community feedback, grievance redressal and annual assessment of the child and family protection system.

Take Away- From fragmented service delivery to a single, accountable and outcome-oriented child & family protection system.”

FROM COMMUNITY VIGILANCE TO SAFE RESCUE

A G-CRP's timely action helped bring a 15-year-old girl home safely from a trafficking situation.



Bansi Khurd Gram Panchayat | Manatu Block | Palamu, Jharkhand

The Situation

A 15-year-old girl from a poor family of daily-wage workers was **lured by traffickers with the promise of employment** and left her village with a neighbour. Sensing something was wrong during the journey, she alerted her mother, following which the traffickers abandoned her at **Ghazipur Railway Station**.

The Community Response

Her mother approached **G-CRP SD Ajoobi Parveen**, who immediately activated the community and JSLPS network. The girl's details were circulated and **Child Helpline 1098, Ghazipur Child Helpline and district authorities** were alerted for coordinated action.

G-CRP → JSLPS → 1098 → Ghazipur Child Helpline → District Authorities

The Outcome

The girl was **safely rescued and reunited with her family in Palamu**. Despite significant travel and procedural challenges, coordinated action ensured her safe return. She will now be **re-enrolled in school and supported to continue her education**.

“The girl had lost hope that she would ever return home. Timely community-level action and convergence helped bring her safely back to her family.”

FROM VULNERABILITY TO HOPE: SABITA DEVI'S STORY

A Mother's Determination. A Community's Support. A Child Protection System That Responded.



THE CONVERGENCE IN ACTION

G-CRP Awareness → Community
Identification → VO Support →
DCPU/Sponsorship Linkage → Educational
Continuity → Stronger Family & Community

The challenge

After her husband died in an accidental electric shock in 2023, Sabita Devi, a widow from Pindra village, Palamu, was left without a stable income. Her 13-year-old daughter and 11-year-old son were at risk of dropping out of school as the family struggled to meet basic needs and educational expenses.

The convergence response

During a VO meeting, a G-CRP created awareness on **child protection and the Sponsorship Scheme**, supported Sabita in obtaining the required documents and **facilitated her linkage with the DCPU**, Medininagar. Continued handholding by the G-CRP helped complete the process.

The change

On 27 February 2026, both children received ₹48,000 (six months' sponsorship support), easing the family's financial burden and enabling them to continue their education.

Beyond one family

Sabita has moved from being a beneficiary to a **community champion**. As President of the Chandni Village Organization, she now encourages widows, single mothers and vulnerable families to access child protection and government support.



Residential training of G-CRPs (JSLPS) on three thematic areas



Training and awareness generation on Child protection amongst SHGs & PRI members in gram sabha



Training and awareness generation in schools & with children





A black and white photograph of a group of approximately 15 women and girls of South Asian descent, sitting on the ground in a row. They are all looking directly at the camera with serious expressions. The women are dressed in traditional Indian attire, including sarees and blouses. The background is a simple, outdoor setting with some dry vegetation.

Thank you

**A Child Protection Response Is Strongest When The Family Is Strengthened,
The Community Is Engaged, And Government Systems Work Together**