Knowing that residential care is sometimes the only option for some children, **UNICEF is implementing an innovative three-year program that supports the needs of an estimated 200,000 kids across several states in India; protecting them from violence and neglect while transforming services and empowering children’s development.**

Specifically, the program will:

- **Enforce standards of care:** UNICEF will support the establishment of a system to monitor and enforce standards of care, targeting residential care institutions in Gujarat, Odisha, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

- **Strengthen the child protection workforce:** UNICEF will promote child-centered case management and develop trainings to ensure that child protection actors have the knowledge, skills and expertise to provide quality support for children without family care.

- **Provide services for vulnerable families:** Support services will be provided to vulnerable families across 50 districts to ensure that at-risk children are able to stay with their families, if possible.

- **Model alternatives:** To learn more about alternative child care experiences, including community-based care, UNICEF will develop a model in three states, document findings, and scale-up successful models to benefit even more children.

This critical program will ensure that thousands of children in India who have been left without family care can be given a second chance to grow in loving, stable, nurturing and protective environments.

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