

## Uganda – Child Protection Sub-Working Group Monthly Meeting



Date	13 February 2020		Location	UNHCR
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Participating organizations	UNICEF, UNHCR, SCI, WVU, HIJRA, DRC, LWF, CAFOMI, ARC,			
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Follow-up on previous action points / MoM</li> <li>2. Presentation of IA CP Strategy</li> <li>3. Finalisation of the ToRs</li> <li>4. Review and discussion of Task Force needs and ToRs</li> <li>5. Discussion of 2020 Work Plan</li> <li>6. Review of ActivityInfo indicators of the CPSWG</li> </ol>			
<b>Previous meeting action points</b>			<b>Status</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workplan and TORs were updated and circulated for review by members</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Done</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-chairs</li> </ul>
<b>AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSIONS</b>				
<b>By Agenda Item</b>	<b>Main Points and Decisions from Discussions</b>		<b>Agreed Follow-Up Actions</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
1. Presentation of IA CP Strategy	<p><b>Presentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CPSWG developed a Concept Note to plan the integration of refugee child protection into the Ugandan Child Protection system.</li> <li>• The document includes several areas including a layout of the legal framework which is generally inclusive of refugees. However, one of the areas of further clarification is related to a passage in the Child Policy around who is responsible for looking after refugee children; the draft Child Policy currently states that responsibility of refugee child protection with regards to the response lies with 'OPM with support from UNHCR'.</li> <li>• 6 points are included in the Strategy Roadmap:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Desk review</li> <li>- Mapping of national CP structures and necessary investments</li> <li>- Funding</li> <li>- Promotion of Government leadership – Consultations for the development of an action plan for moving forward</li> <li>- Harmonise humanitarian CP and national CP policies / procedures – Inclusion of an Exit Strategy (work towards alignment)</li> <li>- Inclusion of refugee children into national CP systems and monitoring and evaluation (pilot roll-out in certain areas – could be a suggestion)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement to get overall buy-in on the Concept Note by all member agencies; feedback to be shared with co-chairs by <b>Monday, 24 Feb</b></li> <li>• Following finalization of the Concept Note, it was agreed to discuss it within the strategic TF on integration and then to be presented to the Ministry by the strategic TT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All members</li> <li>• Task Team in close coordination with co-chairs</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the field locations, government generally is in charge but lacks structural capacity to provide necessary services.</li> <li>• District action plans are not clear about what services are being provided and what is being supported by which actors (should be included in mapping)</li> <li>• Concern over timeline; engagement with government takes time and hence this roadmap should be seen as a longer-term strategic goal.</li> <li>• Concern over readiness of communities' abilities to embrace the work being done, particularly when talking about an exit strategy; exit strategy needs to have safeguards in place and needs close involvement and buy in from various actors apart from the government such as donor community, etc.</li> <li>• Need to focus on re-engaging the government throughout the process and need for increased knowledge-sharing between what the CPSWG is intending to achieve and the views of the government with regards to integration/ nationalization. CPSWG need clear knowledge on what the government wants this system to look like, so we know the gaps and can see where we can fit in to support.</li> <li>• Don't need to be thinking of an exit as us not being here anymore, but that everyone is promoting the same one protection system that we all feed into.</li> <li>• Need to keep in mind children who come in unaccompanied and do not come through the official paths so are not captured by humanitarian actors to provide services. Should be able to link in with national systems but this doesn't always happen. This relates to strengthening the access to registration facilities for children and families</li> </ul> <p><b>Way Forward:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to push the MGLSD on whether we can bring the Task Force (6 agencies plus the government) back to engage with them on proposals and developing the way forward.</li> <li>• The task team to be brought together under MGLSD leadership for the next discussion. This could include a discussion on whether MGLSD presents it more widely internally.</li> </ul>		
<b>2. Finalisation of the ToRs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPSWG ToRs document reviewed and accepted by partners present.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated version to be shared with partners and uploaded to the portal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNICEF / UNHCR</li> </ul>
<b>3. Review and discussion of Task Force needs and ToRs</b>	<p>Discussion by all member agencies on current TFs associated with the CPSWG; it</p> <p>Overall agreement to maintain the following TFs under the CPSWG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CM &amp; IM TF</li> <li>- CFS TF</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TF TORs to be recirculated and finalized as part of TF responsibilities;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-chairs</li> </ul>

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	<p style="text-align: center;">- Cash/ CP TF</p> <p>List of participants to be shared so members can add their names for relevant TFs; TF members are required to meaningfully participate, i.e. taking over roles and responsibilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Case Management TF:</b> will be maintained; to meet monthly, the task force should include partners who work in CM to review data being entered (ProGres V4). An annual data analysis will also be developed. Co-chair to be identified through voting; CM TF to merge key tasks from the FTR TF into the CM TF ToR;</li> <li>• <b>Family Tracing and Reunification TF</b> (Family Unity): To be put on hold until Q3. If any issues come in, can be dealt with under CM.</li> <li>• <b>Cash TF:</b> Should be dissolved soon, as the Food distribution guidelines are under finalisation. If required, TF can be called for if needed.</li> <li>• <b>Child Friendly Spaces TF:</b> to be continued under leadership of SCI and WVU; to take place on monthly basis;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR to chair (co-chair to be elected by members)</li> <li>• Currently chaired by UNHCR</li> <li>• SCI and WVU to discuss any ways forward and present at the next meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-chairs</li> <li>• CM TF</li> <li>• UNHCR</li> <li>• SCI / WVU</li> <li>• UNHCR</li> </ul>
4. Discussion of 2020 Work Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A <b>draft Work Plan</b> was presented based on the initial discussion in the January meeting. WP has been linked to the new Child Protection Minimum Standards where possible / relevant.</li> <li>• Partners were requested to review and share feedback in writing;</li> <li>• Needs to be finalised and accepted at the end of February.</li> <li>• Column on status will also be added.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be shared</li> <li>• <b>Feedback on the workplan by 24 Feb</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR</li> <li>• All partners</li> </ul>
5. Review of ActivityInfo indicators of the CPSWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>number of indicators and reporting requirements</b> for CP partners under Activity Info is large. Co-leads are suggesting reviewing this to make reporting lighter and ensure we capture data required.</li> <li>• There is need for a longer conversation to go through the existing indicators.</li> <li>• A separate ad hoc meeting will be arranged, partners are encouraged to bring their IM/Data colleagues to the meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Separate meeting on <b>21 Feb to finalize indicators discussion</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNHCR to send invite for 21 February</li> <li>• All partners</li> </ul>
<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>			
NA			
<b>Next Meeting</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<i>Thursday, 12 March 2020</i>	<b>Location</b>	<i>UNICEF</i>
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