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CHILD WELLBEING COMMITTEES IN REFUGEE SETTINGS

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Background

- In June 2020, the Government of Uganda adopted the National Child Policy which repealed the National Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children Policy (2004).
- **Vision** is a Uganda where the rights of all Children are respected, promoted, protected and fulfilled
- **Mission** is to promote the realization of all children's rights to survival, education and development, protection and participation through a coordinated, comprehensive interdisciplinary and multi-sectoral approach



The NCP (2020) Policy Objectives



- To prevent child mortality and promote children's health, including refugee children
- To promote nurturing, care, stimulation and holistic development and learning for all children
 - To prevent, respond to, and protect children from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation
 - To promote the right of all children to be heard and express their opinions in all matters involving and affecting them, according to their developing capacities
 - To strengthen systems for planning, programming and delivery of quality child care and protection services
 - NCP is overarching Policy Framework on Child wellbeing.



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NCP 2020 Coordination Structures



- The overall Policy Implementation is supervised by the Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee for Child wellbeing comprised of MDAs, Devpt Partners, NGOs, IRCU and Forum of Kings
- At the District Level, coordination is coordinated by the District Child wellbeing committee chaired by the CAO and comprised by all Heads of Depts, CSO Reps, Cultural and Religious Leaders Reps. The committee feeds into the TPC
- At the Municipality and Sub-County level, it's the Sub-County Wellbeing committees chaired by the Town Clerk and SAS

Roles of the NCWSC



- Preparation of detailed costed annual work-plans in reference to the 5 year implementation plan and secure funding for the plans through Ministries, Departments and Agencies Ministerial Policy statements and Development partners off budget support.
- Provide technical support to district local governments on integration of policy priorities in local government rolling work plans and Civil Society Organizations annual work plans.
- Guide District Local Governments and cities on establishment of District and City Child Wellbeing Committees to coordinate policy implementation and monitor upholding of policy principles in their respective jurisdictions.
- Monitor the application of policy principles across sectors and levels in formulation and implementation of laws, policies and programs affecting children
- Review progress in implementation of the priority intervention areas and aligned actions as stipulated in the National Child policy implementation plan 2020/2021-2024/2025.



Roles of the DCWSC



Preparation of district or sub county costed annual work-plans on child wellbeing in reference to priority actions in the national child policy implementation plan.

- Mobilize funding for district or sub county annual plans on child wellbeing through the Local government budgeting framework; development partners and the private sector for off budget support.
- Provide guidance to civil society organizations and other stakeholders on integration of child wellbeing priorities in their institutional work plans.
- Monitor the application of policy principles across stakeholder programs on child wellbeing.
- Review and document progress in implementation of the National Child policy implementation plan 2020/2021-2024/2025



Linkage with other structures

- All the coordination structures to do with children have been repealed by the National Child wellbeing Committees. These include the Child Protection Committees, Committees to end child marriage, committees to end VAC, Committees on street children etc
- At the Community level, its strictly the Parasocial Workers only. There is nothing like VAC Ambassadors, Child Protection Actors etc All the community level structures have been repealed by the Parasocial workers as stipulated in the NCP 2020
- The MGLSD in partnership with Save the Children has trained Parasocial Workers in Host Refugee Districts of 40 in Terego in Uriama Sub-county, 40 in Madi-Okollo in Rigbo Sub-County, 40 in Yumbe in Ariwa Sub-County and 118 in Kamwenge District in the sub-counties of Nkoma 13, Katalyeba TC 15, Bwizi 13, Bihanga 13, Biguli-13, Nkoma and Katalyeba-51, etc



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Linkage with other Structures

- The training was conducted based on the 2018 Parasocial Workers Training Manual
- Parasocial Workers Report to Parish Chiefs and CDOs. But can sometimes directly refer cases to NGOS/CBOs.
- But in total Refugee Host Districts where NCP has been rolled out are; Kyegegwa, Kamwenge, Madi-Okollo, Yumbe, Terego, Kiryandongo, Obongi and Isingiro