**Uganda Child Protection Sub Working Group (CPSWG) Work Plan 2021**

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| **Goal: Child Protection prevention and response services are effectively coordinated at national and settlement level ensuring refugee children access appropriate child protection services including alternative care.** | | | | | |
| **Objective** | **Activity** | **Result** | **Responsible actor** | **Timeline** | **Status** |
| **Children access relevant and appropriate national child protection services** | * Organize an inception meeting with MGLSD as well as OPM on child protection coordination * Facilitate a workshop with relevant national stakeholders, including the government and NGOs to agree on road map on coordination of refugee response within the broader government protection coordination structure * Support the development of a strategic framework on aligning refugee child protection structures and services within the national protection system * Represent refugee child protection concerns at relevant national/ governmental platforms and coordination fora, including within the national Child Well-Being Committee | * Ensure CPSWG activities and outcomes are shared, coordinated and consulted with relevant national stakeholders of OPM and MGLSD * A short, medium and long-term strategic framework is in place outlining the core objectives and activities of the CPSWG, including on the linkages between the refugee settlement coordination structures and the national and sub-national protection system | Co-chairs of UNHCR and UNICEF | Q1-Q2  Q2/ Q3 |  |
| **Child protection prevention and response programs for refugee children are well coordinated** | * Update the 2021 CPSWG TORs and circulate to all members and relevant coordination platforms * Develop an inter-agency CP sector strategy (2021-2023) * Include field-based CPSWGs at field level into all communication and ensure close collaboration of national and field CP activities * Provide guidance to field-based CPSWGs on technical aspects on CP coordination as well as other prevention and response activities, including on case management, alternative care, RRP development and reporting, community engagement * Review roles of and guide task forces reporting to the CPSWG, including the Case Management Task Force as well as the CFS task force * Roll-out CP mainstreaming and safe programming trainings for all humanitarian sectors * Develop a country-wide refugee Child Protection Referral Pathway and ensure its implementation | * All members are guided on the sector aims, objectives and short, medium and long-term strategy; * Strategy is published and circulated amongst relevant stakeholders, including amongst the inter-sector working group members * Sector members work on a harmonized child protection response with defined responsibilities and activities * CPSWG and other humanitarian sectors as well as national stakeholders are aware of the responsibilities and tasks of the CPSWG * Child protection is considered in all aspects of the refugee response * Country-wide refugee Child Protection Referral Pathways is in place to strengthen response to children at risk | * Co-chairs and field-based CPSWGs * Strategic task Force * Task force co-chairs * UNHCR * All sector members | * Q1 * Q2 * All quarters * All quarters * Q3 * Q2 |  |
| **Data and information on the refugee child protection situation is accurate and disseminated with all involved actors at local and national level** | * Further roll-out of a harmonized child protection case management and information management system (v4) * Develop an Information Sharing Protocol that ensures IM standards are upheld by all members * Disseminate and roll out the ISP at national and field level * Develop Sectoral Dashboards on child protection issues by using v4 * RRP indicators are revised and amended to meet reporting and information needs of all members * ActivityInfo is used by all CP actors and information is shared with the humanitarian community as well as governmental stakeholders and donors * Guide the CP CM task force and other relevant task forces on CP CM and IM standards and monitor its application * Support the CP Case Management Task Force and ensure information on child protection is disseminated regularly and timely | * All child protection case management actors have a harmonized case management response * Information on child protection concerns is accurate and consolidated * Case Management standards are upheld and in line with national and global standards * Case management actors are able to address technical questions and implement improved child protection case management programs * Regular and accurate information management tools are developed and disseminated with the CPSWG members as well as with relevant actors of the humanitarian response | * UNHCR * Co-chairs * Co-chairs and IM Unit * UNHCR and CP CM TF co-chair |  |  |
| **Unaccompanied or separated children have access to adequate alternative care in line with national and global standards** | * Facilitate workshops with MGLSD to jointly develop and agree on use of forms and procedures * Draft alternative care guidelines for partners working in the refugee response * Align refugee response to national standards where relevant and suitable in the refugee context * Train all actors involved in placement into alternative care on the developed and agreed standards * Develop guidance on engagement with foster families including on incentives | * Decisions on placement in alternative care are taken with full consideration on the child’s best interests and in line with necessity and suitability * Harmonized procedures are applied by all sector members in line with national and global standards * Reduced reports of violence against children or exploitation in foster care | * Co-chairs to lead and members to support * Case Management Task Force members |  |  |
| **Strengthen and empower the community in extending protection and care to refugee children** | * Develop sector wide community-engagement guidance, including on case management * Develop ToRs including a harmonized outline of tasks and responsibilities of community structures involved in the child protection response * Draft a Code of Conduct/ safeguarding guidelines for community structures involved in the child protection response * Coordinate and guide on innovative practices on community-based child protection | * All Child Protection Committees are aware of their TORs, are trained on child safeguarding and sign a Code of Conduct, and follow harmonized procedures and standards * Innovative approaches are implemented by child protection actors to address a concrete risk and serve a specific child protection outcome | * Q2 * Q3 |  |  |
| **Harmonize standards and practices to ensure do no harm is applied by all sectors** | * Develop guidance on the use of cash-based interventions in child protection * Provide regular information on child protection information collected by the FRRM * Develop sector standards around satisfaction surveys and seeking children’s views on programs implemented in the different settlements * Provide child protection mainstreaming training (ToT) amongst CPSWG members and develop a CP mainstreaming training roll-out plan | * CBIs are in line with child protection standards and are harmonized amongst all actors * Ensure children are consulted on feedback mechanisms * Child protection risks and standards are considered in all humanitarian activities | * Q2-Q3 * Q2/Q3 * Q3 * Q2 |  |  |