**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-Q2Q2/ 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
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| **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
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| **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
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| **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
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* Q3
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| **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
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* Q2
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