

Uganda – Child Protection Sub-Working Group Meeting Minutes



Date	23 April 2020	Location	Teams Meeting
Chair	Sophie Etzold, Child Protection Officer, UNHCR Lisa Zimmermann, CPIE Specialist, UNICEF	Minutes prepared by	Sophie Etzold, UNHCR
Participating organizations	Teams Meeting: 23 participants, including UNICEF, UNHCR, DRC, Child Fund, AVSI, ALIGHT, Cafoumi, ICRC, LWF, War Child Holland, WVI		
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feedback on work modalities and challenges by CP members 2. Follow-up on agreed action points from last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Alternative Care and Case Management guidelines update o Update on CPC mapping o Update on Community-based Referral Pathways (role of different actors, including CPCs as well as Social/ Para Case workers) 3. Child Protection Monitoring (evidence/ data on CP concerns) 4. Feedback on V4 Roll-out progress and plans 5. Quick round of feedback on reporting Q1 6. AOB 		

DISCUSSIONS

By Agenda Item	Main Points and Decisions from Discussions		
Working modalities of CP actors in the field during COVID19 response	<p>Amended COVID19 response and business continuity</p> <p>Save the Children: Increased staffing in field locations; 9 active locations, including at transit centers; capacity building for staff through remote webinars particularly on how to remain following up on cases/ vulnerable families;</p> <p>DRC: Purchased protective gears; Realignment of budget; Working closely with CPCs; Face-to-face case management for high risk cases only</p> <p>Child Fund: Messaging and developed and awareness through radio and other communication tools; Targeting parents</p> <p>War Child Holland: No major changes; distribution ongoing (family kits distributed in West Nile and SW) targeting 6000 families; MHPSS hotline services ongoing; trend of men calling to request support as they feel under pressure and targeted (physically and emotionally by wives; adults have been calling also for support given their suicidal thoughts;</p> <p>ALIGHT: Case Management for critical cases is ongoing; working mainly through community-based structures; provision of material support; budget realignments done and PPEs for CPCs;</p> <p>Plan International: New CPSWG focal point from PI: Stella Akello, responsible for CP coordination in Arua, Adjumani and Yumbe; maintained presence in the locations; disseminating IEC material</p> <p>Cafoumi: Remain working from home in urban areas given lack of approval for movement; working through local LCs and community resource persons and gov. representatives; 23 cases were referred including SGBV and CP cases; neglect, violence and SGBV mainly perpetrated by family members (of those reported); supporting refugees to access gov. food distribution through advocacy</p> <p>WVI: Limited team on the ground; high risk cases are monitored mainly through CPCs; most activities and reliance on CPCs; sensitization on COVID19 ongoing through CPC and community structures; awareness done door-to-door; providing material assistance such as soap and hygiene items;</p> <p>LWF: continued presence in the field; identification and HVs and foster care monitoring ongoing; however, challenges in PPE provision; increasing reports from foster families that they face constraints to support the livelihood which in a long run might have a negative impact on the provision of alternative care;</p>		

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Follow-up on agreed action points from last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alternative Care and Case Management guidelines update: still in draft, awaiting also global level case management guidance; include note on documentation of children approaching services while limited access of case workers; - Update on CPC mapping: inputs on most locations received indicating strong presence of community-based structures and reliance on those; - Update on Community-based Referral Pathways (role of different actors, including CPCs as well as Social/ Para Case workers): still to be finalized; CPSWG in the field to share feedback; once finalised all members to use this and share information with targeted children, families, communities - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CP CM TF to share once finalized • CPSWG in the field to share feedback where outstanding 	
SCI presented guidance note on remote case management and support by community-based CP structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to restrictions of movements, more and more community-based structures have taken over support to case management procedures; however, it is central to maintain case management standards such as on confidentiality, information sharing, etc. - At the same time, the community-based structures need the support to protect themselves (through WASH and hygiene/ sanitization facilities); clarification of their roles vis-à-vis the community as well as in the case management process with clear/ amended TORs; community to be informed and aware on what to expect; capacity building for community structures, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share note drafted by SCI 	UNHCR to share
Protection Monitoring (evidence of child protection concerns)	Need to have more and accurate child protection monitoring systems in place: the following child protection risks were shared by members during the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High number of teenage pregnancies identified; - Remaining issue on children identified at food litigation desks: a report shared by SCI indicates that in some zones refugee leaders have already established a system to support children; presence of partners remains available as prior to COVID19 to address CP litigation cases; challenge is also that very young children have been identified who have limited ability to transport food from FDPs; - Issue of release of perpetrators was raised in SW (Alight) as courts are off, it seems that there were some reports of perpetrators of violence being released as only capital offences are being taken care of by justice actors - Educational material that is to be distributed, needs clarification whether this would also be distributed to settlements; - Issues of child neglect have been brought by partners - Livelihood constraints and reported issues of GBV - Reductions in food have also increased demands on families including foster families; - Reduction in education and play activities has led to children playing in the neighborhoods; CPCs also engage with parents on sensitization on abiding to social distancing, however, it is a challenge in the refugee context 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further assess child protection risks in the field and ensure proper assessment and verification of trends, including on separation; 	All members
Transit center roles and partner involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was mentioned by partners involved in transit centers that most of them have been reused as isolation centers managed by the District TF; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Challenges of the CP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access/ outreach of case workers to the field/ to children and vulnerable families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain better 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPSWG co-

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sector members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support to community structures while tasks and responsibilities have increased for community structures (mainly airtime, transportation to undertake outreach) - Limited presence of social workforce on the ground 	information on access in the field and what support is required for community-based structures	chairs with members in the field
Feedback on V4 Roll-out progress and plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - V4 Roll out has been further followed by UNHCR with partners and colleagues; - UNHCR is planning a remote webinar on the CP module on 6 May (invitation to be sent); training can be accessed by anyone who has received a username and access to V4; 	Roll out plan to be updated and shared with members by UNHCR	
Quick round of feedback on reporting Q1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reporting for Q1 in review stage; partners are encouraged to review their data and to share any question or queries with UNHCR - It seems that to date, 8 partners reported, however, not for all locations and number seem to be lower than indicated; 	All members to review; deadline is 5 May	
Summary of Action Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow up on cash/ CP linkages - Follow up with Education colleagues - Documentation protocols for partners supporting children at food litigation desks - ICRC Referral Pathways to be shared - Share draft note by SCI on engaging community structures in case management - Mapping of community-based referral pathways to be finalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR • UNICEF/ UNHCR • UNHCR/ UNICEF • ICRC to share • UNHCR to share UNHCR to share notes	
Next Meeting			
Date	<i>7 May 2020</i>	Location	<i>Teams Meeting</i>
Chair	<i>UNHCR/ UNICEF</i>		