

Uganda – Child Protection Sub-Working Group Meeting Minutes



Date	20 May 2021	Location	Teams meeting
Chair	Sophie Etzold, CP Officer UNHCR Lisa Zimmermann, CP Specialist, UNICEF	Minutes prepared by	Lisa Zimmermann & Sophie Etzold
Participating organizations	36 participants from: UNICEF, UNHCR, Global CP AoR, Caritas, Street Child, NRC, Alight, LWF, URCS, SCI, ICRC, DRC, CAFOMI, WV		
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductions - Short presentation from the CP AoR on funding opportunity on documenting lessons learned/evidence of violence prevention programmes in the COVID context - Community based protection structures - Recap - Cash based interventions in CP - AOB 		

DISCUSSIONS

By Agenda Item	Main Points and Decisions from Discussions	Agreed Action	Responsibility
CP AoR Presentation on funding opportunity on documenting lessons learned/evidence on VAC prevention	<p>The CP AoR with the support of its stand-by partner WV is looking for best practices and lessons-learnt of innovations and use of prevention approaches in the Refugee Response in Uganda implemented in times of Covid-19. Organizations with an impactful project are asked to document their approach and additionally receive a small grant of USD 14,000 to adapt and strengthen current promising practices in violence prevention, conduct analysis related to the intervention(s), and generate evidence on effective practices, which will contribute to regional and global learning.</p> <p><u>Outcome:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The selected organization will document their approach in a case study of 3 to max. 10 pages to share with national and international stakeholders and support the dissemination of it on national as well as international forums. 2. To support the development of the case study, the organization will receive a small grant to either generate evidence on their approach or to support funding gaps in their project or the CP working group they collaborate with. 3. This initiative takes place in 5 countries, which are the Philippines, Bangladesh, Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo and Honduras. The CP AoR will summarize the learnings of all 5 country case 	<p>Circulate all for proposal documents with all partners</p> <p>Interested agencies to submit proposals by 11 June 2021</p>	<p>Co-chairs</p> <p>All interested agencies</p>

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	<p>studies in a final report. Finally, a learning event with presentations of the good practices will get organized.</p> <p><u>Amount:</u> 14.000 USD per country/agency</p> <p><u>Eligibility:</u> All organizations are eligible to apply. Local and national organizations will have a benefit if equal quality of the proposal is submitted.</p> <p><u>Country Context:</u> In Uganda the grant is targeting the Refugee Response in Uganda, collaborating with the refugee CP sub working group leads UNICEF and UNHCR.</p>		
<p>Community based protection structures - Recap</p>	<p>Quick summary of the last discussion on community structures was provided. In order to take this forward and implement the suggestion actions, a small group of agencies will come together to develop a concept and guide the process: Plan, SCI, DRC, Alight, CAFOMI, Street Child, UNICEF and UNHCR</p>	<p>Co-chairs to reach out to interested agencies and lead through 1-2 lead agencies;</p> <p>Presentation by the task team in the next CPSWG on the proposed way forward</p>	<p>Community structures</p>
<p>Cash based interventions in CP</p>	<p>Co-chairs presented the aim of the meeting as the sector needs to provide guidance to CP and non-CP actors on how to safely and ethically implement CBIs that benefit CP outcomes.</p> <p>It has been observed that several agencies have implemented CBI activities, some also targeting CP results directly. This in turn needs to be discussed with sector leads prior to project development and in line with sectoral guidance.</p> <p>The aim of this first meeting is therefore to hear from sector members on their current projects and to provide a general outline on CBI in CP based on which a more comprehensive guidance note should be drafted.</p> <p>Agencies' presentations</p> <p>Plan International:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CBI for Education and Protection, Bidibidi and Rhino camp and surrounding communities, funded by the Belgian government - Objective: provide cash to address protection risks and provide cash with a focus on adolescent girls to ensure continued learning - Targeting 1,800 children aged 0-17 for 2 years between 2021 and 2022 - Conducted a market survey, a risk assessment, staff capacity building 	<p>Agencies to provide written inputs using the PPT that was earlier circulated (and is again attached to the minutes)</p> <p>Partners to fill out slides with inputs on the PPT</p>	<p>All actors who presented</p>

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- Developed selection criteria; beneficiaries will come out of the CP caseload; up to date 408 beneficiaries have been selected based on their case plans;
- Looking at a transfer value of 300,000 UGX per child, one off support
- Multipurpose unconditional cash transfer: they take decisions what to do with this, but they are encouraged to look at education, shelter, clothing/bedding and food for the family due to the reduction in ratios
- Emphasis on UASC and other most vulnerable children and adolescents at risk, including those who dropped out of school or at risk thereof
- Challenge in regard to the mechanism of cash delivery as some beneficiaries don't own phones and can't use mobile money; if going through the bank there may be a challenge of confidentiality and data sharing.
- Developing a guideline/SOP to guide the process; currently a draft is in place and they are hoping to share with partners
- Suggestion from partners is that the "value voucher" mechanism is used to transfer funds
- Evaluation/monitoring: tool has been developed for monitoring to ensure we achieve the desired objective; will work closely with UNHCR, OPM and WV in Bidibidi and Rhino

Street Child:

- Cash based programme with a focus on education with a CP element
- Objective is to help children out of school return to school; conditional cash transfer to the caregiver; they work with female caregivers and they are enlisted on a business training programme and they are offered a 12 week saving scheme programme, if they have saved they receive an additional small grant; focus on positive parenting and
- In pilot phase at the moment; implementing in Kampala, Kyaka and Kyangwali working with 150 caregivers, half in Kampala, and a quarter in Kyaka and Kyangwali each
- Family business officers monitor the families weekly.
- They are free to do what they like with the funds/savings
- They monitor if this has an impact on school enrolment and reduces the number of out of school children
- Aim is to expand this in Uganda once the pilot has been completed at the end of May; a few weeks to evaluate fully and then scale up is planned
- A full comparison of the three locations will be included to determine if there is a significant difference
- How are you formalising the issue of caregivers? Who are the right caregivers? → all caregivers were biological caregivers of children; they also hire community social workers who work with community stakeholders to verify that the children are associated with the caregiver

DRC:

- Complement interventions done by WFP
- 8 months interventions; targeting households (not particular children)

Partners to share existing tools, guidance, SOPs on CBI to be placed in the shared folder

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- Focus on multi-purpose cash – value is based on minimum basket expenditure to calculate the value that is transferred to households
- Tool to determine the value
- Programme started in March 2019
- 3 location: Nakivalu, Kyaka and Kyangwali; now expanding to Rhino, & two more??
- No specific CP outcomes but they are seeing some issues coming up
- There are different transfer modalities: cash on wheels, banking agents, mobile money,

SCI:

- Identification and enrolment, refer households to DRC for disbursement and monitoring
- ECHO Include award: SCI will do identification, enrolment and disbursement and post-distribution monitoring
- Kyangwali for SCI targeting children 6-17 years to keep children in school and enroll out-of-school in school
- Duration until April 2022
- Pipeline: targeting Kyangwali, Rwamwanja and Nakivale on cash for education

NRC:

- Multipurpose cash provided under community based protection based on vulnerability
- Support to cases identified under case management that requires cash support based on household needs where children may be included
- Sectoral cash support for education targeting children with special needs
- Livelihood cash targeting self help needs
- Post monitoring assessment to capture impact on beneficiaries' life and to determine how the funds are used
- Future plans: NRC is planning to develop an integrated beneficiary database

Caritas Hoima:

- Support livelihoods of UAMs under the age of 18 by offering them an unconditional cash grant funded by Belgian
- 22,500 UGX per month for a 16-month period; provision of direct cash
- Mobile money and bank transfer was not considered appropriate
- Jan 2021 to May 2022
- 300 UAMs targeted; list developed by UNHCR, OPM and protection partners
- Tool used and filled by community extension workers; 171 verified up to date (90 female, 81 male)
- Next steps: complete the verification exercise

War Child

- cash program related to COVID19 response with an objective to mitigate vulnerabilities during

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	<p>COVID19, specifically addressing medical and protection needs; protection teams are on the ground in Kyangwali, Kyaka, Isingiro, Imvepi;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in Imvepi, new arrivals were supported in July/ August last year; families assessed and supported with 22,000 UGX per family; <p>further plans include to expand this one-off intervention and to integrate CBI in MHPSS and CP. In addition, the plan is to harmonize interventions and to develop a clear guidance for the implementation of CBIs.</p> <p>Eunice – Cash Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working on harmonising CBI interventions - A learning study is being undertaken on how financial literacy trainings can benefit beneficiaries <p>Other issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are there any tools on evaluating impact of non-CP interventions on CP outcomes? - WFP does not have any CBI targeting children but children are beneficiaries of CBT for food in the settlements where cash is being used as transfer modality. We do not have specific tools for evaluating the impact of cash on children and could do with some support on developing these tools and the methodology to assess this - How to handle 16 to 17 year olds; minors that have significant responsibilities but legally we should not interact with them under cash based programmes <p>Preliminary guidance: Please see attached PPT for the CPSWG session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - 		
AOB	<p>Individual Profiling Exercise (IPE) and household survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Household survey that includes specific questions related to child marriage, UASC, and a number of CP concerns - Start will be in June and in next meeting the roll-out will be discussed in more detail - Aim is to update data and improve accuracy of information on proGres v4 <p>Update on CP sector assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For now, it is suggested to put this on hold until results of the IPE are out and then determine information needs that would be covered through an in depth sector assessment - Partners to share with co-chairs what the critical issues are that should be covered (until next meeting, partners to think of topics they wish to include in the CP sector assessment) - This will also be discussed in more detail in the next meeting <p>Activity Info Q1 results:</p>		

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	- Updated data will soon be shared with partners with results from Q1			
Next Meeting				
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Chair	UNHCR/ UNICEF			