

Uganda – Child Protection Sub Working Group Monthly Meeting

Date	13 June 2019	Location	UNICEF	
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Participating organizations	UNICEF, UNHCR, SCI, HIJRA, AVSI, DRC, Plan International, ARC, StreetChild			
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on the joint CP-Education meeting 2. Update on the FTR meeting held by ICRC 3. Update on the review of the Food/Cash distribution SOP 4. Update on Activity Info 5. Update on ProGres V4 6. Update on the VENA 7. AOB 			
Previous meeting action points		Status	Responsible	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training updates sent to UNHCR • Form to input interest in the Task Forces • All ToRs to be reshared for partners to review and see where they can increase engagement • Presentation of integrated programming and consortium approach at next meeting (13 June) • Partners to submit proposed workshop dates for roll out of the BIP SOPs to UNHCR • CP Strategy to be reviewed and feedback to UNHCR 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding - ongoing • To be shared and updated by Tuesday 18 June 2019 • Outstanding • Outstanding • No communications received • Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All • UNHCR / All • Chairs of the TFs • WCH and ChildFund • All • All 	
AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSIONS				
By Agenda Item	Main Points and Decisions from Discussions	Agreed Follow-Up Actions	Responsible	
1.Update on the joint CP-Education meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting took place May 27th and minutes have been shared • Realisation that CP and Education have a lot of duplication happening • Next step is to introduce a minimum package of CP activities in 			

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	<p>education services in the Education Response Plan which is currently being revised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those packages of activities would be funded through the education budget and not CP • There will be follow-up meetings which will involve CP partners to determine what this package would look like and what needs to be integrated • Need to do a mapping of who is doing which activities and in what schools • Need to look at how the schools can be more connected to the community-based structures • Establish a small volunteer group to sit down and put together the minimum package 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping request to be sent out for completion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR to send out/ All partners to provide feedback
<p>2.Update on the FTR meeting held by ICRC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A regional internal ICRC meeting was held in Entebbe with staff from all regional offices responding to South Sudanese refugees; UNICEF, UNHCR and SCI were invited for a number of sessions • Looking at new ways of increasing collaboration across borders, both within the ICRC but also with national CP actors in the different countries • Focus on CM and trying to strengthen RFL systems • Acknowledging need to be more systematic in their response • ICRC uses the language “Restoring Family Links” (RFL); tracing children’s family doesn’t need to mean family reunification necessarily, but establishing family links and making sure children are catered for 		
<p>3.Update on the review of the Food/Cash distribution SOP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The food /cash distribution SOP used an extensive questionnaire, came back with a lot of protection issues • Issue with banks refusing to have accounts for people under 18, even though nothing in the law supports this stance • Issues for children under 14 were brought up, but all under 14s should have caregivers accompanying them for any distribution • CP actors should be present during distributions – Though too many days of distributions, so difficult to allocate caseworkers to all of them 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New children arriving in settlements need to be followed up on – Either through reunification or other support, but children cannot be sent back to the border. 		
<p style="text-align: center;">4.Update on Activity Info</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGO partners operating under more than one UN funding source need to upload achievements separately to correctly reflect achievements under different UN funding sources • Issue of geographical access – Need to look at more mobile options for community-based programming • Anyone looking for added support on how to work with Activity Info, get in touch with UNHCR • UNHCR Implementing partners need to update monthly, all other sector partners need to report quarterly • South Sudanese and Burundi numbers need to be recorded on their own. All other groups (Somalian, urban, etc.), numbers can be added to the DRC caseload 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All
<p style="text-align: center;">5.Update on ProGres V4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll out began with InterAid. Some glitches were identified • Data Protection training still needed – Data vulnerability assessment was carried out. Issue arose around how to dispose of paper waste, some use shredders, some burn papers. • Had discussions around data sharing with partners. Process ongoing to conclude • Not continuing with training on ProGres v4 until all of the challenges have been sorted, then will resume • Data sharing protocol will be different than the information sharing protocol • All information will be migrated, but it will take time as it needs to be done manually and verified to ensure no information is lost • STC still using CPIMS and being questioned why not investing in CPIMS+ - Need to justify – Creating difficulties in terms of managing cases, trainings, funding, etc. • Idea is that by the beginning of 2020, there will be one system • Recommendation made for UNHCR to discuss issues at Regional level with other partners, eg., STC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workplan and timeline to be shared 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR

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6.Update on the VENA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues around the list of indicators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates will be shared 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNHCR
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AOB

CP Strategy:

- Guidelines were shared. Some feedback received and incorporated. All locations are covered. Updated version will be shared after this meeting.
- Consultations to be started as soon as possible and be completed within the month.
- Discussions with the government have been initiated. MoGLSD will assign a technical person to take part in the Task Force
- Timeframe to be added to the guidelines
- Format will need to be determined for sharing back information from the consultations – UNHCR will share a template
- UNHCR staff at the field have been contacted and are aware

Ebola:

- Ebola – Scenario 2, localised outbreak in 1 district and preparedness going on in surrounding districts
- Share with staff in settlements how to protect themselves, what are the symptoms, how to refer to HCs
- All movement in Kasese needs clearance from the District
- Need to keep aware of what is happening on the DRC side as well, as we may move into a mixed situation
- Business Continuity Plan outlines what activities will continue or be postponed in the CP sector in a settlement if a case is reported in that settlement
- Be aware of the Guidance Note: Protection for Children in Disease Outbreaks

UNHCR 3-day Training on Alternative Care and FTR:

- Will involve creating an action plan for how to provide alternative care in refugee settlements. Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th July, 2019
- Invites will be shared (Including to the MoGLSD)
- Need to be careful drafting action plans separately from the MoGLSD – Not a national action plan but looking at the situation of refugee children

STC Child Protection Assessment:

- STC carrying out an assessment among DRC refugees on Child Protection concerns. Will share results when they have them

Other:

- Need for more consolidated meetings – Recommendation that all protection-related meetings would be pushed into one week a month to make it easier for staff who travel throughout the month and to improve attendance and engagement.

Next Meeting



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Date	<i>July 2019, 09.30 – 11.30 ; Date TBC</i>	Location	<i>UNHCR</i>
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Annexes