

Uganda – Child Protection Sub-Working Group Meeting Minutes



Date	5 November 2020	Location	Zoom meeting
Chair	Sophie Etzold, Child Protection Officer, UNHCR Lisa Zimmermann, CPIE Specialist, UNICEF	Minutes prepared by	Tonny Kasiita
Participating organizations	Teams Meeting: UNHCR, UNICEF, LWF, Save the Children, ALIGHT, WVI, Street Child,		
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates by CPSWG members - Review of workplan of CPSWG for 2020 (group work) - Review of Activity Info (broad strokes) - Discussion on interagency CPSWG strategy - AOB 		

DISCUSSIONS

By Agenda Item	Main Points and Decisions from Discussions	Agreed Action	Responsibility
Critical updates by locations and member agencies	<p><u>COSMESS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skilling of child mothers in Bidibidi, Kasese, Tororo <p><u>ALIGHT:</u> Kyangwali and SW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case management activities ongoing including litigation at the food distribution points where it has been noted that most children were abandoned at their homes by their parents/caregivers who are allegedly reported to having crossed back to DRC. • Planned distribution of clothes targeting over 4000 children in the SW operation and Kyangwali. It seems there is a dynamic where parents have returned to DRC and left children alone • ALIGHT planning an assessment on the causes of the increased teenage pregnancies in the SW operation, due to the significantly increased cases among the refugee communities due to the current lock-down of schools. • Increased border movements (new arrivals with children) but due to the current COVID-19 linked standing order of government/OPM, these families have been sent back to their countries of origin. There's an urgent need to address this issue with OPM and key stakeholders to ensure access to 	<p>- Please share once finalized with co-chairs</p>	<p>UNHCR/ ALIGHT</p>

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start the uploading of cases in the system.

- Conducting of an assessment/survey on teenage pregnancies in Kyaka II facilitated by ALIGHT.

Street Child:

- focus this month is CP training for teachers and teaching assistants now that candidate classes are back.

WVI-Yumbe:

- UNICEF/WVI supported Yumbe District to conduct a district child protection coordination meeting whereby all relevant stakeholders were presented. Major issues raised included the increased teenage pregnancies in the district, unnecessary movement of children from one settlement to the other among others.
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- Facilitated the review meeting with para-social workers to re-echo their roles and responsibilities.
- Support to caregivers (former CFS facilitators) to enable them conduct community outreaches (door to door) to check on the well-being of the children.
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UNHCR-Adjumani:

- Currently the focus is on uploading CP cases into ProGres V4
- UNHCR staff are currently teleworking for 2 weeks.

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ActivityInfo	<p>Short presentation of the core review areas was provided by UNHCR co-chair reflecting on some of the commonly identified challenges;</p> <p>- overall data has improved significantly</p>	<p>Members to review and update</p>	<p>All members</p>

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	<p>- detailed list of feedback is attached in separate document</p> <p>- questions were raised by members on:</p> <p>1) # of case workers/ volunteers: please note that the sector wishes to understand how many dedicated case workers are supported by the sector (regardless of internal terminologies); therefore, as previously provided guidance: staff with full case management functions (identification, BIA/ assessment; developing and implementing a case plan, follow up and review as well as case closure and where required BIDs is considered a case manager; volunteers as per the sector definitions have support functions;</p> <p>2) # of CP committees vs # of members: CPSWG reflects committees and not individuals (further information attached)</p> <p>For details see attached guidance on ActivityInfo</p>	<p>ActivityInfo figures</p> <p>Members are responsible to ensure their agency is represented and that figures are correct</p>	
<p>Review of the sector work plan and achievements</p>	<p>Group was split in 5 different break-out groups to review the achievements and the relevancy of some of the workplan indicators:</p> <p>Groups Workplan discussion</p> <p>1 – Quality and Relevant CP responses (page 1 – 2): Coordination & CP response</p> <p>2 – CP Monitoring & information management</p> <p>3 – Strengthening quality standards on CP, staffing capacity</p> <p>4 – Advocacy, Communication and Resource Mobilization (pages 5 + 6)</p> <p>5 – Mainstreaming and intersectoral linkages + UASC</p> <p>6 – VAC, children with disabilities and child labour and child marriage (thematic topics, last 2 pages)</p> <p>As the group was short of time, group agreed:</p> <p>- those who have finalized discussion, please share feedback with CPSWG co-chairs in track changes on the workplan</p> <p>- those who can make time – to meet in separate groups outside the CPSWG platform and group team leader to share feedback with CPSWG co-chairs by Monday 16 November</p> <p>- co-chairs will try to consolidate and present during upcoming meeting</p>	<p>Team leaders of breakout groups</p> <p>CPSWG co-chairs</p>	
<p>CPSWG interagency CP</p>	<p>Postponed to next meeting</p> <p>Core intention is to outline a short and concise CPSWG strategic framework with participation by all actors</p>	<p>CPSWG co-</p>	

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strategy	Agencies interested to support the drafting, please contact UNHCR co-chair		chairs	
Summary of Action Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agencies to review inputs on ActivityInfo until Friday 6 November and revert to field coordinators or CPSWG co-chairs - Co-chairs to circulate final and revised Q3 dashboard and settlement report - Breakout groups team leaders to provide feedback on CPSWG work plan review by Monday 16 November 2020 - Share CPSWG work plan for review 		All sector members	
Next Meeting				
Date	19 November 2020	Location	Teams Meeting	
Chair	UNHCR/ UNICEF			