7. Birth Registration

Every child has the right to a name and nationality. Birth registration helps to keep children safe from violence, abuse and exploitation. It also helps to ensure your child’s right to education, health, legal and social services. Registering your child’s birth is necessary for obtaining an official birth certificate.

Key Questions

• Do you think it’s important to register children at birth?
• What are the main reasons why people might not register birth of their child? Is it the same for boys and girls?
• Have you or would you register your child? Do you know how?

Closing Remarks

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8. Family separation

Children are usually safest and are best protected from harm when they are cared for by their parents or other trusted caregivers. Keep all your children including adolescent girls and boys with you whenever safe to do so. If you cannot stay with them, leave them with someone you know and trust. If you know of anyone under 18 who is living without their parents, contact UNHCR or one of the organizations listed below so they get the support they need.

Key Questions

• Do you know of children in your community who are not living with their parents or the people who usually took care of them?
• What would you do if you met a child not living with his/her parents/caregivers?
• If parents need to separate from their children for some time, what things do you think they and the children can do to keep the children safe?

Closing Remarks

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