

Uganda – Child Protection Sub-Working Group Meeting Minutes



Date	09 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: 28 participants, including UNICEF, UNHCR, DRC, Child Fund, AVSI, ALIGHT, Cafoumi, ICRC, LWF, War Child Holland, TPO,			
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working modalities of CP actors in the field 2. Updates from the field/ agencies 3. Updates on alternative care 4. Remote Case management 5. Funding Opportunities 6. AOB 			
Previous meeting action points			Status	Responsible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID19 Emergency CP Referral Pathway • Sharing access to CP shared drive 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Done 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR
AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSIONS				
By Agenda Item	Main Points and Decisions from Discussions	Agreed Follow-Up Actions		Responsible
Working modalities of CP actors in the field during COVID19 response	<p>Amended COVID19 response and business continuity</p> <p>Save the Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slim structure as majority of staff is working from home - For emergency cases and for technical issues, case workers are present - Re-prioritizing the case load and reassignment of cases to appropriate and available case workers - Internal guidelines prepared on case management - Present in 6 locations including transit centers - Funding modifications to be in line with BCP - Challenges: transportation to the field and outreach to POC <p>DRC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presence maintained in West Nile, particularly Imvepi, Kiryandongo, Rhino Camp, Koboko and Lobule - Currently working under UNHCR funding and Danida; proposal submitted to PRM - Remote case management or with protective gear - Communication and outreach through community structures <p>Child Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Physical presence suspended mainly in Palorinya 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to provide information of agency staff based in the field 		Co-chairs with inputs from members

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- Online meetings and trainings, messaging using IEC material, including child-friendly guidance during COVID19
- Funding maintained

AVSI

- Presence maintained in Palabek
- Main activities include awareness raising in settlements and continuous learning activities; counsellors available for children at risk
- Challenges: transportation, outreach to the community

ALIGHT:

- Presence of CP staff on the ground for all locations, including for SCI under their partnerships
- Main activities include critical case management; remote case management, presence at food distribution points to identify and support child protection cases; review of foster families
- Funding through current sources but applied for PRM funding

CAFOUMI:

- Urban operation not operational but enhanced outreach to urban refugee resource persons;
- Case referrals closely followed up on with Family and Child protection sections of the police;
- Most case management activities done by phone with community leaders;

LWF:

- Still operational in West Nile but with reduced staffing
- Movements in Lamwo have been challenging and main activities include liaison with communities;
- Close collaboration with CP Committees on the ground

ICRC:

- Suspended all activities except for activities for unaccompanied children and restoring family links; other activities include COVID19 awareness and response activities

War Child Holland:

- Few staff present only given the restrictions
- Assessment undertaken (see below)
- Sensitization through radios ongoing
- Adopting helpline to current issues and spread helpline practice in the settlements;

TPO:

- Maintaining PSS for urgent cases; referrals through community to be strengthened

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Updates from the field/ agencies	<p>War Child Holland COVID19 Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rapid Assessment was undertaken mainly highlighting MHPSS and Education concerns for 513 HHs; 64% believe that learning from home is relevant; remaining are not willing or able to support children as they might involve them in the domestic work; - Request from community on increased scholastic materials and story books for children - MHPSS: parents and children show signs of distress, boredom due to lack of school attendance as well as depleted livelihood resources; <p>Needs outlined: education, recreational activities; health care and access to pharmacies; child safety concerns at homes and around neighbourhoods/ communities;</p> <p>Field SWGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adjumani: OPM/ UNHCR led and still ongoing on monthly basis - South West: OPM/ UNHCR led but suspended meetings until April; main issues to look into are children at reception sites as well as litigation at FPDs; - in Kyaka meetings were on hold and urgent issues were addressed by email; ad hoc BID panel done face-to-face - Arua: first coordination meetings to be resumed; previous coordination by phone with OPM; main issues to look into work modalities and presence of CP actors 	•	
Feedback on BCP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members suggested to include further information on child safeguarding given the strong reliance on communities to reach out to families; - Including community-based referral pathways ensuring outreach to beneficiaries 	• Co-chairs to update BCP	•
Alternative Care updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mapping of alternative care resources/ foster families still ongoing - From the review/ assessment, it seems that most families will maintain care responsibilities and are willing to extend support in case of an outbreak - Further resources need to be ensured to support community structures, including foster families; 	• Updated matrix to be shared	•
Sharepoint Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All members should have access to the resource folder developed by co-chairs; if access is required, please contact Lisa directly; - 	•	•
Information and Communication Material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNICEF developed FAQs approved by MOH; - MOH to be contacted or UNICEF by agencies who are willing to be members of the MHPSS subcommittee 	•	•
Next Meeting			
Date	<i>23 April 2020</i>	Location	<i>Teams Meeting</i>
Chair	<i>UNHCR/ UNICEF</i>	Secretariat	<i>TBC</i>