

Uganda – Child Protection Sub-Working Group Meeting Minutes



Date	17 December 2020	Location	Teams meeting
Chair	Tonny Kasiita, Child Protection Officer, UNHCR Lisa Zimmermann, CP Specialist, UNICEF	Minutes prepared by	Lisa Zimmermann
Participating organizations	Teams Meeting: UNHCR, UNICEF, URCS, Alight, DRC, SOS, ICRC, AVSI, SCI, Child Fund,		
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates from partners on critical interventions and changes in the protection environment • Programme planning for 2021 • Briefing from SCI/UNICEF on mobile home-based psychosocial support provision • AOB 		

DISCUSSIONS

By Agenda Item	Main Points and Decisions from Discussions	Agreed Action	Responsibility
Updates from partners on critical interventions and changes in the protection environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ALIGHT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coordination meetings for CP in SW and West were held ○ Ongoing activity implementation: Sensitizing children on COVID, protection concerns; provision of material support to children at risk; continued to conduct door-to-door sessions; activities related to the 16 days of activism; peer to peer sessions mainly for adolescents ○ Challenges: managing expectations of CPCs, i.e. they need a phone, airtime, during COVID-19 more support was provided but this has slowed down and was already inadequate pre-COVID - DRC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly meetings with CPCs conducted; COVID-19 related limitations include limited material support to facilitate their work; high expectations of receiving incentives; they need visibility materials to be recognized in the community ○ Supported foster families in West Nile to empower economic livelihood options ○ Support to youth groups ○ Case management, home visits, children in foster care continued 	Share assessment report	AVSI

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- **SOS:**
 - o Sensitisations of 500 caregivers on birth registration
 - o Trained 500 children in life skills
 - o Training on role model couples
 - o 16 cases of child abuse were identified and referred to case management actors
 - o Door-to-door interventions on children's rights
- **SCI:**
 - o No major updates; routine activities continued
 - o Some issues with COVID in SCI offices which has led to slowdown in implementation in some cases
 - o Work with community-based structures has continued; capacity building, peer to peer support continued; community radios have been used, but there is a messaging fatigue! Into 2021, messaging should take a behaviour change angle
- **AVSI:**
 - o No substantive CP programme; CP is integrated in the education ECW programme at the moment
 - o Integrated the good school toolkit in ongoing interventions under ECW
 - o AVSI to share the assessment report on teenage pregnancies.
- **ICRC:**
 - o No major updates
 - o A few family reunifications (inter-camp) that are pending; one of the challenges is access to testing kits for COVID-19. Some children in Nakivale are pending reunifications as they need to be tested before they move. This is a protection concern as children cannot be reunited; it is not clear when children can be tested and reunified.
 - o Colleagues doing BIDs on the ground, for children whose families are located in the DRC; cross-border reunification for 9 children from Kyaka and 1 one vulnerable adults from Kyangwali back to DRC
- **UNICEF**
 - o Children sometimes held for up to 10 days at police stations before being admitted to

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	<p>remand homes; advocacy is ongoing with MGLSD, justice actors and MoH to ensure quick access to testing kits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNHCR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Need to work more closely with health colleagues in the CP interventions - Child Fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o No updates 		
<p>Programme planning for 2021</p>	<p>Partners shared updates on programmes for 2021 that are confirmed. Details are included in a separate file</p>	<p>Co-chairs to send out the table prior to the next meeting for partners to make additional inputs by mid-Jan</p>	<p>UNHCR/UNICEF</p>
<p>Briefing from SCI/UNICEF on mobile home-based PSS</p>	<p>SCI provided a briefing on mobile home-based PSS activities for children in Obongi, Kiryandongo, Kikuube districts under a UNICEF-funded project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SCI is operating 63 CFS, 21 of those are UNICEF funded. Due to closure of CFS since March, SCI started to implement a mobile home-based PSS approach to respond to protection concerns and distress faced by children - PSS activities are mobile and conducted by already trained CFS facilitators; approaches include HEART and TeamUp approaches that were previously used in the CFS - Upon lifting of the lockdown, community sensitisations were conducted on how children are being engaged through mobile home-based PSS - Facilitators are moving in teams of 2 from home to home, bringing together 5-10 children - Protective gears were provided to facilitators - Children identified with concerns are referred to CPCs and case workers as required - Facilitators mapped communities and broke down families and zones to reach all children in targeted zones. - Children are engaged in 45-60minutes activities - SCI started to engage ECD caregivers who are now supporting CFS facilitators to limit numbers 	<p>Share the mobile home-based PSS concept</p>	<p>UNICEF/SCI</p>

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	<p>that participate in one activity and to increase reach overall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents are now being more engaged and involved in activities and the hope is that they will continue to engage children moving forward at the household level - Small brief on COVID-19 is conducted with children and parents prior to starting the activity; social distancing is conducted as much as possible - The mobile approach now being rolled out in other locations across the response beyond the UNICEF programme locations - Lessons learned: Infrastructure is not required for structured engagement of children - Centre Manager is now acting as a support for facilitators and report back to SCI staff; on Fridays they discuss challenges, issues that could come up, etc. - A reporting tool for facilitators was developed to ensure tracking of participants in mobile activities - Feedback from children: they love the interventions, but they would like to participate more often; unfortunately due to the limited human resources available it's not possible to scale up the number of times that children can participate; they are being engaged 3 times per week at the moment in order to ensure reaching all children in targeted zones throughout the week - No transport refund for facilitators is provided but there are no complaints in this regard as community mapping was conducted and they are conducting activities in locations where they live. i.e. the CFS where they used to work and its catchment area. 		
AOB	<p>Standby staff planning during the holiday period:</p> <p>ALIGHT: is developing contact list of staff available to support emergency needs</p> <p>SCI: CP teams are off for Christmas until 4 January. There are standby staff who will stay behind as a contingency. In Kyaka and Rwamwanja, case workers will continue to work to support emergency needs.</p> <p>SOS: Team is breaking off until 4 January; CP staff staying on in Rwamwamja for emergency issues</p>		
Next Meeting			
Date	21 January	Location	Teams Meeting
Chair	UNHCR/ UNICEF		