

**KAMPALA CHILD PROTECTION SUB-CLUSTER
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Apologies: WV, WCH, SCiU, MoGLSD.

AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSIONS	FOLLOW-UP ACTION POINTS AND TIMELINES
<p>Review of outstanding action points from February 13th meeting</p> <p>Technical Donor meeting for the protection cluster scheduled for MARCH 20</p> <p>IASC/MoGLSD training programme on child protection: TORs for international consultant finalized, and include the development of concept note on MoGLSD/IASC capacity building programme, impact evaluation system and tools, conducting ToT on 5 core child protection modules as well as examinations. MoGLSD is selecting an individual to be based in the Ministry to co-facilitate the Master trainers course and to provide support and oversight throughout 2008 for the training roll out at district level.</p> <p>The Group welcomed the new Police HQ member, Officer in Charge for Child and Family Protection, Ms. Fiona Beine.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Circulate OCHA invitation mail and prepare power point presentation for sub cluster in line with Protection Cluster format. - Circulate Consultant TORs - Re- circulate zipped file of final draft version of IASC/MoGLSD child protection training modules - Next meeting, Police representative to briefly present mandate, role and responsibilities of FCPU. To be followed by a discussion on addressing practical challenges and concerns that child protection stakeholders are encountering at district level.

**Presentation of USAID SPRING Livelihoods Project + Q&A session
Lyvia Kakonge, Conflict and Reintegration Advisor USAID/Uganda
Background briefing note circulated.**

USAID has a permanent office in Gulu. Prime contractors for SPRING (Stability Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Uganda) project are: Emerging Markets Group, AVSI, Cardno Agrisystems, Straight Talk Foundation. SPRING has 3 components: 1) Peace and reconciliation, Livelihoods (economic security and social inclusion) 3) Access to Justice.

The livelihoods component is conflict sensitive and shall be articulated and implemented through protection lenses. The primary mechanism for implementing SPRING is \$3.6 million programming and grant fund for field interventions over a 3 year period. This fund will support activities such as market development, infrastructure, workforce training, community outreach, and market linkages. The Geographical coverage is: LRA conflict affected areas, i.e. Teso, Lango, Acholi and Adjumani regions. As a start 3 communities will be selected in these regions. Currently a team is conducting assessment in these regions to identify the 3 targeted communities (could be at sub-county, parish or village level); the assessment will be completed in 6 weeks time (mid April). SPRING envisages setting up an inter-agency committee to review proposals and establish criteria for grants approvals (committee would include local government, and possibly UNICEF and other child protection agencies). A Draft SPRING Workplan could be shared with members for their comments.

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SPRING assessment team to link up with CPWG at district level, with facilitation of AVSI. Team members could benefit from existing mapping of services and identified geographical gaps.

USAID Advisor to attend next sub cluster meeting if possible together with assessment team member and present status of findings.

Child protection agencies to directly establish contact with USAID-SPRING team, share livelihoods project descriptions (N.B. proposals can be received by USAID prior to an official call for proposal).

IRC to share baseline info from the US department of Labour funded project

<p>Briefing by Global Child Protection Working Group focal point: inter-agency initiatives of relevance to Uganda Brigitte de Lay, Child Protection Focal Point, Global Protection Cluster, UNICEF Geneva</p> <p>A background on the creation of a Global Child Protection Working group was provided (i.e. Inter-agency Child Protection Global Consultation held in Geneva, 16-18 January: ‘Strengthening Child Protection in the Cluster Approach’).</p> <p>Following inter-agency initiatives soon available to us include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A child protection Inter-agency survey to document 8 clusterised countries experience in child protection coordination, including listing of available tools and resources. 2) A child protection webpage on the Humnitarian Reform site is under construction and includes already some of uganda’s documents (http://www.humanitarianreform.org) 3) Child Protection in Emergencies Inter-agency training package was distributed. 4) Under the IRC leadership a common inter-agency Child Protection rapid assessment tool is being developed 5) A child protection Guidance package for clusterised countries (incl. TORs etc). 6) Another priority is the development of protection coordination training and ensuring adequate consideration of child protection therein <p>While no dedicated resources for child protection global working group are available, strenuous advocacy efforts are underway with donors to ensure Child protection is visible and a child protection space is safeguarded. A 2 million Euros was provided to the Protection cluster in Uganda, and recommendation is that the sub-cluster engages with UNHCR as to how funding will be allocated. A hotline is available in Geneva, to receive specific complaints related to cluster issues as well as to lodge a request for guidance and support including for technical missions (e.g. SCR 1612, separated children etc..)</p>	<p>Chair to circulate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - global child protection cluster workplan and TORs - Inter-agency survey on clusterised countries (once available)
<p>Update: PRDP workshops held on 28-29 February</p> <p>Unfortunately the outcome of the workshop (attended by TPO, YSA, Medair and UNICEF) did not make big strides in further operationalising the area of child protection. In part this is due to: lack of specific group discussion on the Social Development Sector, and no group discussions held on the Empowering Communities Strategic Objective,</p>	<p>Child protection sub-cluster to engage with MoGLSD and propose convening a social development sector meeting dedicated to the reviewing of the PRDP</p>

<p>weak representation of MoGLSD children and youth officials. The following interventions were made on child protection which hopefully will be captured in the workshop report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JLOS Sector: Birth registration, diversion programmes for juvenile offenders; safe and protective environments for children in government institutions; CFPU at sub county level (The police noted they were planning for this at every police post). • Education: safety in schools; planning and costing consideration to ensure vulnerable children during pop movement do not drop out of school; • Local Government Capacity: CDO staffing and capacities to address child protection and extending capacities to community based groups (child protection structure) etc. • Peace Building and Reconciliation: Support to the work of reception centres in rehabilitation of children returning from the LRA and longer term rehabilitation programmes linked to livelihoods and pss. <p>From the workshop, sectors were asked to revise their budgets and submit them to the OPM group working on the PRDP.</p>	<p>and articulating child protection interventions within the 14 PRDP programs, with a special focus on CP system building.</p>
<p>Outcomes from CP/GBV workplanning workshops held in Northern Uganda from 25-29 February were presented. The focus on child protection system strengthening and expansion was shared as well as request for guidance form the field in particular in terms of strengthening coordination , referrals, M&R at sub-county level. These workplans will be reviewed at a minimum on a quarterly basis, to assess progress made, document challenges in implementing the workplans and making adjustments as required. Linkages between Child protection and GBV have be reinforced (e.g. coordinating training and assessments, merging mapping of services and referrals systems) but much more remains to be done. At the national level joint advocacy work to be done on ‘defilement’ issue.</p>	<p>District Workplans to be circulated as soon as finalised.</p>
<p>National Sub-Cluster TORs: plenary review of zero draft: the group provided rapid feedback on the document shared (only in printed form).</p>	<p>Chair to include group comments and provide a revision version by next week.</p>
<p>Next Child Protection Sub-Cluster meeting:</p>	<p>Wednesday 2 April at 10:30 - UNICEF</p>