

**KAMPALA CHILD PROTECTION SUB-CLUSTER
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Apologies: AVSI, MoGLSD, CPA.

AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSIONS	FOLLOW-UP ACTION POINTS AND TIMELINES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>New Membership</u>: In line with transition context and programming, and as a follow-up to a bilateral meeting, UNICEF suggested the inclusion of a senior police representative. Ms. Fiona Beine, Officer in Charge of the Children and Family protection Units at the Kampala National Police HQ, had already indicated her inclination to participate in Sub cluster meetings. Group unanimously agreed. - <u>Proposed timing of CP Sub-cluster meetings</u>: to be held every first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 in UNICEF. This timing will allow for inputs from districts meetings (held in the third or last week of each month) to feed into our national meetings. In turn, the National CP sub cluster could share when relevant issues to be taken up by the IASC Heads of Clusters and IASC country team, which meet in the second week of each month. Group unanimously agreed. - <u>Develop TOR for the national sub-cluster</u>: while in 2007 the generic TOR for cluster leads were used, it is proposed that due to 2008 specificities and focus of our work processes (incl. transition strategy, capacity building programme etc) TORs for the national child protection sub-cluster be developed. Group endorsed proposal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chair to invite the Officer in Charge for the Children and Family Police Protection Units to monthly sub cluster meetings. - Next CP sub cluster meeting to be convened on March 5th. - Chair to circulate in a week time a zero draft TORs, for finalisation at the next meeting.
<p>1) Review of the Protection Cluster 2008 Strategy: Child Protection components and regional priorities</p> <p>Process: For 2008, the protection cluster committed to integrate more strenuously the sub-cluster plans and interventions into the broader protection cluster. Hence, there will be a single protection cluster strategy for 2008, including CP components. A series of Protection Cluster sub-regional workshops were convened by UNHCR from 18 January to 7 March in Acholi, Lango, Teso and Karamoja.</p>	

Protection stakeholders identified priority concerns and priority interventions in their sub-regions, which are presented in a table format in the draft protection strategy. The background section of the strategy builds on the CAP 2008.

Status: A quick review of the Acholi and Lango sub-region tables show that many interventions are of an issue based nature resulting in a long list of interventions, rather than having a systemic approach and analysis as is the case for Teso. Further fine tuning and grouping of interventions is required, while some interventions should be referred to other clusters (e.g. ‘rehabilitation of schools’).

2) Process for developing Child Protection Sub-Cluster 2008 workplans:

i) District sub cluster workplans:

Both UNICEF/UNFPA as sub cluster leads will organize a series of one day joint sub-cluster workshops in order to:

a) review and fine tuning of the Acholi and Lango strategy components through a CP system level approach (analysis of concerns and selection of interventions)

b) develop district CP sub-cluster workplans, with a set of clear quarterly benchmarks and targets, as well as explicit linkages to the PRDP and to GBV. Indeed weak linkages and coordination between GBV service providers and CP services was an important gap in 2007.

Importantly, selected government officials (Sr. Probation, CDOs from s/c, Police etc) will participate in all workshops. Agencies should encourage their CP district colleagues to attend these workshops.

ii) National sub-cluster workplan:

The group agreed on the importance of having a national workplan with quarterly benchmarks.

Firstly, based on a brief overview of the 2007 Sub cluster ‘products’, the group agreed that a national workplan should encompass the roll out, implementation and monitoring of these products throughout northern Uganda. *[Products include: Standards and Guidelines for establishment and support to community based structures, 5 core CP training modules, CPC monthly reporting format, TORs for lead agency system at sub-county level, Mapping and contact tool for CP services at s/c level].*

Secondly, based on gaps and challenges identified at the district level, there is a need for national guidance on the following mechanisms: 1) Referral 2) Monitoring and Reporting. Additionally, some sub-regions proposed in the protection cluster draft strategy that an identification criteria for vulnerable children be worked on. These elements should be part of the national workplan.

Dates for joint GBV & CP sub cluster work planning workshops:

Gulu – 25 February
Kitgum – 26 February
Pader – 27 February
Lira – 28 February.

Chair to prepare and circulate a zero draft workplan for review and finalisation at the next meeting.

<p>In terms of referral, the group agreed to propose to the MoGLSD that with the sub cluster support, an official one to 2 pager guidance note on how to conduct referrals (safeguards, principles to adhere to etc) be developed in the first quarter of the year. This would be a first step in assisting district stakeholders.</p> <p>Other elements of a national workplan would include: quarterly reporting on CP issues and concerns and identification/response to gaps, quarterly financial analysis, development of a capacity building programme for local government and community based structures.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p>Roll out of the IASC/MoGLSD 5 core child protection training modules and the capacity building programme: UNICEF informed the group that it would support the consultant who developed the IASC/MoGLSD materials to conduct a TOT for a total of 50 Master trainers selected from districts. UNICEF engaged with the MoGLSD on the idea of supporting for one year period a Master trainer based in the MoGLSD to oversee document and provide technical support to the roll out of trainings in Acholio, Lango, Teso and most likely Karamoja sub- regions.</p> <p>The group stressed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training modules and IEC materials must be translated in local language - The TOT should not be a one off exercise, a refresher would have to be conducted. - Whistle a final impact evaluation can be conducted at year end, there should be a system for collecting and analyzing quick evaluations and feedback from both participants and Master trainers after training sessions as well a few months thereafter. 	<p>Chair to circulate latest version of IASC/MoGLSD 5 core training modules.</p>
<p>3) Update: IASC Cluster approach & PRDP</p> <p>i) PRDP Section 4.0 of the PRDP “Priority Programme intervention” was shared and presented. The following (→) are basic entry points for stakeholders to contribute to and influence in order to ensure PRDP programming upholds and prioritises child protection standards, principles and interventions:</p> <p><u>SO 1: Consolidation of State Authority</u></p>	<p>Circulate soft copy of PMC pamphlet and cluster implementation note.</p>

Programme 2: Police enhancement Programme.

→ child an family protection unit /CFPU. → each s/c to have a police post (staff increase from 3000 to over 11,000 in NU) and training.

Programme 4: Judicial Services Enhancement Programme.

→ recruitment of magistrates, LC courts, training

Programme 5: Local government enhancement

→ Probation/CDO/CBS capacity building, including through IASC/MoGLSD Standards and training roll out, other IASC mechanisms of relevance here are: referral, M&R and coordination.

Programme 6: Rationalisation of Auxiliary Forces

→ in Karamoja 1500 ASTU to be deployed and trained

SO 2: Rebuilding and Empowering Communities → Direct relevance for all IASC Clusters!

Programme 7: Emergency Assistance to IDPs

→ protection services to be strengthened

Programme 8: IDP Return/Resettlement

→ facilitate access to basic social services, return kits for EVIs

Programme 9: Community empowerment and Recovery programmes, health, education, water, livelihood support

→ This is the programme where SOCIAL PROTECITON is specifically highlighted!

SO 4: Peace Building and Reconciliation

Programme 13: Public information Education and Communication (IEC) and Counseling

→ MoGLSD guidelines for counseling services, under responsibility of Community services and civil society, enhancement of psycho-social services

Programme 14: Demobilisation and Reintegration of ex-combattants

→ Return and Reintegration of children

The funding modalities for PRDP have not yet been elaborated, 30% should be coming from government source and the remainder through development/humanitarian donors.

A two day workshop should be convened by the OPM's office in the coming week(s) in order to further operationalise the PRDP. OCHA is working to ensure participation of NGO humanitarian organizations and cluster leads.

OCHA to share latest re. PRDP workshop and CP stakeholders participation.

<p>ii) Parish Approach and the IASC Clusters</p> <p>The Clusters support to PRDP include implementation of the Parish approach (which should be seen as a transition strategy between humanitarian and recovery programming). The CP sub-cluster had already devised that its administrative unit of focus would be at the sub-county level (not Parish) when dealing with child protection systems. Indeed, as per CAP 2008, the sub-cluster has already coined the minimum standards/package for child protection system at sub county level (i.e. at a minimum: one CDO, one lead agency, one functional CBS). Implementing the Parish approach will be tackled in the joint CP/GBV workshops in late February.</p>	<p>Circulate soft copy of the IASC Cluster Policy on the Implementation of the Parish approach.</p>
<p>4) Funding situation: gaps and opportunities</p> <p>As of 12 February, the 2008 CAP is funded at 1%, compared to February 2007 whereby the humanitarian community had already 20% of funding against CAP committed. An argument is that Donors have been reluctant to fund yet the CAP, as they are waiting for the PRDP to be further operationalised, including a funding mechanism to be agreed upon and sector budgets further elaborated.</p> <p>UNICEF conveyed that for the time being it had to suspend signing onto any new child protection projects in 2008, until funding is received. UNICEF's available funds have been fully allocated to CP projects which had already been committed to (i.e. signed off in 2007).</p> <p>The quarterly technical meeting with donors (scheduled for April 08) should be brought forth to March (ideally the second week) to allow clusters to flag critical funding gaps affecting life saving interventions. As a preparatory step leading to the donor meeting, the chair asked agencies to share their current funding gaps.</p> <p>As documented in last year's minutes, UNICEF will no longer directly support and fund livelihoods projects in 2008. As part of the efforts to secure funding for child protection agencies who successfully managed livelihoods projects in 2007 (incl. CPA, SCiU, TASO, YSA, ASB, CINS/FIRD, CCF Pader, FHI, WCH, IRC ...) the chair held bilateral discussions with USAID's SPRING Project Manager/team. SPRING stands for 'Stability Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Uganda'. SPRING project has a 3</p>	<p>OCHA to announce date of technical donor meeting. Chair to prepare CP sub-cluster funding situation based on inputs from members (gaps, impact and priorities).</p> <p>Chair to contact SPRING and convene an meeting bet CP sub-cluster members and USAID representatives.</p>

<p>million USD grants fund for livelihoods interventions at district level, to be carried out incl. through NGOs and CBOs. Members welcomed an opportunity to meet as a group with SPRING team to be presented with the project scope, timeframe, modalities and grant conditionalities.</p>	
<p>Update from the Inter-agency Child Protection Global Consultation held in Geneva, 16-18 January: ‘Strengthening Child Protection in the Cluster Approach’ Uganda’s CP sub-cluster experience, approach and tools were presented and shared during the consultation, which gathered over 40 participants, including: CCF, Terre des Hommes, WV, Women’s Commission, IRC, Save Sweden/US/UK, OCHA, UNHCR, Columbia University CPC Learning Network, UNICEF HQ and Country office. Some of the key outcomes of this consultation are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A Global Inter-agency Child protection Working group was established. 2) A CP Website (on the Humnitarian Reform site) and Global Newsletter will be launched 3) Child Protection in Emergencies Inter-agency training package is finalized and will be made available in February to the Sub-cluster. 4) A common inter-agency Child Protection rapid assessment tool shall be developed 5) A priority for the group is to develop and agree to a common inter-agency definition of child protection 	<p>The TORs and Workplan for the Global CP working group, as well as any products will be shared when available.</p>
<p>A.O.B:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Group members queried about the list of concerns raised via e-mail by AVSI re. Child protection and other sectors in NU. The group briefly discussed some of the points and the chair – based on consultation with UNICEF colleagues – will send out a written response in a matter of days. 2) ‘When displacement ends: a framework for Durable Solutions’. UNHCR ppt presentation was shared with the group. It was prepared out of the Global Framework for Durable Solutions developed by the Under-Secretary General for Internally Displaced Persons, Professor Walter Kälin. This presentation had been discussed in the last Protection Cluster meeting, and provides 8 key conditions upon which one can ascertain that displacement has ended. The protection cluster envisages to review the situation in the Lango sub-region against these 8 condition to determine the status of displacement. 3) Distribution of circular on Safari Rates: “Allowances for Government officials on Activities funded by the UN, Development Partners and NGOs within the country, effective 19 July 2005”. Group was reminded that the rates for allowances and fuel reimbursement guidelines should be 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) CP Sub cluster members to review UNHCR document, and address comments to or seek clarification from the Protection Cluster (contact: Carolyn Akello: akello@unhcr.org)

<p>observed and systematically applied by UN, INGO and NGOs in order to avoid the current tension in some districts whereby some actors are paying allowance above the commonly agreed rates. Also, sitting allowances should not be provided under any circumstances. Question was raised with regards to community level meetings (likely to increase with roll out of Parish approach) and whether allowances and/or facilitation for refreshments and stationary for participants could be included in the guidance note (i.e. extending it beyond government officials to include community members as well).</p> <p>4) The Ugandan Coalition' to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers issued a booklet on national and international legal instruments related to the recruitment and use of children by armed forces and groups in Uganda. Hard copies are available in country for wide distribution and use during child rights/child protection training.</p> <p>5) Save the children in Uganda informed the group that by July 1st there will be a consolidated Save the children programme, including all branches (UK, US, Norway...) under one appellation: Save the Children.</p>	<p>3) Point on allowances for community meetings and community participants to be shared with OCHA/IASC HoC/CT. Circulate soft copy of Safari Rates</p> <p>4) To order copies contact: Sylvia Opinia, National Coordinator at: ugchidsoldierscoalition@yahoo.com.</p>
<p>Next Child Protection Sub-Cluster meeting:</p>	<p>Wednesday 5 March at 10:30 - UNICEF</p>