

One Pager: Working with government to ensure leadership of the child Protection in Humanitarian Action Response



01st to 5th October 2018 @ the African Union in Addis Abebe

1. Government Leadership and Coordination Strengthening Program

The Child Protection Area of Responsibility ([CP AOR](#)) led by [UNICEF](#), and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies ([IFRC](#)), in association with the Global and African [Partnership](#) to End Violence against Children will hold a regional training for Governments in Africa to improve leadership and collaboration of local actors and enhance coordination of child protection in preparedness and humanitarian responses.

Addis Abeba, Ethiopia
01–05 October 2018

Workshop objectives

The overall aim of the workshop was to strengthen the governments' institutional capacity for coordination of child protection response in humanitarian and early warning situations.

With the mentorship and continued support to participating government, we hope, to ensure governments will have increased national capacity to implement evidence-based strategies and interventions for the prevention of and response to violence against children in emergency situations.

Participants	<p><i>Ethiopia:</i> 3 participants (UNICEF, RC, Gvt)</p>	<p><i>Kenya:</i> 4 participants (UNICEF, RC, Gvt)</p>	<p><i>Uganda:</i> 4 participants (UNICEF, RC, Gvt)</p>	<p><i>Egypt:</i> 2 participants (UNICEF, Gvt)</p>
	<p><i>Sierra-Leone:</i> 1 participant (Gvt)</p>	<p><i>Malawi:</i> 3 participants (UNICEF, RC, Gvt)</p>	<p><i>Republic of Sudan</i> 2 participants (UNICEF, Gvt)</p>	
Facilitators and presenters	<p>3 CP AoR staff</p>	<p>1 UNICEF staff ESARO</p>	<p>1 African Partnership to end Violence against children</p>	<p>(UNICEF, Gvt)</p>
		<p>1 IFRC staff</p>	<p>1 Training Consultant</p>	<p>Republic of Sudan</p>

Training Ethos and Methodology was based on adult learning principles and participatory learning methodology.

- The training was a scenario based developed around the case study of the imaginary Republic of Probaland, covering different critical steps of an emergency, including preparedness and early response.
- 3 key tools were used during the workshop (CPMS, Coordination handbook, INSPIRE handbook). Hard copies were distributed and presented to the participants at the start of the workshop and then regularly used/referenced throughout the workshop.
- Formal sharing of experience of participants was prioritized - participants were identified prior to training and supported to develop presentation for their contributions/case studies to be shared.

Catching and mentoring: The Workshop was agreed to be a first and important step on a continued support and mentoring to ensure capacity strengthening in a long term.

Each country team (UNICEF, RC, Government) have developed a realistic **Country Action Plan** based identified gaps during the workshop.

Partners have agreed on the following:

- Conduct in country follow up visits to support the implementation of country specific action plans and capacity building exercises are required.
- Provide technical assistance, oversight and quality assurance, when requested by the COs.
- Participate to a follow-up call on the action plan's implementation (date TBD).
- Support any additional initiative, as relevant.

For more information: a full report will be shared in 2 weeks and for the mean time reach out to Bilal Sougou (bsougou@unicef.org) for any question.

2. Linking the INSPIRE strategies to end violence against children with the Humanitarian response

Since the launch of the Global Partnership to end violence against children in July 2016, 24 governments have made a public commitment to do more to end violence against children, including by embarking on a nationally-driven process to develop a comprehensive, multi-sectoral action plan informed by evidence-based solutions, such as the seven INSPIRE strategies to end violence against children. Recognizing the specificities of humanitarian/mixed settings, the Global Partnership and the CP AoR have been working jointly to provide dedicated support to coordination groups and governments on the implementation of the seven INSPIRE strategies to end violence against children. This support has been provided through capacity-building, technical support, remote or in-country direct support via the RRT mechanism. Government are encouraged to ensure that all children, including refugees, IDPs and migrants are part of their national action plans, whether for preparedness or ending violence against children. Contact: [Chantal Neuweiler-
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3. Work with Government party to the conflict

The cluster system should work collaboratively with national authorities, especially considering that States are the primary duty bearers in case of an emergency. However, in some contexts, States are not able, or not willing to lead or contribute to the humanitarian response. In the current context, there is limited guidance available for UNHCR, UNFPA and UNICEF (as Cluster Lead Agencies), NGO co-leads and other civil society members, on how to work, or seek to work more closely with national and local authorities, especially in conflict settings or contexts where the government is responsible for protection violations. Therefore the CP AoR, on behalf of the whole Protection cluster, is working on developing guidance on working with authorities who are party to the conflict, as it forms part of the CP AoR workstream of localization.

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4. Government engagement in LACRO

National systems' capacities in Latin America and the Caribbean are strong. However, in view of the recent intensification of humanitarian needs (such as the Venezuelan crisis), further strengthening is necessary for increased involvement, ownership and sustainability in coordination and leadership of the child protection humanitarian preparedness and response. Further,

governments will have increased national capacity to implement evidence-based strategies for the prevention of and response to violence against children. While the process will be based on similar experiences in West and East Africa, material and approaches will be adjusted to meet needs of these regions. The work stream will focus on seven countries in the Latin-American region who already have child protection groups coordinating around preparedness and disaster response, and currently see most children arriving from Venezuela: Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, and Panama.

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