

## Food Security and Child Protection: An integrated approach

The Child Protection AoR, the Global Food Security Cluster, WFP and UNICEF, recognize that there are many benefits of close collaboration in furthering shared outcomes for children which promotes the centrality of protection agenda and encourages an integrated approach for the food security and child protection responses.

While field level collaboration between child protection and food security actors is increasing, the CP AoR, the Global Food Security Cluster, WFP and UNICEF recognize the need to create a predictable operational framework to this collaboration. This is timely, especially given the revision of HPC templates with greater emphasis on the need for detailed analysis of child protection needs and drivers. The key outcome of this collaboration between the Child Protection AoR, the Global Food Security Cluster and relevant members (including lead agencies, WFP and UNICEF, and NGO partners) will be:

- i. **Knowledge management:** documenting and consolidating good practices in risk mitigation, integration, and strengthening child protection response in food assistance programmes and in conducting joint assessment, analysis and situation monitoring (needs identification)
- ii. **Tools and key considerations:** developing materials (user friendly and practical) to inform the development of protection responses to child protection and food insecurity, in areas where these are interlinked (mainstreaming and integration)
- iii. **A global event** to exchange learning and promote good practices with participation from both child protection and food security actors.

The gFSC and CP AoR will establish a time bound Reference Group which will help ensure:

- Definition of key deliverables and workplan
- Coordination and information dissemination on the initiative and key products to gFSC, CP AoR and other relevant constituencies (GPC, GBV AoR, and others)

Participation to the Reference Group is on voluntary basis and informed by the willingness to proactively contribute to the outcomes above by:

- Sharing existing practices and documentation
- Leading/contributing to development of key deliverables identified by the group
- Contributing to dissemination and testing of tools

This initiative is complementary and coordinated with the joint work ongoing between the gFSC, the CP AoR, WFP and UNICEF are currently undertaking to create a framework for data collection which allows to better capture context specific linkages between child protection and food security (based on existing sources and data collection data collection/assessment frameworks).

**Next steps:**

Exploratory call with interested members to present and discuss the initiative gFSC and CP AoR to disseminate invitation to selected members

Tentative agenda:

- **Stocktaking:** ongoing collaboration FS and CP (reference to discussions and action points identified during the last gFSC partners' retreat in November, Mali, Turkey and Syria examples)
- **Moving forward:** what else is needed (this is the opportunity to present the results of some of the discussions during the SAG or bilateral discussions with partners and an overview of the two main areas for collaboration outlined above)
- **Key deliverables and timeline**
- **Operational framework for collaboration:** establishment of a time bound technical group of interested actors who volunteer to contribute

ANNEX:

*Understanding Child Protection and Food Security linkages: Mali Case Study.* WFP and CP AoR, 2019.