

# **INTER-AGENCY SYRIA CRISIS CHILD PROTECTION REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR 3RP COUNTRIES**

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***Day 2, Session 6:  
“Strengthening National Child Protection Systems”***

# What is a child protection system ?

- CP systems comprise the set of laws, policies, regulations and services needed **across all social sectors** – especially **social welfare, education, health, security and justice** – to support prevention and response to protection related risks (multi-sectoral nature of CP)
- CP systems include both **formal and informal** structures, functions and capacities that have been assembled to prevent and respond to violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of children
- The focus of today's discussion is on the **formal elements of a CP system**, that is **those for which the State bears primary responsibility for action** – this includes: i) laws, policies and regulatory frameworks; ii) effective governance structures; iii) a continuum of services (spanning prevention and response); iv) standards settings and oversight; v) human, financial and infrastructure resources and vi) social participation

An enabling “institutional” environment	Legal, policy and regulatory frameworks
	Financial capacity/budget and expenditures for child protection services
	Governance structures (coordination and management – at national and sub-national level, monitoring and oversight)
Adequate prevention and response services (supply & demand)	Availability
	Accessibility
	Affordability
	Acceptability - family and community practices and attitudes towards available services
	Quality – including human/staff capacities
Adequate investment in Knowledge and data generation and use	Information management systems
	Research assessments/evaluations
	Data routine monitoring

## Some of the recommendations from last year's workshop

- Use the refugee response as an entry point to mobilize resources for system strengthening work, including to pilot new initiatives that can then be taken to scale at the national level
- Advocate for increased long-term investment in national systems
- Develop interagency plans on how to support the strengthening of national CP systems
- Engage with universities/social work institutions to build the capacity of the CP workforce
- Strengthen linkages with education to address violence in schools
- Support exchange of experiences among partners working on CP in the Syria response
- Better coordination of activities , including strategic advocacy

# Strengthening National CP Systems: What does this entail?

**How do we make the “business case” for  
(among other things) greater investment  
in:**

- Strengthening the CP workforce
- Improving data collection and analysis
- Financing CP systems and services



# **TALK SHOW**

**STRENGTHENING NATIONAL CP SYSTEMS WITHIN  
THE FRAME OF THE SYRIA REFUGEES RESPONSE :  
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**