Interagency Child Protection Case Management Coaching Project

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Scoping Exercise: November

- Few child protection partners
- Lack of trained and specialized staff and limited capacity building initiatives for child protection case workers
- Different standards in child protection case management
- Lack of a common understanding on the mum standards of child protection in rgencies and child protection case

2014 Coaching Program Scope

- Main goal: Increase capacity of case management actors
- 1. Training for front-liners on safe identification and referrals
- 2. Training for Child protection Case Workers and Managers
- 3. Training for community focal points
- 4. Monthly Peer to Peer sessions for case workers
- 5. Development of case management tools within CPiE WG and Case Management Task force:
- Practical Guidance;
- Interagency Referral Form;
- CP Rapid Assessment; CP Comprehensive Assessment.

2014: Main achievements

- 1. Harmonization of tools among case management partners;
- 2. Establishment of a solid network of child protection practitioners: Peer to Peer (over 45 organizations and 200 caseworkers engaged)
- 3. Child protection mainstreaming across all sectors: training of front liners Mainstreaming child protection in community based protection structures: ROVs, Self Management Committees, Staff in Social Development centers and Community development centers
- 4. Creation of a synergic link between PSS and CFSs and case management: Peer to Peer
- 5. Synergic link with general Protection Monitoring
- 6. Increase number in the identification and referral of CP cases



Outcomes in 2014

- •Midterm evaluation- June 2014:
- 100% case workers reported their case management skills improved
- 90% found peer groups relevant to their daily work, valuable in terms of technical guidance and useful as forum to share practices and challenges



Coaching Program in 2015

Main goal: To sustainably increase the capacity of humanitarian actors and child protection system

- Empowering Child Protection actors to provide capacity building to their own staff and partners in order to strengthen child protection systems.
- TOT's for Managers and Supervisors of caseworkers and child protection actors.
- Ongoing follow up for TOT participants through regular support to organize and implement successful training in their respective regions.
- Sustainability of the Peer to Peer group (expectation of TOT participants to lead sessions)
- Continuation of training and support to community actors (trainings and Peer to Peer groups for ROV's)

Ongoing Challenges

- More complex child protection issues due to protracted displacement and decrease in humanitarian assistance;
- Scattered population and limitation in freedom of movement require case workers to be more and more mobile
- Shifting to prioritization of high risk cases due to limited funds
- High turnover of staff and stress for caseworkers