



No Lost Generation Child Protection Workshop Outcome Report, December 2018

Background

This document highlights priority outcomes, reflections and actions agreed by participants at the No Lost Generation (NLG) child protection workshop, held in Amman on 4-5 December 2018. Previous inter-agency child protection workshops held regionally in 2015 and 2016 helped to heighten visibility and urgency of child protection needs in Syria, Iraq and refugee host countries. In 2018, recognising rapidly changing contexts, evolving practices and a growing evidence base in programs, the workshop took stock of current progress and learning, to help identify future priorities. Along with more detailed information, session notes and presentations available on the workshop [Trello Board](#), the document is intended as a shared memory and reference for participants, and also a summary for those who were unable to join.

No Lost Generation Child Protection Strategy Paper 2019-20

As a starting point for decisions on the way forward, No Lost Generation commissioned a study in October 2018 on child protection progress and practices. The workshop was an opportunity to test the results of this study, which created a basis for strategy discussions throughout the event. A final version of the study including workshop outcomes and agreements will be presented to international actors, including donors, as a Child Protection Strategy Report. The report will be circulated for review in draft form by January 2019, and presented to the donor and wider decision-making community to help shape high-level planning and investment in advance of the Syria Crisis Pledging Conference in Brussels, April 2019.

Workshop Outcome 1: Shared programmatic priorities

Through country-focused discussions on programmatic priorities and shifts for 2018-19, participants identified a set of common priorities vital to delivering systemic child protection outcomes across the region:

- **Scaling up multi-sector commitments to child protection outcomes:** in NLG pillars of education and adolescent / youth, and more generally through child protection approaches and objectives **in all relevant sectors (particularly cash and livelihoods).**
- **Strengthening social workforce capacity and coordination:** aiming for policies that deliver quality services and case management.
- **Continuing to advocate for policy and legal changes at country level;** including their consistent implementation.
- **Protection and care for separated children:** including children on their own, in extended family and in alternative care; and with urgent advocacy and representation required for children who are separated across borders.

Where and when: Amman, Jordan, December 4 and 5 2018

In attendance: 60 participants

Representing: NLG partners in all six No Lost Generation countries

From: 24 organisations working in child protection across the region

Workshop objectives:

1. Identify results and progress achieved so far within the sector.
2. Identify challenges, lessons learned, good practices.
3. Agree on future directions, strategic shifts and innovations required, taking into account an evolving operating context.

How were shared priorities identified?

Participants at the workshop had recently completed organisational planning for 2019. Working in country groups, they compared key programming and advocacy priorities they expected to face in the coming year. As well, a simple polling exercise asked participants to name a single shift that, in their opinion, would make the most difference to child protection outcomes. Clear themes from this poll emerged as follows:

- Multisector collaboration: 18%
- Targeting and addressing specific vulnerabilities: 14%
- Strengthened service provision: 14%
- Non-discriminatory, equal access to services provided by government: 11%
- Workforce capacity: 9%

Workshop evaluation summary

At the end of the workshop, participants had the option to complete a short survey evaluating the event. In total, 37 people gave their views, which included:

- Overall, good ratings on workshop relevance, timing and content.
- Sessions appropriate to audience but with more time needed for presentations on specific programs and practices.
- For some, an interest in more detailed action planning with clarity on the NLG role moving forward.
- The potential for future workshops to include cross-learning with government/sector representatives (livelihoods, education, youth), focusing on inter-sectoral linkages.

Outcome 2: Regional and global advocacy priorities for NLG

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- Participant list
- Presentations
- Final video
- Useful websites and NLG document repository

Participants identified priority country-level advocacy issues as follow:

- Family tracing and reunification, including cross-border and cross-line (all countries)
- Birth registration (Turkey, Lebanon)
- Promoting alternative care in lieu of institutionalising children; minimum standards of care (Turkey, Lebanon)
- Integration of child protection into other sectors. (Turkey, Egypt)
- Non-discriminatory access to services (Jordan, Egypt, Turkey)
- Ensuring international humanitarian law and addressing grave violations (Syria)
- Ensuring child protection even in a 'post conflict' phase (Syria)
- Improving nationality law (Syria)
- Cross-border Security Council Resolution, cross-border programming (Syria)
- Appropriate care and conditions for children in detention, or at risk of detention (Iraq)
- Long term, flexible funding (multi-year, development) (Iraq)

From this list a provisional set of priorities for regional level advocacy was proposed, to be confirmed incorporated into an advocacy plan for NLG partners at the regional level:

- **Non-discriminatory access to services:** including for vulnerable groups such as children with disabilities, for children of different nationalities, refugees and stateless children.
- **An end to grave violations and impunity:** donors and member states, the primary audience for regional advocacy, have a responsibility to recognise and respond to these violations.
- **Long-term and flexible funding:** to facilitate systems strengthening work and ensure continuation of capacity for individual case management¹.

Outcome 3: Agreed next steps to facilitate implementation of shared programmatic and advocacy priorities

Country level coordinators will:

- **share outcomes of this workshop** with child protection actors and others in their context and review 2019 workplans to ensure agreed priorities are reflected.
- **coordinate with other NLG sectors** to build practices supporting child protection in programming for education, adolescents and youth.
- **undertake donor briefings in their context, as relevant**, to present agreed NLG child protection strategy (forthcoming), discuss its implementation in the context; share context-specific advocacy asks and generate commitments from different actors to work towards effective child protection outcomes.

The workshop steering committee will

- **develop a strategy paper summarising the current status of the child protection response and agreed priorities going forwards** and present this to the donor community in early 2019
- **finalise the child protection priorities for regional level advocacy** and develop an advocacy plan incorporating these, for implementation in 2019 including in advance of and during the Brussels pledging conference on the Syria crisis.
- **explore / expand private sector partnerships at regional level**, drawing on learning to date from the NLG technical task force and using this mechanism to promote and support innovations in the child protection sector to address key challenges.

¹ While this was agreed in principle to be a priority, the issue triggered discussions around refining the message and recommending optimal mechanisms to fulfil potential of multi-year funding.

- **share key resources** including online links to NLG and global database resources².
- **facilitate intermediate briefings and updates via webinar**, including presentations on outcomes, practices and progress against agreed strategy.
- **continue to facilitate** cross-sector learning and strategic planning via the regional level NLG platform, maximising opportunities for this in 2019 (including e.g. through the 2019 NLG tech summit, Evidence Symposium on adolescents and youth etc.).

² For instance, [Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action](#); [No Lost Generation document repository](#); [Child Protection Area of Responsibility \(AoR\)](#)