

Child Protection in Emergencies (CPiE) - ChildFund International

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Child Friendly Spaces

Child centered spaces are one of the first line activity to protect children during the first phase of an emergency or in areas of long term crisis. Child Centered spaces provide educational and psychosocial support and other activities that restore a sense of normality and continuity. They are designed and operated in a participatory manner, often using existing spaces in the age ranges. With support from families and community members who volunteer to lead the activities, children have the opportunity to play, sing and socialize with their peers.

Community Based Child Protection System

In line with global standards, ChildFund Prioritizes efforts to support community-based child protection mechanisms (CBCPM) in and after emergencies. It is prioritized across the development-humanitarian continuum. This is a network or group of individuals at community level who work in a coordinated way toward child protection goals. Objective of the mechanism is to put the community at the forefront of preventing, monitoring and addressing child protection issues through community mobilization and strengthening community structures.

Psychosocial Distress and mental disorder

ChildFund and its partners provide Community-based psychosocial support (PSS) for children and caregivers during emergency situations to help them overcome such difficult experiences. They use Child Centered Spaces to provide Psychological First Aid (PFA), engage children and youth in structured and targeted activities. These efforts include culturally and age appropriate, safe and stimulating activities such as sports and games to develop life skills and coping mechanisms, and support resiliency and give a safe space for recreational play.

Prevention & response to violence against children

These efforts include empower duty bearers, care givers and children; strengthen existing formal and informal systems that can work towards prevention and provides response services to violations against children through a strengthened referral system; and it aims to improve linkages for coordination to address gaps of ineffective implementation of child protection policies and laws and provide support to survivors of abuse, neglect and exploitation and neglect.

Unaccompanied and separated Children

In major humanitarian crisis, as outbreak of Ebola across Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone thousands of people have died and thousands of children lost their parents and family members. ChildFund worked in Collaboration with the Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs and Child protection focal agencies to help register unaccompanied and separated children and reunify them with their families. Created well equipped Interim Care Centers for children who have lost parents to Ebola and have nowhere to go for their 21-day quarantine period; reunite them with their families or help place them into family-based care; monitor their progress

Case Management

During emergencies , Child protection Task Force (TF) makes sure that each affected child has a case management record and they work closely with vulnerable girls and boys in a specific humanitarian crisis to help individual children and families through direct social-work type support, and information management.