**2023 Annual Meeting for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action**

**Abstract Submission Forms**

**Date:** 12th-15th June 2023 – over virtual platform

**Theme:** Children and their Protection at the Centre of Humanitarian Action: Research, Policy and Practice

**To strengthen our collective action on child protection in humanitarian action, share your experiences and big ideas at the 2023 Annual Meeting for the child protection sector!**

The goal of the Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action’s 2021-2025 strategy [***A Clarion Call***](https://alliancecpha.org/en/child-protection-online-library/alliance-strategy-2021-2025-clarion-call-centrality-children-and)is that ***“the CENTRALITY of CHILDREN and their PROTECTION is recognised and prioritised as ESSENTIAL and LIFE-SAVING across the humanitarian system”.***

Based on the views of over 200 of our members and key stakeholders, this goal is the focus of the 2023 Annual Meeting. **But what do we mean?** The centrality of children and their protection reflects a greater need to prioritise children, broadly, and their protection and well-being, specifically, across the humanitarian system. Children make up the majority of populations affected by humanitarian crises, but their specific protection needs are ***largely overlooked*** in response plans and appeals, translating to less attention and fewer resources. Children are a diverse group of rights-holders who *can* ***contribute*** to their own and others’ protection and well-being if considered, consulted, heard and engaged in programming and decisions that affect their lives. ***All humanitarian actors have responsibilities*** for the protection of children and upholding their rights.

The over 200 survey respondents predominantly selected ***“centrality of children and their protection”*** as the top priority for discussion during this year’s Annual Meeting. This is the overall goal of [the Alliance’s 2021-2025 strategy](https://alliancecpha.org/en/child-protection-online-library/alliance-strategy-2021-2025-clarion-call-centrality-children). The respondents would also like us to focus on the following areas of the Alliance strategy:

* ***Accountability to children*** *– Goal: All humanitarian programmes are accountable to children and ensure their meaningful and equitable participation.*
* ***Prevention*** *– Goal: Prevention is understood and prioritised as a critical element of child protection across humanitarian action.*
* ***Learning and Development.*** This is a core function of the Alliance that has an ‘elevated status’ during the 2021-2025 strategic period. This emphasis acknowledges the importance of capacity strengthening efforts in the delivery of high-quality and robust programmes and advocacy across the many contexts where child protection interventions are delivered.

Therefore, abstract submissions that have a clear link to the four areas outlined above will be prioritised for inclusion in the 2023 Annual Meeting. Further guidance on these areas to support your abstract submissions will be provided by 30 January 2023.

We want to hear your ideas, questions, failures and successes linked to the above mentioned areas. Join us to share your lessons, positions and practices with the CPHA community. These might be core child protection issues that matter to you and the children and communities you work with. They may be issues that need strategic input from the child protection sector, humanitarian actors and our policy and advocacy targets. They may even be an area that you or your organisation has been exploring through research or field testing, and would like to discuss it with the broader community.

**Types of Submission: \*Individual Submission Forms Linked Below**

This year we are inviting you to share your big ideas that relate to the Annual Meeting theme in one of three ways:

1. **Knowledge / practice exchange and technical discussion:** Sharing your / your organisation’s knowledge / practice or technical lessons / reflections
2. [**Infographics**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rqOTnoqge_wA8qDqCGl4QOramIv_xoxU/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=106390665950186368456&rtpof=true&sd=true)(unlimited):

* These 1-page visuals bring an idea to life and communicate it simply and clearly to readers. Infographics do not need to link with other submissions into a session, so can work well for very specific examples.
* Infographics will be displayed in a gallery on our [Community of Practice](https://changemakersforchildren.community/CPHA-community) (see last year’s infographics [here](https://changemakersforchildren.community/dashboard/infographic-gallery)).
* There will be space for authors to discuss the content with meeting participants during the break times if they wish. These spaces may be particularly useful for networking and consulting on emerging ideas and areas for collaboration.
* [**Infographic Submission Form**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rqOTnoqge_wA8qDqCGl4QOramIv_xoxU/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=106390665950186368456&rtpof=true&sd=true)

1. [**Sessions**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GL2rkfT7bUXHTA2U6cQue1UItA-h67KD/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=106390665950186368456&rtpof=true&sd=true) *(approximately 30 abstracts):*

* These engaging 20 minute case studies will be combined with other similar-themed content into a 60-90 minute session led by an Alliance facilitator.
* Please identify one ‘key takeaway’ the session will provide: a good, new or emerging practice, an unexpected outcome or solution. We welcome contributions that share challenges, lessons learned, even failures. You may wish to explore positions, questions and ideas.
* [**Knowledge/Practice Exchange Session Submission Form**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GL2rkfT7bUXHTA2U6cQue1UItA-h67KD/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=106390665950186368456&rtpof=true&sd=true)

1. [**‘Strategic’ / advocacy-focussed sessions**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1G_rI6_1CxvsXDbC7JytsTOwWQ5n0GMJZ/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=106390665950186368456&rtpof=true&sd=true)*(approximately 6 sessions):*

* *This is in the form of a predefined* 60-90 minute session to drive strategic discussion and collective action
* Various formats may be used e.g. panel discussion, workshop, interactive webinar
* They need a clear objective, intended outcome and target audience
* They need an identified facilitator and speakers
* [**Strategic/Advocacy Session Submission Form**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1G_rI6_1CxvsXDbC7JytsTOwWQ5n0GMJZ/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=106390665950186368456&rtpof=true&sd=true)

**Next Steps:**

1) Linked above, you will find forms to complete with information about your proposed content / session - **deadline 17th February** to [annualmeeting2023@alliancecpha.org](mailto:annualmeeting2022@alliancecpha.org).

2) [On our website](https://alliancecpha.org/en/2023-annual-meeting-child-protection-humanitarian-action) (forthcoming) there will be further guidance on suggested areas of focus, based on the results of our recent theme survey, and information on the criteria we will use to review and select the abstracts we receive. You may use these to inform your submissions.

**Please Note:**

* Abstracts from community / local / national actors and/or highlighting the engagement of *community / local / national actors* in humanitarian action are encouraged. *If you are a community / local / national actor and would like a mentor to accompany you through the process of abstract submission please contact* [*achieng.kokonya@alliancecpha.org*](mailto:achieng.kokonya@alliancecpha.org) *- copying* [*annualmeeting2023@alliancecpha.org*](mailto:annualmeeting2023@alliancecpha.org) *- by 10 February.*
* Each year we receive more submissions than we can fit into the agenda! While we cannot guarantee that all abstracts will be selected, those that follow the guidelines and format are more likely to be selected.
* Sessions in the main agenda will be recorded and live streamed. Please do not plan to present content that may put you or others you are working with at risk – this is particularly important for children and youth.

**Key Dates for your Diary**

* 10 February: Request for mentorship deadline
* 17 February: Abstract submission deadline
* 20 - 31 March: Confirmation of selected abstracts and sessions and confirmation of briefing and training dates.
* 10-28 April: Briefing and training of speakers and facilitators. During this time you will need to be available for some online meetings to prepare your session. After this you will be linked with your Alliance focal point or facilitator.
* 25 April: Infographic submission deadline
* 25 and 26 May: Briefing of infographic presenters
* 25 May: Deadline for final Infographics.
* 26 May: Deadline for final content. We will agree with you on an earlier deadline for draft content which may include the session plan, speaker notes, biographies and powerpoint slides.
* Week commencing 5th June: The week before the event, all speakers will need to attend a 30 minute session run-through at an allocated time. This is not optional, so please build it into your planning.