Facilitating Linkages between Formal and Informal Child Protection Systems: Reflecting on My Role as a Humanitarian Child Protection Actor

This handout is intended to prompt some personal reflection on your experience, understandings, and goals in playing a role to strengthen child protection systems in your context. Please write responses to the questions. They will not be shared with others.

1. What is my role within formal and informal systems?
   a. How do I interact with and/or influence them?
   b. How do they interact with and/or influence me?
   c. How do decisions I take – in relation to working with systems – affect children?

2. What are my assumptions and preconceptions of formal and informal child protection systems based on the context where I come from?
   a. Based on the contexts in which I have worked in the past?
   b. How do these influence my understanding of the systems and context I am working in now?

3. What is my understanding of the formal and informal child protection systems where I work? How did I develop this understanding?

4. Have I assessed the potential influences (positive and negative) that I, as an external humanitarian actor, may have on the systems where I work?

5. What are 2–3 actions I want to take to enhance my capacities to facilitate linkages between formal and informal child protection systems to strengthen child protections where I work?