



# THE ALLIANCE FOR CHILD PROTECTION IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION

## 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

CHILD PROTECTION IN A RESOURCE-CONSTRAINED WORLD:  
FROM CHALLENGES IN FINANCING TO INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

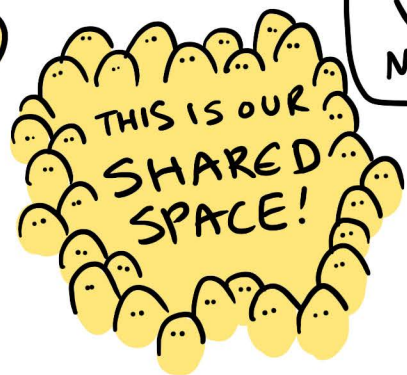
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# SETTING THE SCENE: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF CHILD PROTECTION AMID FINANCIAL CHALLENGES

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ELSPEETH CHAPMAN

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INAH KALOGA  
ALAA ZAZA  
SOLOMON OKECH  
FATIMA  
CATHRINE ANDERSEN



YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

...THEIR SUFFERING IS NOT ABSTRACT!

1 IN 5 CHILDREN OR NEAR AREAS AFFECTED BY CONFLICT!

RESPECT FOR HUMANITARIAN & HUMAN RIGHTS LAW IS ERODING...

...BUT, WE'RE ADAPTING!



WE ARE FACING AN ACUTE FINANCIAL CRISIS!



# SETTING THE SCENE: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF CHILD PROTECTION AMID FINANCIAL CHALLENGES

WHAT IS CHANGING FOR CHILD PROTECTION?

WHAT IS YOUR ONE CALL TO ACTION?

SYRIA ALAA

FUNDING CUTS EXPOSED

FRAGMENTATION

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS WERE NOT READY!

INCREASING INEQUALITIES IN ACCESS!

NIGERIA FATIMA

OUR PROTECTION IS BECOMING WEAKER!

EVERY CUT IS A CHILD LEFT BEHIND!

EVERY CHILD IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT... BUT THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND CUTS!

...AND FUNDING CUTS MEAN THE SUPPORT IS NO LONGER THERE!

STRENGTHEN COORDINATION

1. PRIORITISE
2. POLICY &
3. SYSTEM
4. REFORM!

CUTS FORCE US TO INNOVATE!

SOLOMON

UGANDA

WE'RE SEEING THE RISE OF CHILD MARRIAGE, SCHOOL DROPOUTS, AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

YOUNG GIRLS ARE MARRYING INTO FAMILIES THAT HAVE FOOD!

UGANDA HOSTS OVER 2 MILLION REFUGEES

WE NEED FUNDING FOR FRONTLINE STAFF

...AND 52% OF THESE ARE CHILDREN!

HIGH-LEVEL PANEL

INAH THE GROUND SHIFTED IN MULTIPLE PLACES AT ONCE:

CONFLICT! CLIMATE CHANGE CUTS!

THE HARDEST THING TO HOLD IS THE CHILD-CENTRED LENS

WE NEED A SHIFT TOWARDS SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING...

SHEEMA

WHAT YOU SAY REINFORCES WHAT WE ARE ADVOCATING FOR!

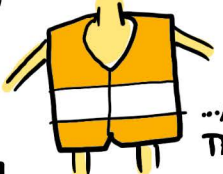
WE'RE THE FIRST ONES OFF THE TABLE WHEN CUTS APPEAR!

WE NEED TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN.

WHETHER TO PROTECT

...OR NOT... ..IS BASED ON...

A HEIRARCHY!



...AND THE WORKFORCE!

drawnALISM

# SETTING THE SCENE: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF CHILD PROTECTION AMID FINANCIAL CHALLENGES

**CATHRINE**

FUNDING CUTS ARE EXPOSING WEAKNESSES AND INEQUALITIES!

WE SHOULD HAVE A VISION OF WHAT THE LIFE OF A CHILD SHOULD BE!

WE SHOULD SPEAK STRONGLY TO OTHER AGENCIES!

CHILDREN HAVE SPECIFIC LAWS TO PROTECT THEM!

HUMANITARIAN ACTION HAS BECOME TOO FRAGMENTED!

MINIMAL INVESTMENT IN CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEMS MAKES THE CRISIS MORE COSTLY FOR CHILDREN!

THE QUESTIONS WE'RE AVOIDING...

OUR ADVOCACY EFFORTS HAVE NOT DELIVERED THE SUPPORT CHILD PROTECTION NEEDS!

**REFLECTIONS**

ALAA

I WAS THERE WHEN ACPHA WAS FOUNDED!

BE OPEN HONEST & COLLABORATIVE!

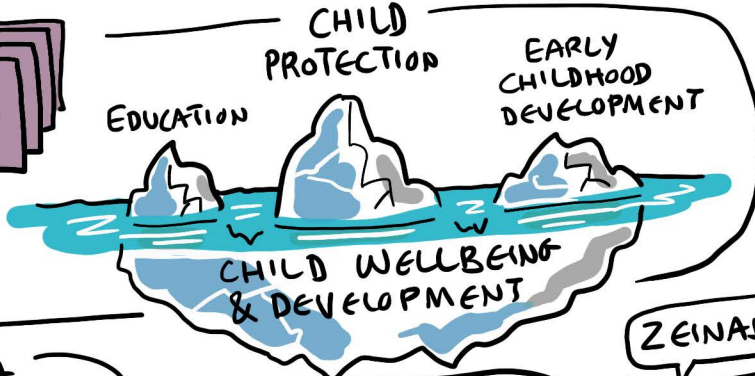
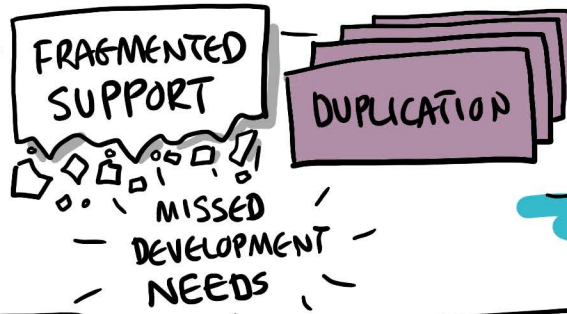
THINK OF INNOVATIVE WAYS TO CHALLENGE THE DISCOURSE!

# FROM SILOS TO SYNERGY: CHILD CENTRED CONNECTED ECOSYSTEMS

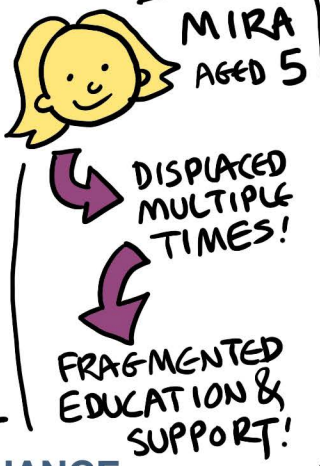
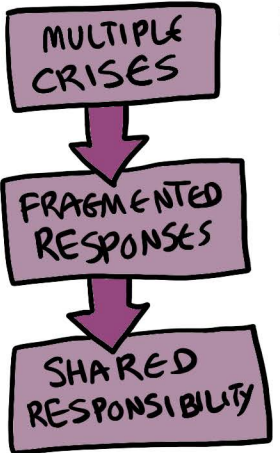
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SWETA SHAH  
ANNIRUDDHA KULKARNI  
MAYSA JALBOUT

WHY SILOS HARM CHILDREN...



AMINA



... BUT IN A CHILD-CENTRED COORDINATED SYSTEM  
LEARNING, WELLBEING, PROTECTION ARE IDENTIFIED TOGETHER!  
... COORDINATED THROUGH...



SOCIO-EMOTIONAL LEARNING HELPS CONNECT THE SYSTEMS!

WHAT CHALLENGES LIMIT CROSS-SECTORAL WORKING?

LAURENT

WE'VE HYPER-SPECIALISED OUR TOOLS!



LOCALISATION... IS ABOUT NATIONAL SYSTEM STRENGTHENING!

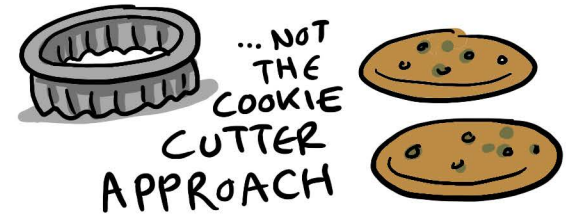
WE NEED A MORE AGILE INTEGRATED APPROACH!

ZEINAB

WHAT DOES INTEGRATION REQUIRE IN PRACTICE?



WE NEED TO BUILD THE SYSTEM AROUND THEM!



# FROM SILOS TO SYNERGY: CHILD CENTRED CONNECTED ECOSYSTEMS

SWETA

ONE BIG CHALLENGE IS...

DEFINITIONS! LETS LOSE THE JARGON!

HELLO I'M A humanitarian!

... AND ANOTHER IS IDENTITY!

WE NEED TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING!

WE NEED TO HAVE MORE CONVERSATIONS...

... WITH OCHA!

ANIRUDDHA

CARE IS AN OUTCOME FOR CHILDREN!

WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT CAREGIVERS' CAPACITY AND NEEDS!

HOW DO WE ENSURE THE WORKERS ON THE GROUND... GET THE SUPPORT THEY NEED!

NATASHA

... LIVES ON THE EDGE OF THE EDUCATION SECTOR!

SOCIO-EMOTIONAL LEARNING...

DONORS EXPECT EDUCATION-RELATED OUTCOMES... WHICH AFFECTS HOW WE TRAIN!

BREAKOUT ROOMS: COMMON GROUND & SPECIALISATION MAPPING

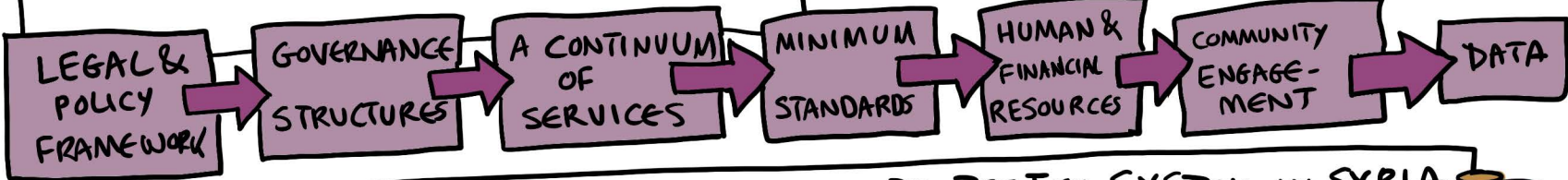
A FIVE-YEAR OLD GIRL ARRIVES IN A DISPLACEMENT CAMP... SHE'S WITHDRAWN & NOT ATTENDING LEARNING ACTIVITIES, HAS LOST DOCUMENTATION & THERE'S CONCERNS ABOUT HER SAFETY.

- COMMON/ SHARED INTERVENTIONS
- TARGETED INTERVENTIONS
- HIGHLY SPECIALISED INTERVENTIONS
- PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST-AID
- COMMUNITY-BASED ACTIVITY
- ACCESS TO SAFE & INCLUSIVE EDUCATION
- ALTERNATIVE CARE PLACEMENTS
- AWARENESS ON RISKS
- CAREGIVER SUPPORT
- DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING
- BEST INTERESTS ASSESSMENT
- IDENTIFICATION & REFERRALS
- SAFE SPACES
- FAMILY TRACING & REUNIFICATION
- PARENTING SUPPORT
- MULTI-PURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE
- SAFE AND PREDICTABLE ROUTINES
- CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH CARE

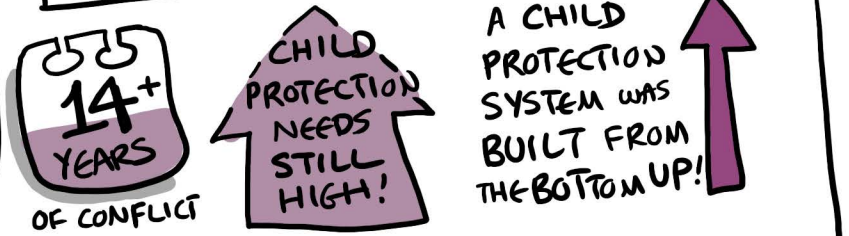
# CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM STRENGTHENING IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION

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## UNDERSTANDING CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM STRENGTHENING (CPSS)

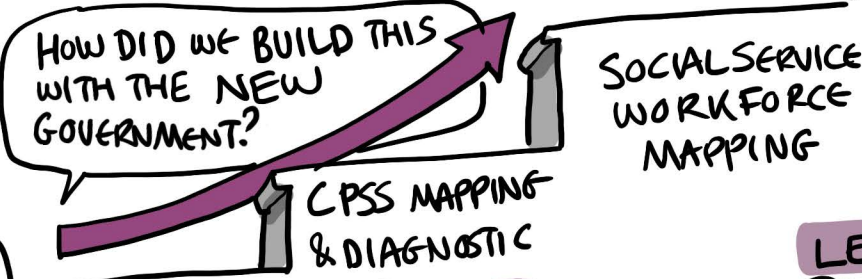


## STRENGTHENING THE CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM IN SYRIA



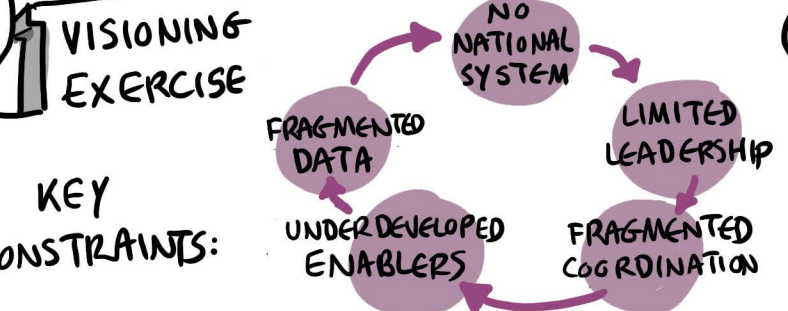
### SYSTEM MATURITY

- STRONG AREAS**
  - LEGAL & POLICY
  - EXISTING SERVICES
  - HUMANITARIAN STRUCTURE
- WEAKER AREAS**
  - WORKFORCE & FINANCE
  - ACCOUNTABILITY
  - CHILD PARTICIPATION
  - DATA SYSTEMS



### KEY QUESTIONS

- HOW DO CPS OPERATE DURING HUMANITARIAN CRISES?
- WHAT ROLES DO GOVERNMENTS, CIVIL SOCIETY & HUMANITARIAN ACTORS PLAY?
- WHAT CONTRIBUTES TO RESILIENCE?
- HOW ARE FUNDING CUTS AFFECTING SYSTEMS?
- WHAT SERVICES ARE MOST VULNERABLE?
- WHAT CAN STRENGTHEN CPS?
- HOW CAN HUMANITARIAN & DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS BETTER REINFORCE ONE ANOTHER?



- ### LESSONS...
- 1 SHIFT APPROACH
  - 2 FOCUS ON CORE SYSTEM
  - 3 PRIORITISE HIGH-IMPACT INVESTMENT
  - 4 STRENGTHEN ALIGNMENT

# CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM STRENGTHENING IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION

## PROTECTING UNACCOMPANIED & SEPARATED CHILDREN IN GAZA

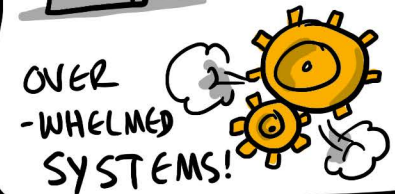


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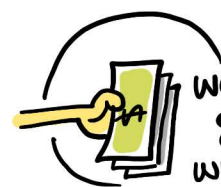
CHILDREN HAVE LOST AT LEAST ONE PARENT!



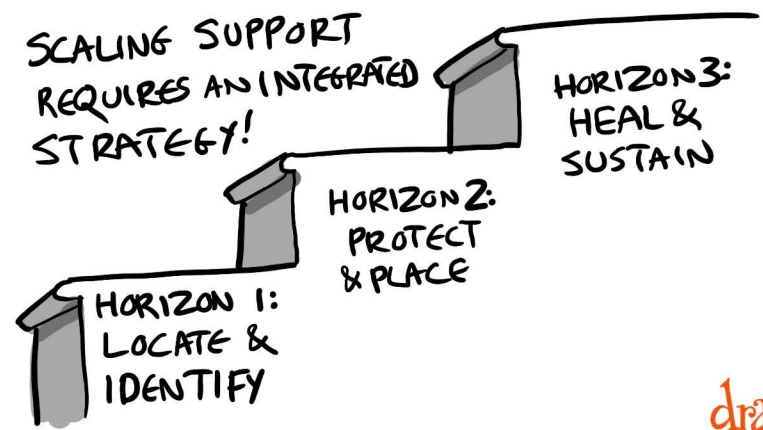
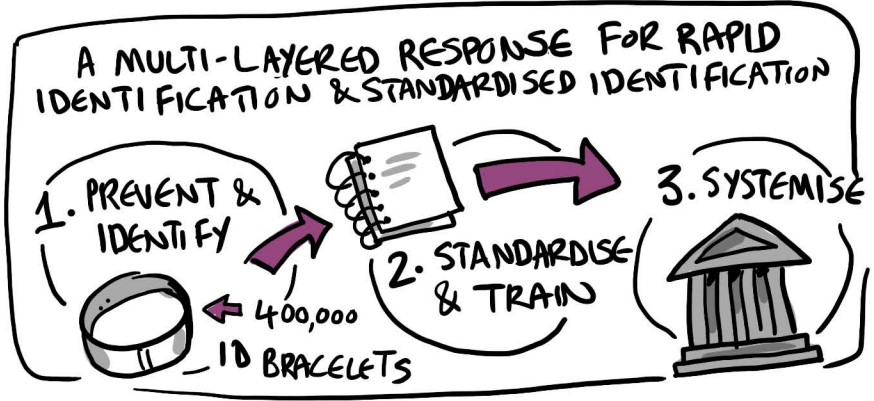
CONSTANT DISPLACEMENT!



PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA



WE SUPPORTED 882 CHILDREN WITH CASH ASSISTANCE!



# ADAPTING UNDER PRESSURE: COMMUNITY-BASED & EVIDENCE DRIVEN CHILD PROTECTION IN LAC REGION

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LYDA GUARIN  
CLAUDIA DI LUCIA  
LAURA ALEJANDRA MORALES LOPEZ

CARLOS

THE CHALLENGE IS NOW!

WE NEED TO STRENGTHEN PROTOCOLS...

...AND GATHER DATA  
...AND MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY!

DOCUMENT AND EVALUATE!

WE HAD PROFESSIONALS HELP US UNDERSTAND THE EVERYDAY LIVES OF THESE CHILDREN!

THE DOCUMENTS BECAME A TOOL TO HELP WITH DECISIONS!

...BUT THE EVIDENCE ON IT'S OWN IS NOT ENOUGH!

DANIELLA



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE PROJECT SUPPORTING A 13 YEAR OLD GIRL RUNS OUT OF FUNDS.

122 OPEN CASES OF SPECIAL PROTECTION

FEB - MAR 2025

83 CHILDREN RECEIVING PSYCHOSOCIAL CARE

...AND NO FUNDS!

30 CARE-GIVER(S)

... WE CHOSE NOT TO CLOSE!

THE HUMANITARIAN SYSTEM CALL IT...

... WE CALL IT

VOLUNTEERING!

FEMINIST ACTIVISM!

CHILD PROTECTION CANNOT DEPEND ON 12-MONTH FUNDING CYCLES!

WHEN THE FUNDING GOES... THE OTHER ACTORS LEAVE!

... BUT WE STAY!

THE INNOVATION WE NEED IS NOT TECHNOLOGICAL!

CHILDREN ARE AGENTS OF THEIR OWN PROTECTION

- SPREADING THE WORD
- CREATING SAFE SPACES
- THEY ACT AS A RADAR!



ACTIVISM IS NOT A FREE RESOURCE!

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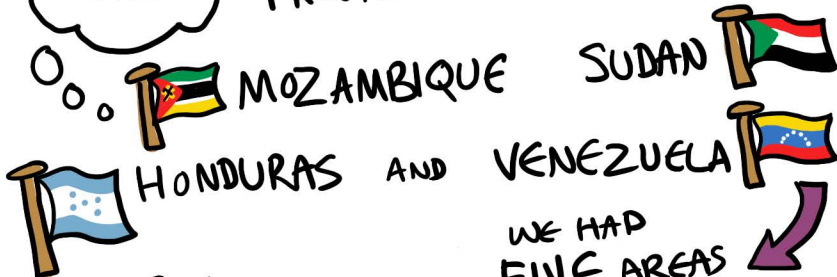
SAVE THE CHILDREN



WE'RE PUSHING FOR COST-EFFECTIVE INNOVATION!



WE IDENTIFIED FRUGAL INTERVENTIONS IN...



WE HAD FIVE AREAS TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY, THE HAPPY SPACE!

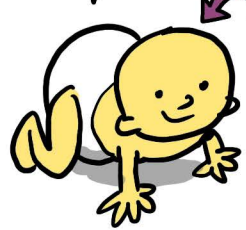


WE HAD 7 STEPS!

IDENTIFY EXISTING FACILITIES

DON'T REPLACE, ADD!

RED PAPAZ



THE EARLY YEARS ARE KEY TO BRAIN DEVELOPMENT!

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN RESOURCES DWINDLE?

CUTS!  
REDUCED DEVELOPMENT!

DISRUPTION!

GREATER VULNERABILITY!

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?



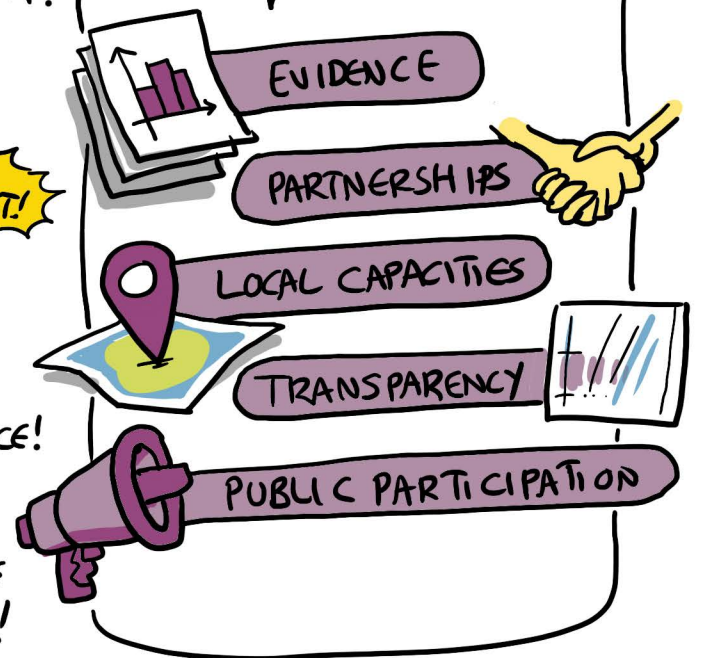
EVIDENCE!



COLLECTIVE ADVOCACY!

LOCAL LEADERSHIP!

WHAT DO WE NEED TO PROTECT CHILDREN?



# LOCALLY LED, FINANCIALLY SMART: SUSTAINABLE CHILD PROTECTION IN RESOURCE-CONSTRAINED SETTINGS

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ELENA GIANNINI

## THE GRANARY HUB

GEOFFREY & SUNDAY



UGANDA

OUR INITIAL IDEA WAS TO SUPPORT ORPHANS & VULNERABLE CHILDREN

...IN 2009

...AND CHANGED TO IT'S CURRENT NAME IN 2024!

RATIONALE...



...AND A SUSTAINABLE FRAMEWORK

SUNDAY KUMAKECH  
GEOFFREY KUMAKECH  
KIGEN KIPCHIRCHIR  
JUSTINE ETABU  
FLORENCE RINGE

A GAP EXISTS BETWEEN LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMMES AND CHILD PROTECTION!

WE USE HERMETIC FOOD STORAGE...



...AND A 7 MEMBER COMMITTEE!

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY-BASED CP SOLUTIONS

FLORENCE



UGANDA

THE RISKS...

UNSAFE WATER!



GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE!

EDUCATION GAPS!

ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION!

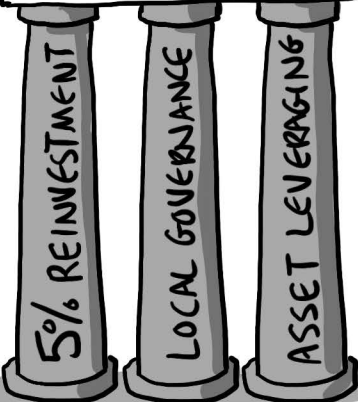
FRAGMENTED DONOR-DRIVEN PROGRAMMES!

LIMITED SYSTEMS THINKING!



OUR MODEL ...ADAPTED FROM THE NATIVE AFRICAN GRANARY!

...SUPPORTED BY INNOVATIVE FINANCING PILLARS!



10 YEARS OF INTEGRATED PROGRAMMING!

5 RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 INVEST IN INTEGRATED PROGRAMMING!
- 2 CENTRE COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP!
- 3 PRIORITISE WOMEN, GIRLS & ADOLESCENTS!
- 4 EMBED ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY!
- 5 FUND LOCALISATION OF CHILD PROTECTION!

# LOCALLY LED, FINANCIALLY SMART: SUSTAINABLE CHILD PROTECTION IN RESOURCE-CONSTRAINED SETTINGS

**KIGEN** WOMEN-LED CHILD PROTECTION & INNOVATIVE FINANCING IN TURKANA AMID HUMANITARIAN FUNDING CONSTRAINTS

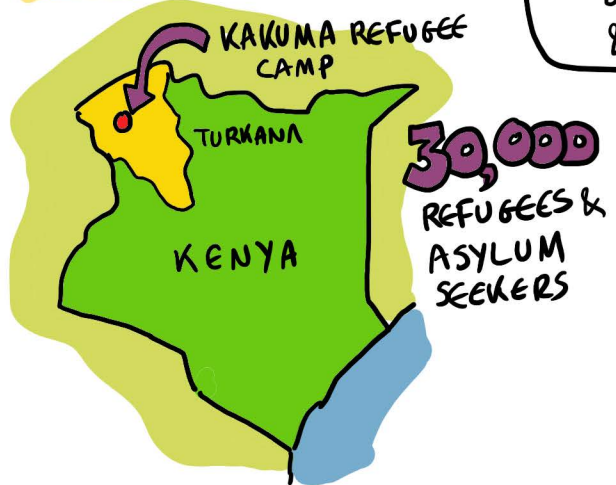


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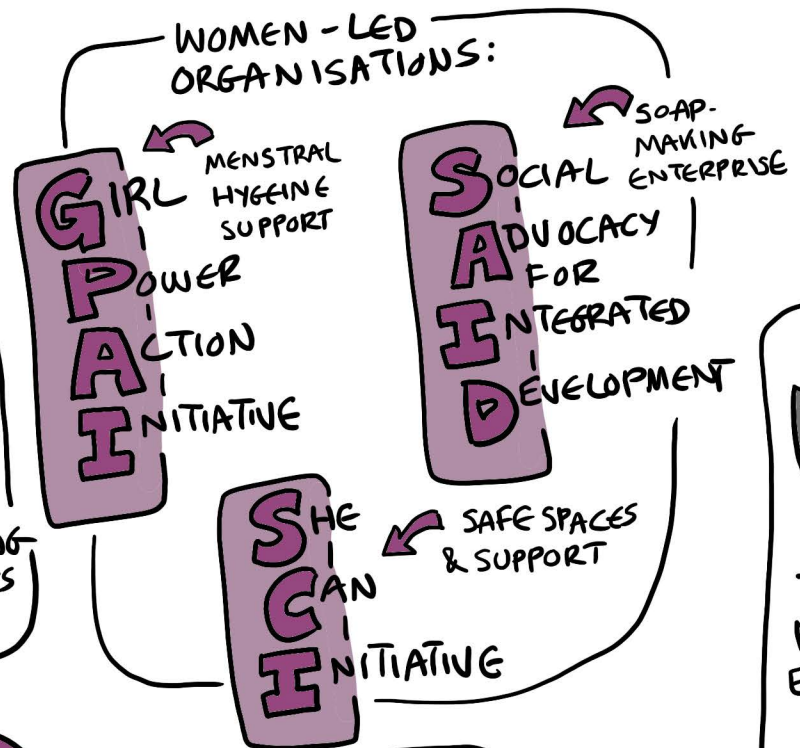


- END PREVENTABLE MATERNAL & CHILD DEATHS
- ELIMINATE GBC
- LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND
- STRENGTHEN WELLBEING OF WOMEN, ADOLESCENTS & CHILDREN



THE CHILD PROTECTION FUNDING GAP...

HOW CAN CHILD PROTECTION REMAIN SUSTAINABLE UNDER SHRINKING HUMANITARIAN FINANCING?



PARTNERSHIPS ARE IMPORTANT!

...THEY EXTEND COVERAGE!

IMPROVE COORDINATION!


STRENGTHEN OWNERSHIP!

MOBILISE LIMITED RESOURCES!

ADVANCE LOCALISATION!



KEY LESSONS...

-  WOMEN ARE FRONTLINE PROTECTORS!
- TRUST DRIVES PROTECTION EFFECTIVENESS 
-  INTEGRATION IS ESSENTIAL
- PARTNERSHIPS ENSURE SUSTAINABILITY 

# FAMILIES AT THE CENTRE: PREVENTING CHILD RECRUITMENT AND ADVANCING PARENTING SUPPORT IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS

A FAMILY STRENGTHENING APPROACH TO PREVENT CHILD RECRUITMENT & SUPPORT REGENERATION IN YEMEN

AKRAM

THE CRISIS:  
 CONFLICT!  
 POVERTY!  
 DISPLACEMENT!



THE RECRUITMENT OF CHILDREN BY ARMED ACTORS IS A CRITICAL FORM OF VIOLENCE!

... BUT THERE IS A FUNDING GAP!

## CHALLENGES:

- NO TAILORED TOOLS
- LONG COURSE DETERS PARTICIPATION
- FEAR OF RETALIATION

## LESSONS LEARNED:

- CULTURAL ADAPTATION IS ESSENTIAL
- USE FACILITATORS FROM THE COMMUNITY
- SIMPLIFY CONTENT

FACILITATOR  
 AGNES TILLINAC

AKRAM BAHALWAN  
 DENNIS KITSAO  
 BEATRICE OGUTU

SCALING GENDER-TRANSFORMATIVE PARENTING IN REFUGEE SETTINGS, KAKUMA, KENYA

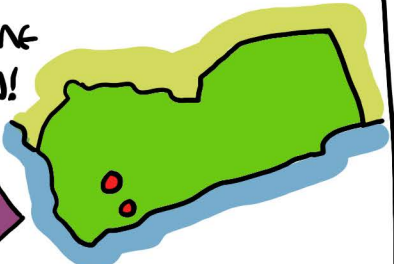
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WHEN CUTS OCCUR HUMANITARIAN SYSTEMS PRIORITISE SURVIVAL OVER SAFETY & WELLBEING!

THE GROWING STRONG TOGETHER PROGRAMME IN YEMEN!

A FAMILY-BASED INTERVENTION TO PREVENT RECRUITMENT!



## KEY RESULTS:

- 88%** IMPROVED PSYCHOSOCIAL WELL-BEING!
- 94%** INCREASE IN KNOWLEDGE OF RISKS!
- 92%** IMPROVEMENT IN PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS
- 37%** INCREASED AWARENESS OF CHILD'S INTENTION

## THREE CHILD PROTECTION GAPS...

INCREASE IN VIOLENCE

TRAUMA

LIMITED MALE CARE-GIVING ENGAGEMENT

SOLUTION

THE NATIONAL POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAMME!

THE UNEXPECTED INSIGHT...



THE MOST POWERFUL RESOURCE WAS ALREADY THERE!

... IT WAS ADAPTING A NATIONAL SYSTEM PEOPLE ALREADY TRUST!

WE HAD A **90%** PARTICIPATION RATE!

STRONGER COMMUNICATIONS!

STRONGER COOPERATION!

REDUCED CORPORAL PUNISHMENT!

IMPROVED CHILD SAFETY!

KEY OUTCOMES

drawnALISM

# CHILDREN AS AGENTS OF PROTECTION: MEANINGFUL CHILD & YOUTH PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY TO CHILDREN IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS

ZAID

PUT US AT THE CENTRE

A MULTI-AGENCY STUDY

THE IMPACT OF FUNDING CUTS!

INCREASED HUNGER, SCHOOL DROP-OUTS, EARLY MARRIAGE & DISTRESS!

CUTS CAN BE SUDDEN, CAUSING CONFUSION & DISTRESS!

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JUHI JHA  
ZAID GHNIMAT  
FATIMA

ACCOUNTABILITY IS NOT NEW... BUT IT IS URGENT!

CHILDREN MAKE UP 42% OF THE WORLD POPULATION!

FATIMA

PARTICIPATION AS A YOUNG PERSON MAKES ME FEEL MY VOICE COUNTS!



IT'S ABOUT LISTENING TO US! ...NOT JUST BEING SEEN HOLDING A MICROPHONE!

PROTECTION SHOULD BE MORE PEOPLE-CENTRED!

WE'RE ASKING TO BE IN THE ROOM!



JUHI

SOMETIMES, IT LOOKS LIKE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ADAPTING DEVELOPMENT-SPEAK FOR US!



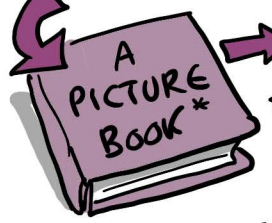
A REVIEW OF 24 REPORTS (2020-24)

...AND CONSULTATIONS WITH 451 CHILDREN & YOUTH!

WHAT DO THEY TELL US THEY NEED?

- 1 EDUCATION!
- 2 FOOD SECURITY!
- 3 CHILD PROTECTION!
- 4 PARTICIPATION!

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THE STORY MUST NOT START IN THE CAVE!

- EXPANDING 'CRISIS-FARMING'
- STRENGTHENING EXISTING PROTECTIVE FACTORS!
- REDUCING PATHWAYS TO HARM!



- DIRECT FLEXIBLE FUNDING
- CHILDREN & YOUTH-LED WORK
- ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

- USING MONEY WELL!
- NOT A SANDPIT!

\*AND A WORKBOOK, A PUPPET FILM, A PODCAST, EVENTS...

# CHILDREN AS AGENTS OF PROTECTION: MEANINGFUL CHILD & YOUTH PARTICIPATION & ACCOUNTABILITY TO CHILDREN IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS

TAKING CHARGE OF THEIR OWN SAFETY: INITIATIVES LED BY CHILDREN IN THE DRC



ALEXANDRA AND FABRICE

TRANSFORMING THE PLACE OF CHILDREN..



..EMPOWERING CHILDREN!

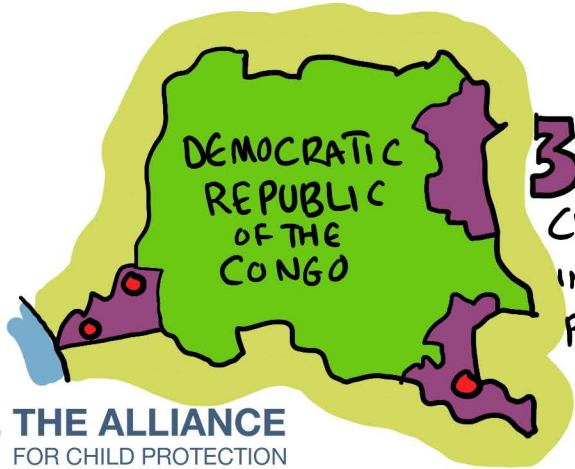


CO-CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROCESS!



BUILDING CHILDREN'S SKILLS!

SUPPORTING INITIATIVES!



3 DIFFERENT GROUPS OF CHILDREN... IN DIFFERENT PROTECTION CONTEXTS!

THE PROCESS OF EMPOWERING CHILDREN:

1. CO-CREATION
2. BUILDING CHILDREN'S SKILLS
3. SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF INITIATIVES

CONTEXT: PRISON

1. JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROCESS
2. BUILDING CAPACITY

CREATION BY CHILDREN OF TOOLS...

... AND A POSTER!

EMPOWERING CHILDREN IS A LEVER FOR SYSTEMIC CHANGE!



# OPEN SPACE - INTRODUCTIONS

CHILD PROTECTION  
IN A RESOURCE-  
CONSTRAINED  
WORLD...

ELSPETH

...FROM CHALLENGES  
IN FINANCING TO  
INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS!

RISING  
CONFLICT  
& HUMAN  
RIGHTS LAW  
VIOLATIONS

HUMANITARIAN  
REFORMS

FUNDING  
CUTS

CONTRACTION  
OF CHILD  
PROTECTION  
SERVICES

FEWER  
CHILDREN  
IN FEWER  
LOCATIONS  
RECEIVING  
FEWER  
SERVICES!

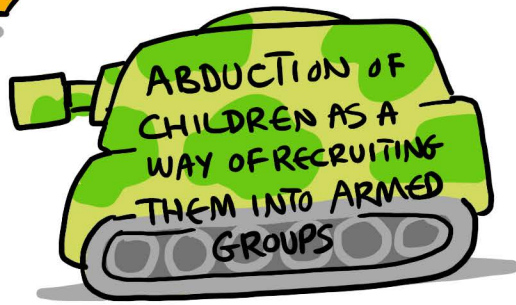
74%  
REPORT  
RISING CHILD  
PROTECTION  
VIOLATIONS!

IMPACT ON  
CHILDREN...

94%  
REPORT DECLINE  
IN ACCESS TO  
CHILD PROTECTION  
SERVICES!

1 IN 5  
CHILDREN  
IN OR  
FLEEING  
CONFLICT!

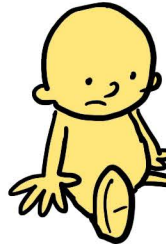
# OPEN SPACE - INTRODUCTIONS



# OPEN SPACE - SESSION 1

THE IMPACTS OF THE 2025 FUNDING CUTS ON CHILDREN!

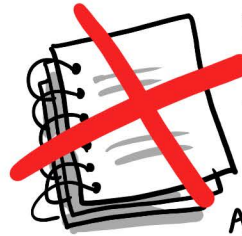
CHILDREN WERE IMPACTED BY THE REDUCTION OF ACCESS TO:



SOME LOST THEIR JOBS IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS!

EDUCATION!  
FOOD!  
WASH!

...WHICH LEAD TO ISSUES SUCH AS EARLY MARRIAGE!



PROGRAMMES WERE SHUT DOWN...

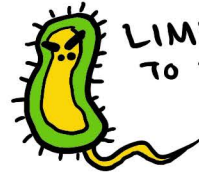
... AND SERVICES ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO SURVIVORS OF ABDUCTION!



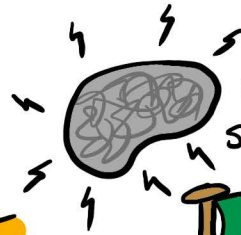
NIGERIA



LIMITED QUALIFIED TEACHERS!



LIMITED RESOURCES TO TREAT CHOLERA!



PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT REDUCED!



CAMEROON



SCHOOL MATERIALS REDUCED!

FOOD CUTS MADE CHILDREN FEEL LIKE THEIR BRAINS ARE NOT WORKING



...LEADING TO INCREASED DRUG ABUSE!



LIMITED ACCESS TO WATER



ETHIOPIA

IMPACT ON EDUCATION!



CUTS TO WOMEN-LED ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTING GBV SURVIVORS!

CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

WE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY OF COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS!



ENSURE CHILDREN'S VOICES ARE HEARD!



SOME SCHOOLS WERE DEMOBILISED!

FOOD CUTS LEAD TO A REDUCTION OF HEALTH WORKERS...



...LEADING TO CUTS IN TREATMENT & MEDICINE!

TRAIN & RECRUIT MORE HEALTH & EDUCATION WORKERS!

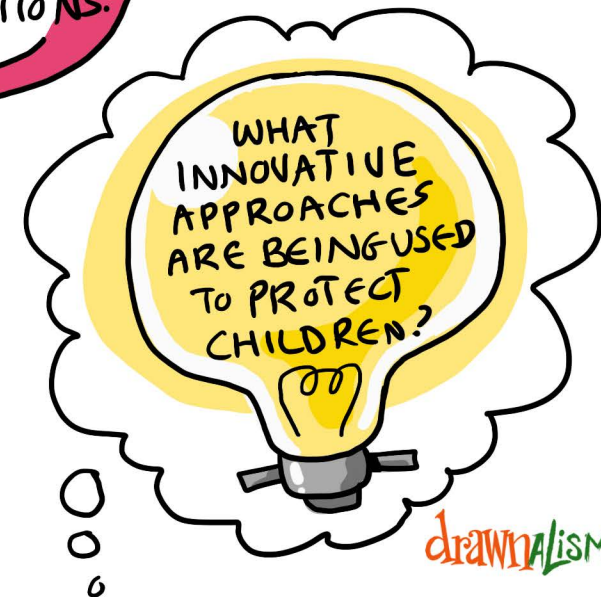
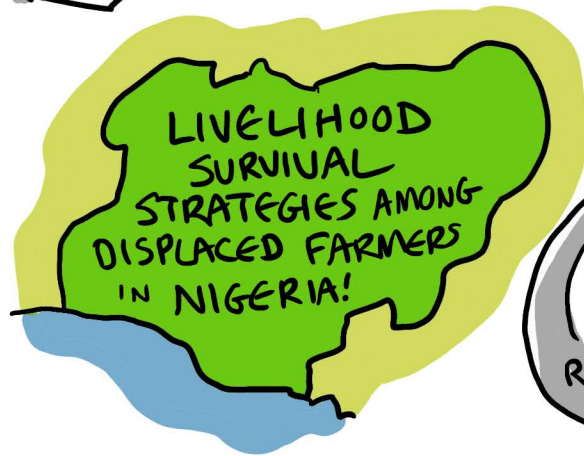
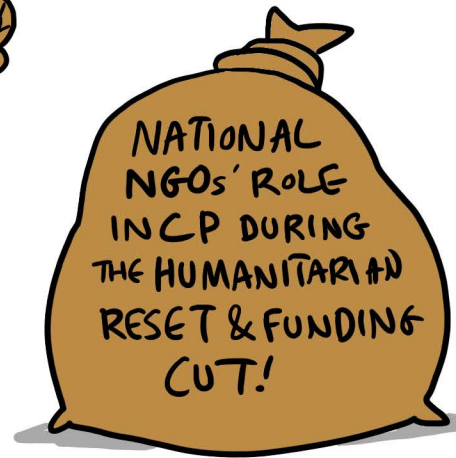


PRIORITISE CHILD PROTECTION...

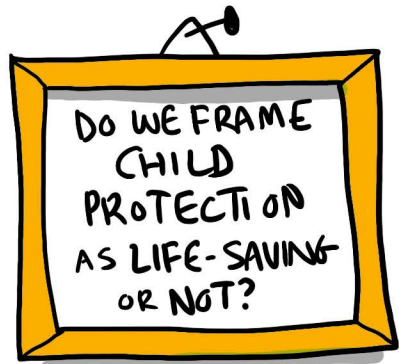


... AND SUPPORT LOCAL ORGANISATIONS!

# OPEN SPACE - EXTRA TOPICS



# OPEN SPACE - SESSION 2



AFTER YEARS IN THE SECTOR - FRUSTRATED THAT CHILD PROTECTION IS NEVER THE FIRST PRIORITY!!!



WE NEED A LOCAL APPROACH COORDINATED WITH NGOs...



- THESE APPROACHES COULD BE CONSIDERED:
- FRAME CPHA THROUGH TANGIBLE, LIFE-SAVING OUTCOMES
  - POSITION CPHA AS AN INTEGRATED ENABLER OF OTHER SECTORS
  - LEVERAGE CHILD-FRIENDLY POLICY INITIATIVES



# THE ALLIANCE MARKETPLACE: MEET THE WORKING GROUPS, TASK FORCES & INITIATIVES

FACILITATOR  
KYRA LOAT

## WORKING GROUP: ADVOCACY



ONE OBJECTIVE:  
PRIORITISATION  
OF CHILD  
PROTECTION!

TWO PRIORITIES:  
◦ EVIDENCE-BASED  
RESOURCES  
◦ ENGAGE DONORS!

## WORKING GROUP: ASSESSMENT, MEASUREMENT & EVIDENCE



DEVELOP &  
SHARE TOOLS!

GENERATE &  
PROMOTE  
EVIDENCE!

BUILD  
CAPACITY!

COLLABORATE  
ACROSS GROUPS!

## WORKING GROUP: CHILD PROTECTION MINIMUM STANDARDS



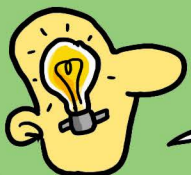
INSTITUTION  
-ALISE  
STANDARDS!

PROMOTE  
CPMS!

TECHNICAL  
SUPPORT!

ACCESSIBLE  
RESOURCES!

## WORKING GROUP: LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT



CONNECTING LEARNING.  
STRENGTHENING  
IMPACT.

LEARNING  
PACKAGES!

ONLINE  
LEARNING  
HUB!

TRAINERS  
NETWORK!

COMMUNITY  
OF PRACTICE!

COMPETENCY  
FRAMEWORK!

OTHER  
OPPORTUNITIES!

## TASK FORCE: CASE MANAGEMENT



STANDARDISED  
TOOLS AND  
GUIDANCE!

KNOWLEDGE  
AND SKILLS  
DEVELOPMENT!

FIELD-LEVEL  
LEARNING &  
RESEARCH!

TECHNICAL  
GUIDANCE  
& SUPPORT!

## TASK FORCE: CAAFAG: CHILDREN ASSOCIATED WITH ARMED FORCES AND ARMED GROUPS



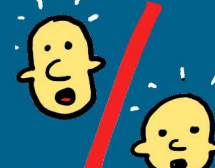
DEVELOP  
TOOLS &  
GUIDANCE!

STRENGTHEN  
KNOWLEDGE  
& SKILLS OF  
FIELD ACTORS!

SET UP A  
COMMUNITY  
OF PRACTICE!

COORDINATE  
CAAFAG  
RELATED  
WORK!

## TASK FORCE: UNACCOMPANIED & SEPARATED CHILDREN



UPDATE  
UASC  
STANDARDS  
& TOOLS!

EXPAND ACCESS  
TO TOOLS AND  
KNOWLEDGE!

STRENGTHEN  
COORDINATION  
& COOPERATION!

RESPOND  
PROMPTLY  
TO ENQUIRIES  
& EMERGING  
NEEDS!

DIVERSE  
LEARNING  
OPPORTUNITIES!

# INTEGRATING, LOCALISING & SUSTAINING QUALITY MPHSS IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS

FACILITATORS  
FIAMMA RUPP  
DOMENICO DI NUZZO

HENRY GATHERCOLE  
SHAKIRAH LUWEDDE  
MARIA BRAY  
DEEPALI PAVAGADHI  
ANAS BELIAH  
ROULA ABI SAAD

PLAY-BASED MPHSS IN A RESOURCE CONSTRAINED WORLD

HENRY AND SHAKIRAH

TODAY IS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PLAY!



IDENTIFIED 5 KEY INGREDIENTS...

## CONTEXT

- CONTEXT-SENSITIVE
- RELEVANT & APPROPRIATE
- SAFE & ACCESSIBLE

- ADULT TO CHILD RELATIONSHIPS
- PEER TO PEER RELATIONSHIPS
- WHOLE FAMILY & SCHOOL

## SOCIAL COMPONENT

## PLAY COMPONENT

- UNDERSTAND PLAY
- IDENTIFY KEY TYPES
- SPECIFIC SKILLS
- CONTINUOUS SUPPORT

## PSS COMPONENT

- CLARITY ON PSS APPROACH
- INVESTMENT
- WELL-BEING OF PARENTS, TEACHERS & FACILITATORS
- UNDERSTANDING WELL-BEING
- PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT & WELL-BEING

SUSTAINING CHILD PROTECTION & MPHSS THROUGH MEANINGFUL LOCALISATION, PARTNERSHIPS, AND STRONGER DONOR SUPPORT

MARIA AND ANAS DEEPALI

PRACTICE FROM THE FIELD



ATHAR ...A YOUTH-LED CBO

- THEORY OF CHANGE
- IDENTIFY PSYCHOSOCIAL OUTCOMES
- MEASUREMENT
- PRIORITISING CHILDREN'S INPUTS

## PSS OUTCOMES

- SITUATING POWER IN MPHSS
- COLONIAL LEGACY
  - HUMANITARIAN AID REPRODUCES COLONIAL PATTERNS
  - MEDICALISATION OF STRUCTURAL ADVERSITY

RETHINKING LOCALISATION?

MANIFESTATIONS OF POWER HIERARCHIES...

- ASSUMPTIONS OF LIMITED CAPACITY
- POWER IMBALANCES
- PRESSURES TOWARDS STANDARDISATION
- FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

CALL TO ACTION!

LOCALISATION IS ABOUT POWER! TRANSFORMATION IS NEEDED AT ALL LEVELS!

# INTEGRATING, LOCALISING & SUSTAINING QUALITY MPHSS IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS

DOING MORE WITH LESS:  
EQUIP WeACT TO SAFEGUARD  
QUALITY IN CHILD PROTECTION  
& CHILD-FOCUSED MPHSS  
AMID FUNDING CRISIS

FIAMMA

FROM HUMANITARIAN  
RESPONSE SYSTEM BUILDINGS

ROULA

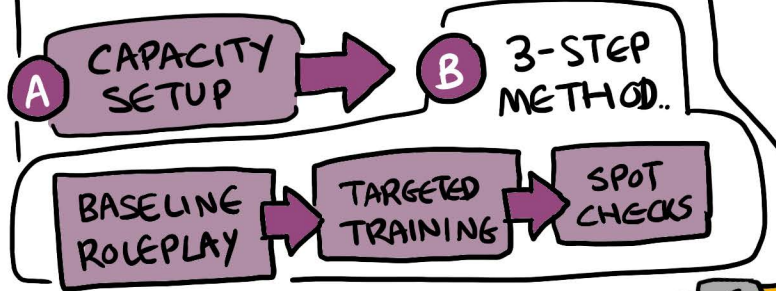
MENTAL HEALTH  
CANNOT BE SOLVED  
WITHIN A SINGLE  
SECTOR!

A DECADE OF  
EVOLUTION HAS  
INSTITUTIONALISED  
LEBANON CAMH  
ECOSYSTEM!

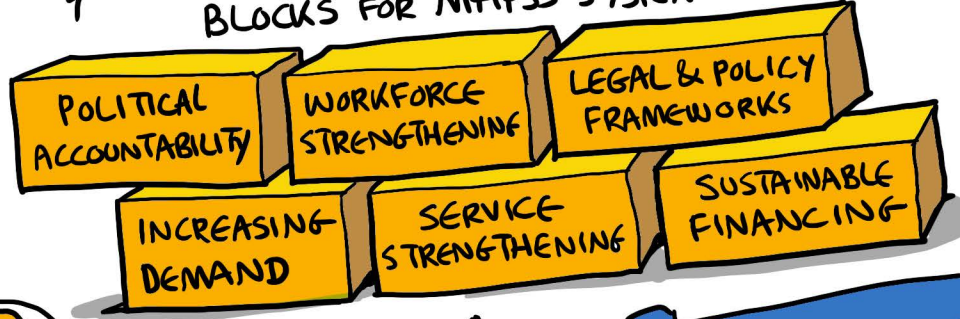
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## INTEGRATION WORKFLOW...



## KEY BUILDING BLOCKS FOR MPHSS SYSTEMS:



WHERE CAN WE  
STRENGTHEN  
OUR EFFORTS?

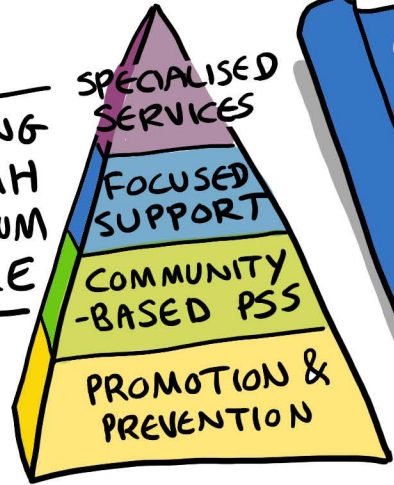
## FOUR ASKS...

- ENDORSED JOINT GUIDANCE!
- REFERRAL PATHWAYS!
- INTEGRATED CP-HEALTH SOLUTIONS!
- MULTI-SECTORAL FINANCING

- PRIORITISE CRITICAL SKILLS!
- USE RESOURCES EFFECTIVELY!
- SAFE, ETHICAL PRACTICE!
- REDUCE HARM!



BUILDING  
THE CAMH  
CONTINUUM  
OF CARE



CHILD PROTECTION  
COLLABORATION  
WITH OTHER SECTORS  
THE INTEGRATED  
MULTISECTORAL  
BLUEPRINT!

# HOW ARE RESOURCES ALLOCATED? RETHINKING FINANCING & COMMUNITY EXPERTISE IN CHILD PROTECTION

FACILITATOR  
SHAKIRAH LUWEDDE

TRUTH & MYTH  
ABOUT CHILD  
PROTECTION  
FUNDING...

NATIONAL NGOs  
REPORT THE  
HIGHEST INCIDENCE  
OF FUNDING  
REDUCTION   
TRUTH!

CASE MANAGEMENT  
IS THE CHILD  
PROTECTION SERVICE  
MOST AFFECTED BY  
REDUCTION   
OR CLOSURE MYTH!

UKRAINIAN  
SOCIAL WORKERS  
STEP IN FOR  
CHILD  
PROTECTION  
DURING  
INVASION

OKSANA

GABRIELLE BAILEY  
PEDRO GALLIDO  
HUGH SALMON  
DR OKSANA BOYKO  
RAZZAN SAQQA

PROPOSED SHIFT:  
LOCAL SOCIAL  
WORKERS AS  
PRIMARY  
RESPONDERS!



HUGH  
LOCAL LEADERSHIP,  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT  
& CROSS-SECTOR  
COLLABORATION

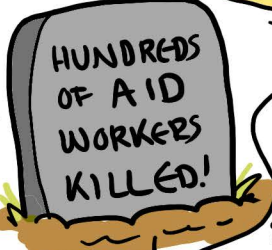
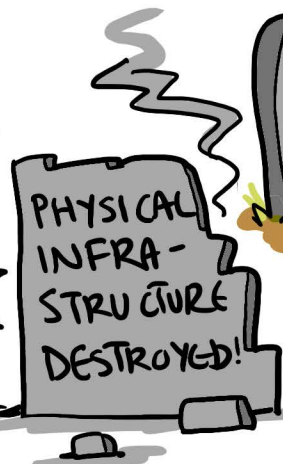
GAZA SOCIAL  
WORKERS CONTINUE  
PROTECTING CHILDREN  
IN THE MIDST OF  
GENOCIDE

RAZZAN



SHARED  
TRAUMATIC  
REALITY!  
"DUAL  
BURDEN!"

OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES:



INTERNATIONAL  
COLLABORATION



PEDRO

BLENDED LOCAL FINANCING FOR  
CHILD-FOCUSED MULTISECTORAL  
TYPHOON RESPONSE



PHILIPPINES

SUPER-TYPHOON  
UWAN (FUNG-WONG)

SPONSORSHIP!  
GRANTS!  
LOCAL  
FINANCIAL  
RESOURCES!



BURDEOS  
MUNICIPALITY

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 INVEST EARLY!
- 2 PREPOSITION RESOURCES!
- 3 BUILD TRUST!
- 4 CENTER COMMUNITY!
- 5 PRIORITISE!

drawnALISM

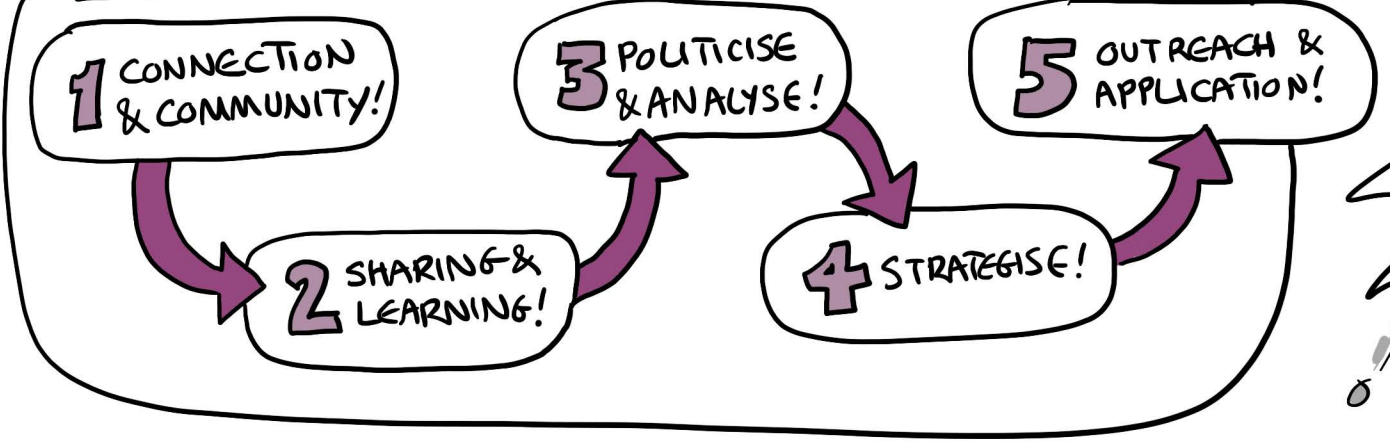
# HOW ARE RESOURCES ALLOCATED? RETHINKING FINANCING & COMMUNITY EXPERTISE IN CHILD PROTECTION

WHO GETS RESOURCED?  
POWER, POLITICS & THE  
PRACTICE OF GRANTMAKING

GABRIELLE



## OUR GRANTMAKING PROCESS...

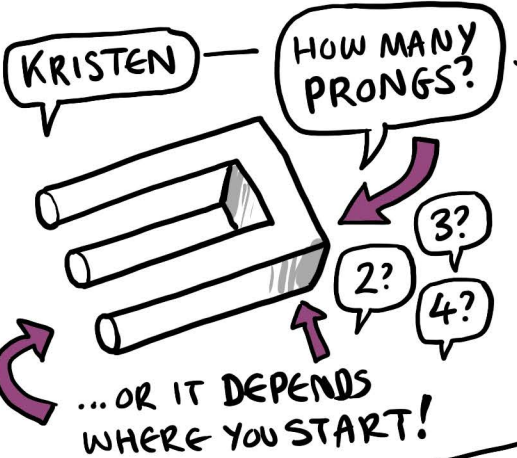


# REIMAGINING CHILD PROTECTION ADVOCACY IN A CHANGING WORLD

FACILITATORS  
 ELSPETH CHAPMAN  
 BRIKENA ZOGAJ

GHAZAL KESHAVARZIAN  
 KRISTEN HOPE  
 MARIA VARGAS SIMOJOKI  
 JANADA  
 SABINE RAKOTOMALALA

WHY THIS CONVERSATION?  
 WHY NOW?



RESPECT FOR RIGHTS IS ERODING!

RIGHTS MIGHT BE NONSENSE ON STILTS!\*

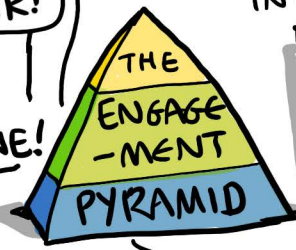
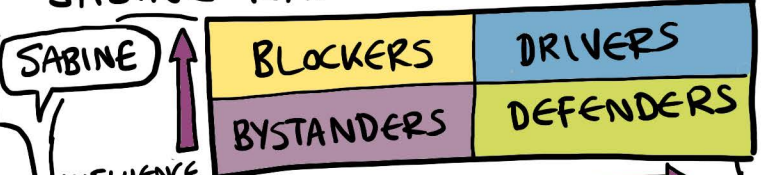
\* JEREMY BENTHAM

THE DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN...

FRENCH REVOLUTION BUT...

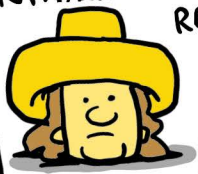
THERE IS A GAP BETWEEN PARTICIPATION... AND POWER!

WE NEED TO HAND OVER THE MICROPHONE!



- TOP TIPS!
- PERSEVERANCE!
  - PASSION!
  - PERSONALITY!
  - POLITICAL SMARTS!
  - PROPOSITIONAL!
  - (NOT) PLU!

OUR ADVOCACY IS BEING TESTED!



1948

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS...

HAITIAN SLAVES REBELED!

MARIA

I DON'T WANT TO BE A COLD SHOWER, BUT...

THE POLITICAL REALITY... IS THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE POLITICAL CHOICES!

WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO... AND WHY?

SEND ONE MESSAGE AT A TIME!

INFORMATION IS ALWAYS HELPFUL...

...BUT DOES IT GET TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE?

...YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE BEAST!

# REIMAGINING CHILD PROTECTION ADVOCACY IN A CHANGING WORLD

BREAK-OUT ROOMS...

CHILDREN'S VIEWS CAN BE SILENCED!

HUMANITARIAN LAW UNDER ATTACK!

PEER-TO-PEER SESSIONS!

PAID ROLES FOR YOUNG ADVOCATES!

CHILD RIGHTS LANGUAGE DOESN'T RESONATE... ...WITH OTHER SECTORS!

REFRAMING OUR LANGUAGE TO REFLECT HOW YOUNG PEOPLE TALK!

YOUTH-LED ADVOCACY!

USE AGE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE!

MAKE SURE CHILDRENS VOICES... ...ARE TAKEN INTO DECISION MAKING!

YOUTH ADVOCACY AS A WAY OF MAKING CONNECTIONS ACROSS COUNTRIES!

FRAME CHILD PROTECTION AS PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY!

CHILD LIVED EXPERIENCES!

FOCUS ON HOW CHILDREN CAN FLOURISH!

"THE ASYLUM SEEKER NEXT-DOOR!"

CREATE A SPACE WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE LEAD THE CONVERSATION

# FROM SYSTEMS TO HOUSEHOLDS: EVIDENCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUNDING CUTS, CHILD PROTECTION OUTCOMES AND SYSTEM ADAPTATION

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IRENE WALI

HANNAH THOMPSON  
GEORGE OCHIENG ODALO  
DIANA IMBITI  
BREE AKESSON

**HANNAH**  
CHILD-FAMILY SEPARATION IN A RESOURCE CONSTRAINED WORLD: LESSONS FOR PROTECTION & CARE CONTINUITY.

THE CORE PROBLEM...  
REDUCED INVESTMENT AND FRAGMENTATION



**GEORGE**

FUNDING CONSTRAINTS & CP IN KOROGOCHO



### KEY PILLARS

- CHILD PROTECTION!
- DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION!
- LOBBY & ADVOCACY!
- ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT!
- DIGITAL LITERACY!

### LESSONS LEARNED:

- 1 COMMUNITY TRUST IS A CRITICAL ASSET!
- 2 PREVENTION IS MORE COST EFFECTIVE!
- 3 VOLUNTEERS MATTER!
- 4 PARTNERSHIPS MULTIPLY IMPACT!
- 5 CHILDREN MUST BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!

HOW DO CRISES INCREASE THE RISK OF CHILD-FRIENDLY SEPARATION?

### PRESSURES

- DISPLACEMENT
- POVERTY
- STRESS
- DISRUPTION

### RISKS

- UNSAFE MIGRATION
- FAMILY BREAKDOWN
- CHILD LABOUR
- INSTITUTIONAL CARE
- CHILDREN SENT AWAY

### OPPORTUNITIES

- INTEGRATED CROSS-SECTOR INVESTMENTS
- LOWER COST COMMUNITY-BASED CARE
- EFFICIENCY & QUALITY

17,000 UASC\*  
GAZA 2024

41,000 UASC  
ETHIOPIA

23,087 IN RESIDENTIAL CARE  
UKRAINE

GLOBALLY 153,300 UASC

### PRACTICAL FUNDING CONSTRAINTS

- HUMAN RESOURCES!
- PROGRAMME DELIVERY!
- INFRASTRUCTURE!
- EMERGENCY RESPONSE!

### INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES

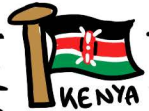
ADAPTING TO RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS!



\* UNACCOMPANIED AND SEPARATED CHILDREN

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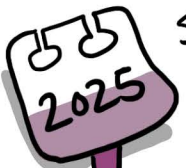
CHILD PROTECTION UNDER FUNDING CUTS: SYSTEMS RISKS & LESSONS FROM HUMANITARIAN CONSOLIDATION IN DADAAB



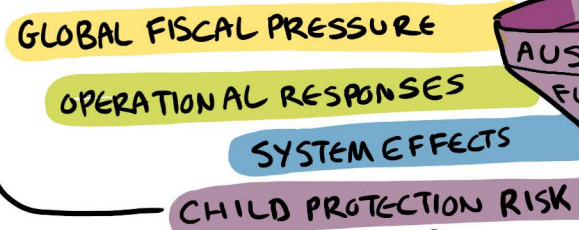
THE WAY FORWARD

- 1 RESTORE SPECIALISATION!
- 2 INVEST IN SOCIAL PROTECTION!
- 3 STRENGTHEN SYSTEMS!
- 4 UPHOLD CBDR-RC!
- 5 PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE!

THE PROTECTION ECOSYSTEM SHIFT: FROM A DIVERSE & RESILIENT SYSTEM...



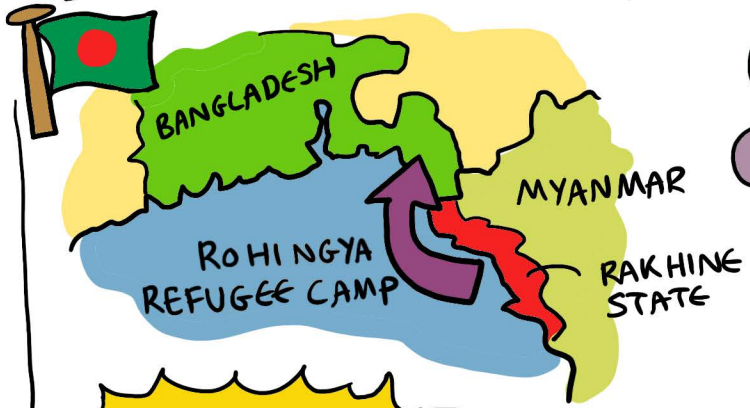
...TO A COMPRESSED & FRAGILE ONE!



PREVENTION IS NOT JUST A SERVICE...

...IT'S A SYSTEM!

CHILD PROTECTION & FAMILY ADAPTATION AMID SHRINKING HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT BREE



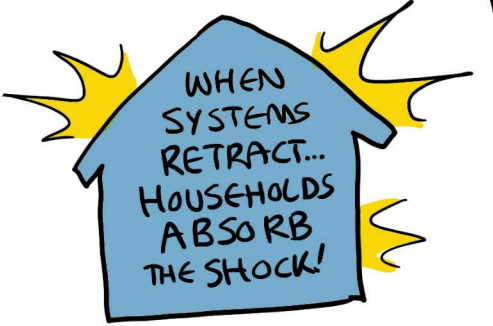
1.2 MILLION REFUGEES IN BANGLADESH...

\$8 PER MONTH FOOD RATION...

CONFINED TO CAMP...

... AND NO RIGHT TO EMPLOYMENT!

PRESSURE POINT 1: FOOD  
PRESSURE POINT 2: EDUCATION



BUILD EXIT INTO DESIGN FROM DAY ONE!

HOW CAN CHILD PROTECTION ACTORS SUPPORT FAMILIES?

RECOGNISE THE WORK PARENTS ALREADY DO!

DESIGN ACROSS SECTORS - NOT JUST WITHIN THEM!

# CLOSING SESSION

270+

PARTICIPANTS DURING THE OPENING SESSION!

586

UNIQUE PARTICIPANTS ON DAY 1...

...AND 460

ON DAY 2!



## REFLECTIONS AND TAKE-AWAYS...

ALAA

OVER THE YEARS THINGS HAVE CHANGED!

WE JOINED IN

2016!

THERE'S BEEN A SHIFT TOWARDS LOCAL SOLUTIONS!

TRY TO FIND EXISTING LOCAL SOLUTIONS ...AND SCALE THEM

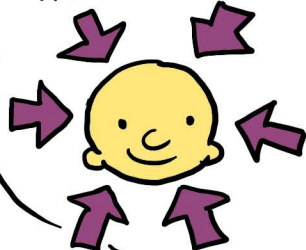
YVONNE

THE URGENT NEED FOR MULTI-SECTORAL SOLUTIONS...



...THE TOOLS ALREADY EXIST!

...AND TO PUT CHILDREN AT THE CENTRE



...BUT IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT BRINGING CHILDREN TO THE ROOM!

THANK YOU TO...

- THE SECRETARIAT & AM TASK TEAM!
- THE FACILITATORS!
- CHILD & YOUTHS!
- INTERPRETERS!
- ZOOM PRODUCTION!
- DRAWNALISM! ← THAT'S US!
- DONORS & SPEAKERS!

FACILITATORS

HANI MANSOURIAN  
ELSPETH CHAPMAN

YVONNE AGENGO

ALAA ZAZA

LAURENT CHAPUIS

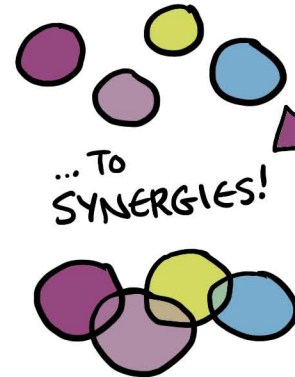
GUNVOR KNAG FYLKESNES

LAURENT

EVEN IN THE MOST ACUTE SITUATIONS, LIKE GAZA, YOU CAN STILL INVOLVE NATIONAL ACTORS!

WE MUST DEBUNK THE MYTH THAT HUMANITARIAN ACTION & SYSTEM STRENGTHENING ARE SEPARATE ISSUES!

WE NEED TO MOVE FROM SILOS...



...TO SYNERGIES!

WE CAN'T JUST RELY ON VOLUNTEERS!

SYSTEM STRENGTHENING CANNOT WAIT!



# CLOSING SESSION

CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING IN HUMANITARIAN CONTEXTS!



HUMANITARIAN DIPLOMACY FOR CHILD PROTECTION OUTCOMES!

REVISION OF ALTERNATIVE CARE IN EMERGENCIES TOOLKIT!

LOCALISING OUR TECHNICAL OFFER - COUNTRY PILOTS IN SIX CONTEXTS!

DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NEXT ALLIANCE STRATEGY!

- 1** WE NEED TO MOVE LEADERSHIP CLOSER TO CHILDREN!
- 2** SYSTEM STRENGTHENING IS ESSENTIAL!
- 3** WORKING ACROSS SECTORS!
- 4** KEEP INNOVATING ... WITH PURPOSE!
- 5** MEANINGFUL YOUTH PARTICIPATION!

... LETS LEAVE THIS MEETING WITH URGENCY...

... BUT ALSO WITH HOPE!

CLOSING REMARKS

GUNVOR KNAG FYLKESNES, NATIONAL DIRECTOR, PLAN INTERNATIONAL NORWAY

THIS IS A VERY DIFFICULT TIME FOR CHILDREN...

... AND FOR THE HUMANITARIAN MOVEMENT!

THIS IS A MOMENT OF CRISIS!

... AND A MOMENT OF OPPORTUNITY!

CHILD PROTECTION IS NOT OPTIONAL...

... IT SHOULD BE AT THE HEART OF THE HUMANITARIAN MOVEMENT!