



# The Importance of CBCPMs:

Lessons from the  
Interagency Learning Initiative  
On Strengthening CPCPMs &  
Child Protection Systems

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# Why CBCPMs Matter

- Fill urgent gaps in emergency and other contexts
- Risks are prevalent at community level
- Reach children where they live
- Scale of support
- Support for vulnerable families
- Sustainability—particularly endogenous CBCPMs
- Mobilize civil society and help to build nonformal-formal collaboration that strengthens child protection systems

BUT, having CBCPMs is not enough—they must be implemented in a manner that enables effectiveness

# Seven Effectiveness Factors, CBCPMs

- Community ownership and responsibility
- Incorporating and building on existing resources
- Leaders' support
- Genuine child participation
- Ongoing management of issues of power, diversity, inclusivity
- Resourcing—ongoing training/capacity building, material support
- Linkages—engagement with formal and non-formal, traditional aspects

YET, the child protection sector tends not to engage with communities in ways that enable high levels of local ownership

# Enabling Community Ownership

## DO's

- Slow dialogue process
- Invite community to reflect on and identify problems
- Inclusive process
- Community has the power to take decisions
- Community decides how to address the problems and leads implementation
- Strengthen capacity but build on local assets/resources
- Deliberately recruit for and cultivate a mix of child protection knowledge and deep facilitation skills

## DON'Ts

- Fast, technically driven process
- Pre-define the problem using international terminology
- Focus mostly on local elites, men only, adults only, etc.
- NGO holds the power
- NGO guides and controls the intervention
- Didactic teaching and imposition
- Hire and reward staff mainly for their technical skills



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