COMMUNITY ACTION FOR CHILD PROTECTION

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THE GLOBAL SYNTHESIS report of plan’s international support to community action on protection
THE CYCLE OF ACTION OF COMMUNITY BASED CHILD PROTECTION MECHANISMS
Key conclusions and lessons learnt from the global synthesis

- To measure the impact of CBCPMs it is essential to have a baseline.
- CBCPMs most effective when based on existing mechanisms – and not induced externally.
- CCBCPMs are especially effective in raising awareness – however in-depth engagement needed for social change.
- An interagency approach needed, all the more in urban areas where communities are difficult to be defined.

- Active, meaningful and appropriate participation of children.
- Involvement of traditional leaders – vital.
- Gender, exclusion, physical disability are not addressed well in existing structures.
- Linkages with state mechanisms are essential for sustainability.

- CBCPMs are more effective when accompanied with other programmes.
- Investment in staff capacity is crucial.
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PLAN INTERNATIONAL’S GLOBAL GUIDANCE ON COMMUNITY BASED CHILD PROTECTION MECHANISMS
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The guiding principles

- RESPECT
- CHILD AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION
- NON-DISCRIMINATION AND INCLUSION
- BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD
- CONTEXT SENSITIVITY
- DO NO HARM
- SUSTAINABILITY
- PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION
Criteria for good practice in supporting community based child protection

**CRITERION 1**
- SUPPORT FOR CBCPMs IS BASED ON A THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL CHILD PROTECTION SITUATION

**CRITERION 2**
- SUPPORT FOR CBCPMs IS BASED ON A BOTTOM UP APPROACH WHICH BUILDS ON EXISTING RESOURCES AND INITIATIVES

**CRITERION 3**
- SUPPORT TO CBCPMS PROMOTES COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP, INCLUSION AND SUPPORT BY LEADERS

**CRITERION 4**
- SUPPORT TO CBCPMS PROMOTES MEANINGFUL CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION
Criteria for good practice in supporting community based child protection

- CRITERION 5: SUPPORT TO CBCPMS PROMOTES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SAFE, APPROPRIATE CHILD PROTECTION FUNCTIONS FOCUSED ON THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD

- CRITERION 6: SUPPORT TO CBCPMs PROMOTES ACTIVE LINKAGES AND COLLABORATIVE WORKING

- CRITERION 7: SUPPORT TO CBCPMS PROMOTES LONG-TERM RESOURCING FOR CHILD PROTECTION

- CRITERION 8: SUPPORT TO CBCPMS IN EMERGENCY SETTINGS IS BASED ON THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CHILD PROTECTION IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION (CPMS)
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