Child Protection Rapid Assessment – COVID19 Response

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Rationale

To provide a snapshot of urgent child protection related needs among the affected population during the onset of the COVID-19 Crisis. Information to support CO to develop more comprehensive child protection response strategies.

This rapid assessment aims at providing sufficient and current information to support in developing response strategy, and/or complement information gathered by national authorities.

Assessment areas



Socioeconomic and demographic composition



Psychosocial wellbeing



Child Protection Issues - Status of Child Protection Referral System, Community-based Child Protection Activities, Rapid Referral & Service Mapping.



Connectivity



Capacity of Local Partner

Sampling



54% RESPONSE RATE FROM LOCAL PARTNERS OPERATING IN 26 COUNTIES SAMPLED COUNTIES – MACHAKOS, KITUI, NYERI, LAIKIPIA, MERU, KISUMU, ISIOLO, MARSABIT, THARAKA NITHI, EMBU, KAJIADO, MAKUENI 71% RESPONSES FROM RURAL AREAS WHILE 29% FROM URBAN-RURAL AREAS SAMPLED Socio-economic and demographic composition

Health and water services

100% of communities have access to health services.

Types of health services available in the community include health centers (50%), hospitals (36%), community volunteers and health posts/outreaches at 7% respectively.

Only 43% have access to clean water in the community.



Psycho-social well being

Main sources of stress for caregivers



Concerns about the future

Concerns about poverty and financial issues

Inability to meet basic needs

Being excluded from community life as result of quarantine

Being out of work

Children being out of school

Violence within the family

fear of being separated from child(ren) and other family members as a result of COVID-19

Fear of being infected by COVID 19



Top three causes of stress common to caregivers and children



Fear of being separated from child(ren) and other family members as a result of COVID-19

Concerns about poverty and financial issues



Main caregivers i.e. mother and father are the first go-to for children in emotional distress.

Other relatives such as brother, grandmother and brother offer support.

Teachers and social workers from the community support children

57% of communities have a trained staff on psychosocial support.

Child Protection Issues

Partners who completed the Child in Emergencies tool during CBCP Mapping Process?



Most significant child protection concerns include; child neglect, Female Genital Mutilation, denial of basic needs and rights, child labour

The groups in community deemed most at risk due to COVID-19 : Persons with disabilities, children under 5 yrs old, elderly,

Status of Child Protection Referral System



75% of community members know of and use the hotline-based services "sometimes" while 25% always use the facilities.

100% of the communities have frontline child protection workers of whom only 14% are not considered "essential" workers i.e. Not carrying out their primary roles and responsibilities in relation to child protection.

57% of communities have comprehensive case management services for children and these service providers have the capacity to provide remote/phone-based interventions.

Community based Child Protection Services



100% of community have child protection committee/network.

71% of the local partner organization part of the committee.

Rapid Referral & Service Mapping



Ves No

Limited services:

- Foster/Temporary or Respite Care for Children (not including orphanages/institutions),
- Community-based Rehabilitation Workers or Disability Specific Service Providers
- Organizations providing essentials:Shelter or Rent Subsidies

Most services available in the community The most services available for the community are in the area of Food assistance e.g. ChildFund, World Food Program

Social Protection Programs/ Household Financial Support e.g. ChildFund, National Government, World Vision, Mwendo, Dept of Children services

Organizations providing Clothing & Basic Hygiene Supplies e.g. County governments, Catholic Relief Services, ChildFund, World Vision.

Gender-based Violence Service Providers E.G. Light of the youth, DCI, Police, Mwendo, Makueni Gender Violence Centre, CREAW

Connectivity

ASSET	LOCAL PARTNER	CP COMMITTEE	CHVS
Computer screen	Yes	No	No
PC printer	Yes	No	No
Wired internet	Yes	No	No
Mobile networks	Yes	No	Yes
Smart Phone Tablet	Yes	Yes	Yes

