

Child Protection Technical Working Group

Terms of Reference

1. General

- The Child Protection Technical Working Group is established to deal with technical programmatic and advocacy issues that require discussion and coordination between agencies implementing Child Protection work in all parts of the country
- This Child Protection Technical Working Group will feed into and will support broader work on protection through the Humanitarian Protection Working Group.
- Specific task forces on emerging child protection issues will be supported according to need, and with clear channels of information-sharing for coordinated efforts.

2. Objectives

The focus of the Child Protection Technical Working Group is on increased collaboration on quality child protection programming and advocacy developments across the country:

- Strengthening Child protection mechanisms and systems (community based mechanisms, individual case management, children's participation, civil society strengthening, township level re-activation of TCRCs, strengthening of inter-sector referral and response mechanisms)
- Collaborative programming efforts on strategic and/or emerging child protection issues (including development of common training/ guidance materials, undertaking joint capacity building efforts)
- Developing common advocacy position with policy makers, donors or other relevant actors to leverage resources and response to child protection concerns
- Improve children's participation in child protection policy and practice developments affecting them.
- Strengthening capacity and active role/participation of local NGO and CBO in policy, advocacy and programming
- Identification of geographic and thematic gaps and overlaps to ensure coordinated, synergy of response among child protection actors

3. Frequency and Duration

- Meeting will be held every month. Emergency meetings will be called on ad hoc basis
- The meeting will be for 1 hour

4. Administration

- Meeting minutes will be taken by volunteers; they will be shared with and distributed by the Chair

5. Membership

- Membership will be open to agencies implementing Child Protection activities in the country (international, national and local NGOs and Government counterparts). Each agency is requested to nominate two technical staff as focal points. When a new member joins the group, they will be invited to introduce their activities on child protection.
- Donors and other sectoral NGOs will be invited when relevant.

6. Chair and Location of Meetings

- The meetings will be chaired by UNICEF for the six-month period until end of 2013. From 2014, the Chair will be rotated every six months amongst interested agencies.
- UNICEF will represent the National Child Protection Technical Working Group at the Humanitarian Protection Working Group.