

## **MINUTES OF THE CHILD PROTECTION SUB- CLUSTER MEETING**

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**Venue:** Nobleza Hotel, Kigali.  
**Date:** November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
**Chaired by:** Dr. Claudine Uwera Kanyamanza, Executive Secretary, NCC  
**Co-Chaired by:** Sandrine Umutoni, Director General, Imbuto Foundation

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### **The meeting Agenda**

- ◆ Arrival of participants & registration
- ◆ Self-introduction
- ◆ Welcome remarks
- ◆ Implementation of the resolutions of the Child Protection Sub Cluster meetings of 26th September 2018
- ◆ Presentation on the Parents and Adolescent Communication model
- ◆ Presentation on the organization of the children forum committee elections
- ◆ Presentation on the progress towards the operationalization of the Child Protection Information Management System
- ◆ Way forward and Closing remarks
- ◆ Lunch and departure

### **The meeting background**

Following multiple ratification of most international child rights standards, the Government of Rwanda (GoR) has initiated several steps in the protection, promotion and fulfillment of the rights and needs of children. In that framework, a good number of legal instruments, social policies, have been developed and a variety of programmes were implemented.

In 2011, the Government of Rwanda put in place the Integrated Child Rights Policy (ICRP) serving as a guiding tool to better coordinate all interventions needed in protecting and promoting children's rights.

For the smooth coordination of the implementation of the ICRP, the National Commission for Children (NCC) with its mandate to coordinate, oversee, monitor and implement all the child protection system, regularly meets and works with child rights stakeholders through the Child Protection Sub Cluster as stipulated by the National Gender and Family Cluster (NGFC). The Child Protection Sub Cluster serves therefore as a joint forum to not only take

together actions, share best practices, discuss gaps and devise further strategies but also strengthen the already existing child protection mechanisms based on the implementation of 7 key ICRP thematic areas known as Identity and Nationality; Family and Alternative Care; Survival, Health and Standards of Living; Education; Protection; Justice; and Child Participation.

It is in this background that the Child Protection Sub Cluster meeting is organized by the National Commission for Children on quarterly basis, bringing together all the child protection stakeholders.

For the second quarter of 2018- 2019, the Child Protection Sub Cluster meeting will emphasize on three main points as follows: the status of implementation of recommendations that arose from the Child Protection Sub Cluster meetings held on 26th September 2018, the organization of the elections of children forum committees, the Parents and Adolescents Communication Approach by Imbuto Foundation and the progress towards the development of the Child Protection Information Management System.

### **Objective and expected results**

To share with partners the status of the implementation of the recommendations made from the Child Protection Sub Cluster meeting held on 26th September 2018 and take stock on the joint activities and programs for quarter 2 of the fiscal year 2018-2019.

#### **Specific objectives:**

- To update stakeholders on the progress on the implementation of recommendations from the Child Protection Sub Cluster meetings held on 26th September 2018;
- To present to partners the organization of the children forum committees' elections;
- To share with partners the Imbuto Foundation's Parents and Adolescents Communication model;
- To inform stakeholders on the progress towards the operationalization of the Child Protection Information Management System

#### **Expected results:**

- Stakeholders will be informed about the progress on the implementation of recommendations from the Child Protection Sub Cluster meetings held on 26th September 2018;
- Stakeholders will be informed on the organization of the forthcoming children forum committees' elections as well as their required contribution;



- Stakeholders will be informed in details the mode of operation of the Parents and Adolescents Communication model;
- Stakeholders will be updated on the progress made towards the operationalization of the Child Protection Information Management System.

### **Opening of the meeting**

Sandrine Umutoni, Director General of “Imbuto Foundation”, gave a short welcome remark in which she said it was a great honor to co-chair this sub-cluster, further noting that she was happy to be there. On the work of Imbuto Foundation she noted that the organization was first founded by her Excellency, Jeannette Kagame, First Lady of Rwanda, 17 years ago to support the development of a healthy, educated and prosperous population. To achieve this Imbuto Foundation has focused on the family, in which the children are the youngest members, and therefore continue to be the focus of Imbuto foundation into Adulthood, working on education, health, women’s empowerment, youth empowerment, life of dignity, and to overall contribute to the efforts of the Rwandan government. She then once again thanked and welcomed the participants to this sub-cluster meeting, which was the first one to be co-chaired by the Imbuto Foundation.

The Opening remarks were then delivered by Claudine Uwera Kanyamanza, Executive Secretary of NCC, who first greeted the participants and members of the Child Protection Sub-cluster. She then thanked the participants of their attendance and for having contributed to a smooth integration of the monitoring and implementation of child protection systems through the Child Protection Sub-cluster. She then noted that the previous sub-cluster meeting held on September 24<sup>th</sup> had been successful and had adopted good resolutions, which would be elaborated on in the next program on the agenda. She then continued to elaborate the meeting agenda, noting that they would discuss on the status of the Children Forum Committee elections. The elections, she argued, were a part of the commitment the Government of Rwanda had made for the full participation of children in matters regarding them and developing their country. As such these elections are important to all of us, as every three years children elect representatives from villages and districts to ensure their voice is heard, ensuring children have a say in the future they are to grow up in. The meeting would further learn about and discuss the PAC model for Parent and Adolescent Communication to protect adolescents from various child protection issues, such as sexual violence or drug abuse. Finally she noted that they would discuss on the progress towards the operationalization of

the Child Protection Information Management System, after which she thanked the partners for their contributions, which she said were of great value, and that their joint resolutions would improve the welfare of our children. She then declared the meeting open, wishing the participants a successful meeting.

### **Implementation of the September 26 2018 CPSC meeting resolutions**

Francois Bisengimana gave the first presentation of the meeting on the previous meeting resolutions.

The Child Protection Sub-cluster meeting of the first quarter of the 2018/budget year was held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Nobleza Hotel, and focused on:

- To update stakeholders on the progress of the implementation of recommendations from the Child Protection Sub Cluster meetings held on 12th April 2018 and 31st May 2018;
- To share the progress on the implementation of partners' key interventions in line with NCC priorities for 2017- 2018;
- To share the NCC key priorities for this fiscal year 2018- 2019 and agree on the way forward.

Four key resolutions were set in the meeting, the first one being to incorporate the achievements made in the fiscal year 2017-2018 by SAVE THE CHILDREN in the presentation on awareness raising on ECD, as this information was missing in the presentation delivered in the previous meeting. Bisengimana then informed the participants that this had been done.

Secondly the previous meeting had agreed that Imbuto Foundation would prepare and deliver a presentation on Parents and Adolescents Communication (PAC) methodology.

Thirdly the meeting had agreed that NCC would prepare a format, share it with partners to report their interventions in line with the NCC priorities for the fiscal year 2018-2019. On this resolution Bisengimana could report that AJPRODHO, SCI, FXB, GC, AEE, EPR, YWCA, IMBUTO Foundation, HHC and CARITAS successfully reported their activities, while other partners had not.

Finally it was also agreed that NCC would share a format to fill with anti-teenage pregnancy activities in line with Anti-teenage pregnancy campaign organized by MIGEPROF and report back to MIGEPROF to Laetitia



UMUTIRABURA, not later than Monday 1st October 2018. Bisengimana then informed the participants that a different meeting was organized by MIGEPROF on November 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 at Lemigo Hotel, on this specific subject and partners' activities in line with Anti-teenage pregnancy campaign were agreed upon.

### **Comments from Participants:**

There were no questions or comments in this part of the meeting.

### **Presentation on the Parents and Adolescent Communication model**

Clement Kabiligi from the Imbuto Foundation held the meeting's first presentation on the Parent and Adolescent Communication (PAC) Model. Speaking on the projects background he first noted that the existing ASRH & R (Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights) policy highlights the need to fill the gaps in parents' knowledge of ASRH & R issues to better equip them to discuss ASRH & R issues with their children.

Imbuto Foundation uses the PAC approach, as one of their channels to equip both parents and adolescents with knowledge on ASRH & R issues and promote discussions on the subject. The overall aim is to mobilize parents, adults for a friendly communication with their children especially adolescents regarding sexual and reproductive health issues.

In the end Imbuto Foundation and its partners, hope that participants (both parents and adolescents) become aware of their own responsibilities regarding ASRH & R, that they commit and that they implement the recommendations from PAC Lessons learnt are documented. Further, they hope to document this process in order to create a guide model of PAC to be used on national level.

Kabiligi then explained that the PAC platforms will be organized in 2 types of forums:

First PAC I, which serves as an introductions, and answers the question why PAC? This part highlights why talking about ASRH & R is necessary, and what challenges follow from not doing so. This is done in a forum to which a number of adolescent (aged 10-19; male and female) are selected to attend with their parents or guardians (both parents where applicable). Further a nurse, local leaders and teachers are invited. There an experienced speaker sensitize the audience on how to break the communication barriers in addressing ASRH & R issues such as HIV/AIDS and STIs and teenage pregnancies. After the forum

each family gets “**Agaciro Kanjye booklet**” which serves as educational material. A notebook is also distributed to each family, where they write down topics discussed and when.

PAC II is conducted after 2 months to follow up on paired families through group discussions in three groups: male parents, female parents and adolescents. Each of the three groups are requested to discuss and note down success stories and challenges encountered and propose recommendations. This helps in the documentation of specific issues faced by the three categories during implementation of the commitments in order to improve the interventions.

After group works parents with success stories are paired with those who did not manage to implement their pledges to share their experience of overcoming the challenges to discuss the topics with their children. Imbuto Foundation continues to follow up those pairs to assess the trends through home visits.

Findings from PAC 2 are then shared with the TWG to advocate for the availability of a national guide to promote dialogue on ASRH & R in Rwandan families.



The PAC and 'Agaciro Kanjye' booklet, with complete information every adolescent should know about ASRHR.

### Questions and Comments:



Elie MUGABOWISHEMA, the HCS Manager at Global Communities wanted to know how they identified the adolescents and parents to be included, and what the process is for other stakeholders who want implement PAC.

Clement Kabiligi from the Imbuto Foundation explained that Imbuto already has another projects on ASRH & R with school and out of school clubs on ASRH & R, and that they are in areas where teenage pregnancy prevalence are the highest then invite their parents to join the program. As for other organizations who want to implement PAC the booklet is available for the public online, further Imbuto Foundation is willing to share any other information among interested partner organization.

Jean de Dieu SINAYITUTSE, a family reintegration and post follow up officer at NRS said that he thought there was much focus on specifically adolescents, while in his opinion parents equally fail to discuss these issues with younger children, and wondered why children aren't also included?

Dr. Claudine Uwera Kanyamanza, Executive Secretary of NCC asked SINAYITUTSE to specify what he wanted to propose. SINAYITUTSE then said he wished we could openly discuss about SRHR with children before they reach adolescence, and he felt the problem with adolescents stems from parents not being able to talk about the issues from an earlier age. Therefore he thought PAC should include younger children.

Imbuto Director General, Sandrine Umutoni, then specified that PAC is a method for adolescents, but that during the meeting parents are also coached how to talk about these issues from earlier ages. She agreed that the subject cannot be ignored and even from the age of six children have behaviors related to sexuality that parents need to be able to identify.

Clement Kabiligi from the Imbuto Foundation added that while we do need to talk to children of all ages about SRHR, the kind of information to a 7 year old should be different than that to a 14 year old. While this project focuses on adolescents and their parents, the aim is to foster a culture of open dialogue among different generations within the same community.

Gaspard Mujiyambere, a Project Manager at Humanity & Inclusion (HI) then wanted to know how children with disabilities would be included in the program, especially knowing that families with children with special needs tend to not include them due to stigma.

Clement Kabiligi from the Imbuto Foundation noted that since the discussions take place at home everyone can be included, and that the booklet has the possibility to reach all children.

Christine Mukazayire from NCPD also insisted the booklet needed to be more inclusive and questioned whether children with disability actually could access the booklets.

Mujyambere noted that he thought that future version of the cover pages should include one child with a disability. To which Kabiri replied that Imbuto is interested to work with HI to improve. He acknowledged that there are areas in need of improvement and appreciated the feedback.

Zahra Mirghani a Senior Protection officer at UNHCR wanted to know since when PAC has been tested, and what are the lessons learnt so far?

Clement Kabiligi from the Imbuto Foundation started by noting the apparent need of the program, he asked the meeting to assume that youth don't know anything on the issue, giving an example from a village where there was a rumor saying you couldn't get pregnant from sex during the day. Hearing this Kabiligi asked if the girls really thought this was true, when one girl replied that she had herself tried it ten times and she did not get pregnant. He also noted that in the end there are many success stories, while in the beginning, men were leaving the discussions to their wives, but little by little, you could really see a change of culture.

Jacques MUCYURANYANA M&E Manager at HHC said he thought the taboo on the issue was really hard to break, and questioned whether it was at all possible to get parents and children to talk to each other about these issues. He thought it would be easier among peers, since they are used to it, but the other communication between generations would be very hard in Rwandan culture. He noted that while parents might be accepting of their children accessing the information the taboo would be too strong to enter conversations themselves.

Clement Kabiligi then answered that that is the whole point of this strategy, and said he wished the participants could have seen the progress, where parents first were unwilling, but then after learning of the consequences of not communicating they change their minds and decide to talk to their children.

Mona Aika, a Child Protection Specialist at Unicef wanted to better to understand how the training is rolled out, and whether it linked to the local structures such as "Inshuti z'Umuryango".

Clement Kabiligi answered that PAC is being channeled only through Umugoroba w'Ababyeyi for now. Other structure might become relevant in the future.

Elie MUGABOWISHEMA, the HCS Manager at Global Communities: also wondered how to mobilize parents in the cities where parents are so busy.



Clement Kabiligi answered that it is true, some parents in the city can spend even a month without contact with their children. Even more, these children have access to internet, music, and videos that they tend to believe. Even though it is not easy to approach these parents, our challenge is to convince them that they have to attend PAC II and talk to their children.

Another question raised was how the use of the booklets would be monitored, to which Kabiligi said Imbutu would take this question as homework, and that they were going to create a guide on monitoring to share with all interested organizations.

The Imbutu Director General Sandrine Umutoni, was then asked to give general comments on the discussion. She first thanked Clement for his answers, and noted that on the issue of reaching parents in urban areas we want work with partners, who can share their expertise. She also noted that talking about sex with children includes a level of taboo in almost all countries, and noted that it's not easy anywhere. But as the prevalence of teenage pregnancy is rising, there is a sense of urgency, we cannot wait for the perfect time to talk about this issues, we have to do it now, we all need to do something in our organizations. She said that there are so many myths, like the one Clement mentioned earlier, and others, such as sex clearing acne. She then said it is our responsibility to engage in these conversations, there are no more excuses that is just the reality of it, we may be uncomfortable, but at the end of the day we all need to do it. On the issue of inclusiveness of young people living with disabilities, Umutoni stated that Imbutu does work with the umbrella of organizations of people living with disabilities (UPHLS), to address the question of ASRH. Adding that as there are several organizations in the ecosystem of Rwandan civil society, it is important to acknowledge that each one has their own areas of expertise, so each organization should take the lead in the areas they know best. This way, all stakeholders can tackle an issue from many angles, rather than having only a few organizations take over many areas of expertise.

Before closing the discussion on the presentation, Dr. Claudine Uwera Kanyamanza, Executive Secretary of NCC, finally noted that this is a sensitive issue, but how the current family campaign also focuses on these issues, while it may be a long journey, we have no choice. To strengthen relationship with partners to own this model it requires increased ownership among local leaders, who should operationalize these structures. Only then can it be taken seriously. Further she noted, sometimes people may think that supporting victims can encourage the youth to start sexual activity earlier, but even if we stopped our support, these activities would not stop, which is why we need to prepare our children for a brighter future by giving them correct information.

## **Presentation on the Children Forum Committee elections**

The next presentation on the preparations for the Children Forum Committee elections was held by Morris UJENEZA, a Child Protection and Promotion Officer at NCC.

His presentation first described the existing structure of the committee and the National Children's Summit and described them as platforms that enable children to express their views and opinions which are then incorporated into government plans of action and also considered during the development of various policies and programs.

He then proceeded to give more information on the upcoming Children Committee Forum Elections, explaining that the Children Forum Committee representatives are elected for a term of three years, and that the last elections were held between 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2015. Therefore the Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion in collaboration with partners are organizing children's elections that will take place from 04<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2018 throughout the country from the Village to the District level.

He then went on to explain what was expected from partners, mentioning participation both in the briefing of Districts on election of Children's Forum Committees (26-30/11/2018) and in the actual election (04-07/12/2018). He also said that they should take part in the communication of the election of Children Forum Committee, by organizing strategic meetings, community meetings, or inform the public through TV, Radio, or Magazines. He finally presented the three main documents to be used before and during the elections:

- Booklets of Ministerial guideline establishing Children Forum Committees of 2012;
- Booklets of guidelines Children Forum Committees Election;
- Forms to record new elected committees.

### **Questions and Comments:**

Alice MUTONI, a Child Protection specialist at World Vision raised a question on the age of the CFC representatives. She explained that in her own work with World Vision on child participation she often interacts with members around 19 or 20 years of age, of whom you can immediately see that they are no longer



themselves interested in child rights, or the conversations around it. She then brought up simultaneously a problem with birth registration uptake, and suggested that requiring candidates to present birth registrations would both act as an incentive to register childbirths and prevent adults to represent children and youth in the CFC.

UJENEZA Morris answered that the children come to cell level accompanied by parents, and the children who are submitting candidates, they are those who are residents in our villages, they know who they are and how old they are. Regarding birth certificate of their children UJENEZA thought it could be a future possibility to initiate such a requirement, but not a possibility for these elections. Further there is a resolution children should receive their identity card at birth. In the elections the age limitation to those between 6-15 years of age is meant to ensure all elected representatives are under 18 throughout entire 3 year period.

Elie MUGABOWISHEMA, the HCS Manager at Global Communities said that in his opinion the Child Forum Committees should be getting even more attention, including development of tools that can be handled by children, hearing and vision impairments and other accessibility issues should be considered, such as for those using wheelchairs.

Yvette MUTETERI from the NWC then wondered if the NCC had communicated enough on the elections so that children and parents are aware that the elections to be held in December, especially as she had herself not heard of the elections before the meeting.

UJENEZA Morris answered that communication should start in schools, further Districts have been officially communicated one month before, and to communicate to lower levels, including schools, mobilizing parents will pass through the “Umuganda” of November 2018, and finally radio spots will be aired starting from November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Francois Bisengimana from the NCC further pointed out that we can all work together to improve the communication, no matter what the issue, it's not necessary to always have your own budget for radio spots, as we can work together and we deliver a message for you, or, if you have space, then we pass it to you to be delivered. Such cooperation is the greatest part are about the community.

Dr. Claudine Uwera Kanyamanza, Executive Secretary of NCC then said she wanted to emphasize the operationalization, and that it is not only for children with disabilities, but all children, and to make sure of that the NCC would try to speed up the process to communicate on all levels.

Zahra Mirghani the Senior Protection officer at UNHCR finally wanted to know to what degree the refugee children will be included in a way or another.

Francois Bisengimana from the NCC answered that Rwanda has been the first to adopt the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework, to have refugee voices in all aspects of life, but actually Rwanda had started this work even before adopting this framework. While the elections are not carried out in the same manner as those in the cells which our guidelines are fore, refugee children from the refugee camps have always been included in the CFC. He then continued to point out that in the future, they would discuss how we can harmonize elections in villages and refugee camps, but until then they have always had representatives from the camps, who moreover, have tended to always make their voice and wishes heard in the CFC.

### **Presentation on the progress towards the operationalization of the Child Protection Information Management System**

The final presentation, held by Bernardine MAHORU, NCC's ICT and Database Officer, was about the progress of the operationalization of the Child Protection Information Management System (CP IMS) which will be used by NCC with its stakeholders for multiple strategic purposes including but not limited to data collection, reporting, analysis and decision making.

She explained that so far a validation workshop held in 2015 in MUSANZE has agreed on minimum data elements, further agreement has also been reached regarding district reporting timelines, and that NCC IMS team members have been trained on the basic skills to use of the software.

She then explained that a stakeholders mapping report had shown that there are 103 different organizations including international, national as well as faith based organizations that could use the system, but noting that many organizations, despite officially being registered as active in child protection, were in fact inactive in that regard.

She ended her presentation by summarizing necessary next steps to take the program forward, including the organization of a technical workshop with M&E



staff from key stakeholders to discuss the CP IMS, as well as organizing trainings on the use of the system to all organizations acting in child protection domain.

### **Questions and Comments:**

Odette Uwera KAMANZI a Nutrition advisor at the Catholic Relief Fund (CRF) requested a current soft copy of the template now to know how the services respond to child protection.

Berra Kabarungi, a Program Manager at the African Evangelical Enterprise (AEE), had a question regarding the mapping of stakeholders and wondered whether local organization have been consulted?

Jacques MUCYURANYANA a M&E Manager at Hope and Homes for Children asked what is NCC planning to do with organizations registered to work with child protection but not acting or delivering on it, to which Bernardine MAHORO, responded that after analyzing all data from the grass roots NCC would write to RGB to report that they had not found child protection related activities organization on centralized levels for appropriate actions.

Claudine Uwera Kanyamanza, Executive Secretary of NCC noted one can always continue to improve one's systems, and that they would clarify between the different actions, so that everyone knows what they have to deliver. She continued by noting that the purpose of the program is to learn who does what on decentralized levels, it's a program for all partners, to be developed jointly, and that the system developers would be in touch with partners regarding their worries. She then made a note on the inactive organizations mentioned in the presentation, saying that sometimes organizations can pop up and say they are working with child protection, but district leaders not having any awareness of their work. Therefore one should surely consider partner views in the development process, but it is equally important to harmonize all the services being delivered.

Christine NTAKIRUTIMANA, a Child Protection Specialist noted that her organization works in all Districts, and that she was afraid there could be some duplication in some interventions as they intervene in all thematic areas of integrated child policy. She then suggested that there could be a consolidation of all the data on the most vulnerable children to ensure that there is a cross

sharing mechanism between intervening organizations at the decentralized levels, especially the sectors.

Bernardine MAHORO replied that a mapping targeting the activities for the most vulnerable children was conducted in 2014 where partners gave information on how they identify vulnerable children, type's vulnerability, and the potential service providers. The purpose then was to create a platform linking organizations working with vulnerable children, which is still an ongoing progress, and that whenever organizations are providing support they are supposed to write to NCC précising the services they are going to provide.

Berra Kabarungi, a Program Manager at the African Evangelical Enterprise suggested sharing the criteria of identification of most vulnerable children with partners.

Gatete Muhozi, and M&E officer at Strive Foundation gave a comment on the issue of duplication, noting that one child is sometimes supported by more than one organization, and that if one organization builds a family house, and another gives livestock, that is itself not really a problem.

Patricia Lin Ah Kea, Chief of Child Protection at UNICEF Rwanda, was then given the word, and noted that the meeting was rearing towards it end and that she wanted to take time to give her appreciation for the work everyone there was doing for children. Noting that UNICEF had, either currently or in the past, somehow been involved in the programs that had been presented there that day. She then wanted to take a moment to truly appreciate this important child-protection sub-cluster, its members, NCC and wonderful new co-chair, Imbuto Foundation. Shen then turned her attention to her colleague Those of of know our colleague Mona Aika, a Child Protection Specialist at UNICEF, who she noted had been with their office for the last four years, but would now be leaving the country, and asked if they could all allow her to say a few words.

Mona Aika then stood up and noted that it was true that she was leaving, which was causing her mixed emotions. She reminisced of how child protection had really evolved during her time with UNICEF in Rwanda, from the beginning when they were merely conceptualizing programs, to now when we have so many achievements. She thanked everyone in the room and noted that she would miss them all, while she was excited to face new opportunities in the East African Headquarters.



#### IV. Recommendations

N°	Point of discussion	Recommendation	Responsible	Timeline
1	Parents and Adolescents Communication model	To share with partners the Imbuto Foundation's Parents and Adolescents Communication model; To create a PAC monitoring guide and share it with partners	Imbuto Foundation	January 2019
2	Organization of Children's Forum Elections	Communicate through "Umuganda" of November 2018, and radio spots the organization of Children's Forum Election Participation both in the briefing of Districts on election of Children's Forum Committees (26-30/11/2018) and in the actual election (04-07/12/2018)	NCC All partners	December 2018 December 2018
3	the operationalization of the Child Protection Information Management System	Harmonization of Children Forum elections' to include also children in refugee camps Organize a technical workshop with M&E staff from key stakeholders to discuss the CP IMS, organizing trainings districts data and reporting Report to RGB a list of organization registered in child protection but not found during NCC partners' monitoring visits for appropriate actions.	MIGEPROF, NCC NCC NCC	Next children' Forum elections By February 2019 By April & May 2019 By January 2019

## **Closing Remarks and way forward**

Before the meeting was closed word was given to Sandrine Umutoni, Director General of Imbuto Foundation. She wanted to thank the moderator, the chair, and all participants for the ideas they had shared to move this sub-cluster forward, she further noted that Imbuto Foundation was looking forward to support the sub-cluster, and thanked them for electing Imbuto as their co-chair.

Claudine Uwera Kanyamanza, Executive Secretary of NCC was then given the word to close the meeting. She thanked everyone, giving a special thanks to Mona Aika, for her committed service in their field. She then summarized key takeaways from all presentations, saying they had learned a lot about the PAC approach, which she found to be a good model to break the silence taboo on ASRH & R, but they had all been reminded on the importance of including children with disabilities. She then noted that she hoped all partners would be fully involved in informing Districts of the children committee elections, and that they would share an email with more information, and that she and NCC truly appreciated the partners commitment. Finally, she noted that they were already planning the next steps for the CP MIS, for which they were planning a training, and she hoped all meeting participants would attend. She then once again thanked everyone and closed the meeting.

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