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MINUTES OF THE CHILD PROTECTION SUB- CLUSTER MEETING

Date: September 26th, 2018

Venue: NOBLEZA Hotel conference hall

Total Participants: 42

I. Introduction

Following multiple ratifications 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. A number of legal instruments, social policies, have been developed and 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 and in ensuring that children's rights are respected and that children in vulnerable conditions are provided with all needed services to protect them.

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 the whole child protection system, has opted to work in the Child Protection Sub Cluster which is therefore a joint forum for NCC and its partners to not only take together actions, share best practices, discuss gaps and devise further strategies but also strengthen the already existing mechanisms based on the implementation of the 7 key policy thematic areas of the Integrated Child Rights Policy 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 child protection stakeholders. For this 1st quarter of 2018- 2019, the Child Protection Sub Cluster meeting was organized to discuss on the following three main points:

- ✓ The status of implementation of recommendations taken from the Child Protection Sub Cluster meetings held on 12th April 2018 and 31st May 2018 respectively;
- ✓ The status of progress of implementation of partners' key interventions in child rights protection and promotion area for 2017- 2018 in line with NCC priorities;
- ✓ The NCC key priorities for 2018- 2019.

I.2. Meeting objectives

I.2.1. Main objectives

The meeting was aimed at sharing with stakeholders the progress on the implementation of their key interventions in child rights protection and promotion area for 2017- 2018 and engage them towards the implementation of the NCC key priorities for this fiscal year 2018- 2019.

I.2.2. Specific objectives

The following specific objectives were followed during the meeting:

- ✓ To update stakeholders on the progress on 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.



I.3. Expected results

The National Commission for Children was expecting that at the end of the meeting:

- ✓ Stakeholders would be informed about the progress on the implementation of recommendations from the Child Protection Sub Cluster meetings held on 12th April 2018 and 31st May 2018;
- ✓ Participants would be updated on the implementation of partners' key interventions in line with NCC priorities for 2017- 2018;
- ✓ The NCC key priorities for this fiscal year 2018- 2019 would be shared with stakeholders and the way forward agreed up on.

I.4. Methodology used

The meeting was interactive and participatory. All Presentations that were planned were delivered including:

- ✓ The progress on the implementation of recommendations from the Child Protection Sub Cluster meetings held on 12th April 2018 and 31st May 2018 respectively;
- ✓ Implementation of partners' key interventions in line with NCC priorities for 2017- 2018 by Global Communities, Imbutu Foundation, World Relief, SOS Children's Villages and Save The Children (Note that Strive Foundation could not present though it was scheduled to present)
- ✓ The NCC key priorities for this fiscal year 2018- 2019.



The presentations were made and participants were given the opportunity to contribute through a “Question and Answer” session in plenary.

IV. Recommendations

During the presentations and the plenary session, participants have made recommendations illustrated in the table below:

IV. Recommendations

N°	Recommendation	Timeline	Responsible
1	Incorporate in the presentation the achievements made in the fiscal year 2017-2018 by SAVE THE CHILDREN on awareness raising on ECD as this information was missing in the presentation delivered (Though it was planned)	By 12/10/2018	SCI
2	Prepare and deliver a presentation on PAC methodology (Parents and Adolescents Communication)	Next CP Sub-cluster meeting	IMBUTO Foundation
3	To prepare a format and share it with partners to report their interventions in line with the NCC priorities for the fiscal year 2018-2019	By 02/10/2018	NCC
	Fill the template shared by NCC with interventions in line with the NCC priorities for the fiscal year 2018-2019	By 12/10/2018	Partners
4	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 through UMUTIRABURA Laetitia email: lumutirabura@migeprof.gov.rw not later than Monday 1 st October 2018	26/09/2018	MIGEPROF



V. Election of the CP Sub cluster Co-Chair

As it is provided for in the National Gender and Family Cluster guidelines developed by MIGEPROF and the Coordination Mechanism document developed by NCC, the Child Protection Sub Cluster Committee is led by a Chair which is NCC a co-chair and a Secretary. For that matter NCC (Chair), UNICEF (Co-Chair) and Save the Children (Secretary) have been successfully leading the activities of the CP sub cluster from 2016 to date as the subcluster was building itself and gaining its strength to operate as we know it today.

Now that the National Gender and Family Cluster provided for the Co-chair position to be a rotational¹ position and the Secretariat position to be undertaken by the Secretariat of the National Gender and Family Cluster², it has been a priority for the CP subcluster to elect a new Co-Chair for a period of one year starting from September 2018.

In this first meeting of the CP subcluster in this year 2018-2019, it has been an occasion to vote for a new co-chair. Three candidate organizations identified themselves and these are: Imbuto foundation, Save the Children and UNHCR. All participants except the Chair elected through secret ballot and the resulting scores were as follows:

- ✓ Imbuto Foundation: 19 votes
- ✓ Save the Children: 13 votes
- ✓ UNHCR: 7 votes

Therefore, Imbuto Foundation was voted the Co-Chair of the Child Protection Sub-Cluster as it got more votes than other candidates.

VI. Conclusion

The meeting was officially closed by the Executive Secretary of the National Commission for Children by thanking all participants for their participation and key resolutions made which will

¹ Coordination Mechanism document developed by NCC, p4

² National Gender and Family Cluster guidelines developed by MIGEPROF, p8



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help in improving the ways of organizing the CP subcluster activities for the betterment of the welfare of the children in Rwanda. She also thanked UNICEF and Save the Children for the work so far achieved and welcomed Imbutu Foundation on board.

Done at Kigali, on October 2nd, 2018

Minutes taker:

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