



Child protection & food security

Joint Workshop – 30-31 August 2022, Maiduguri, Borno State

Background

- Across all population groups, food is the top priority (93%) followed by livelihoods and income generating activities.
- Children and adolescents are rarely consulted or engaged in food security responses.
- Adolescents girls and boys make up 31.3% and 27.5% of the food insecure population; acute malnutrition rate for adolescent girls in BAY states is 42%.
- Evidence shows that **food insecurity directly impacts children's protection and well-being**:
 - Mental health and psychosocial support
 - Child labour
 - Child marriage
 - Family separation
 - Sexual exploitation and abuse
 - Recruitment and use by armed forces and armed groups
 - Dangers and injuries

Initiative: enhancing field support and coordination between child protection and food security

Goal: Strengthen cooperation between child protection and food security sectors

Approach: Inter-agency, technical support

Duration: January 2022 – January 2023 (Phase I)

Location: Global, focus in 3 country contexts

Partners: Global CP AoR, Global Food Security Cluster, Plan International



FSL Cluster and CP Aor workshop

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Objectives:

- (1) Strengthen skills and knowledge of child protection and food security actors to **collaborate** and design and implement **integrated programming**.
- (2) Identify **good practices and opportunities** for increased collaboration between the child protection and food security sectors.



Discussion topics:

- Key concepts and definitions of child protection and food security
- Linkages between food insecurity and child protection
- Child protection mainstreaming into FSL programs
- Reflections on collaboration between child protection and food security actors
- Key considerations for designing and implementing integrated child protection and food security programming
 - Opportunities, barriers, and resources/tools for collaboration between CP and FSL actors



Discussion Findings:

- **CP risks associated with food insecurity** have not been prioritized for action by humanitarian actors.
- Several actions are being taken to **mainstreaming CP** into FSL programming, but there is room for improvement, particularly around children's participation and empowerment.
- **Referrals** of vulnerable children into FSL programming was highlighted as a challenge. Good practices include setting aside a certain number of program participants to be referred to from CP actors.
- Limited collaboration between CP and FSL actors in developing **vulnerability or selection criteria**.
- Participants identified several existing forms of collaboration within **integrated CP-FSL programs** (e.g. positive parenting training for households receiving IGA or VSLA). However, these are few examples of comprehensive programs.

Opportunities for collaboration

Recommendations

- Joint needs assessment and data collection on children's protection and food security needs
- Capacity-strengthening for FSL actors on **child protection mainstreaming**
- Detailed mappings and **referral pathways** for CP and FSL actors
- **Coordination meetings** at field-level between CP and FSL actors
- Development of **technical tools and resources**, such as measurement tools and guidance notes

Next Steps

- Joint development and tools and resources to promote collaboration (ongoing)
- Piloting and review of tools (Nov)
- Webinar to share finalized resources and good practices (Dec/Jan)

Thank you!

Questions, suggestions, recommendations?