

Child Health in Emergencies and Humanitarian Settings Subgroup Meeting Notes
November 10, 2020

Recording:

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- Partner Updates
 - **CDC:** *Engang Handzel*
 - To share more information on the assessment tool being used in Uganda and Chad after the call
 - **Malaria Consortium:** *Helen Counihan*
 - Continuing work in South Sudan, in partnership with UNICEF and others to support the delivery of iCCM services at the community level
 - Research project in Cameroon on maximizing access to community health services for IDPs
 - **UNICEF:** *Fouzia Shafique*
 - Approach to addressing COVID-19: both direct response and continuation of essential health services. The surveys conducted by UNICEF and other partners have, in the short term, identified disruption of services. Using HIMS data and guidance on how and what to monitor during emergencies.
 - Next steps:
 - Link the monitoring to various digital platforms to get more real time data.
 - Ensure the services used during COVID-19 support both the immediate epidemic response *and* systems strengthening. (i.e. availability of oxygen, for both COVID-19 cases and children with pneumonia; integration of telemedicine).
 - Involved in ACT, especially in the pillar on vaccines. To undertake the procurement of vaccines when available.
 - **Requests to colleagues:**
 - Provide feedback as part of the global protection and prevention strategy consultative process.
 - Provide examples of any work you are aware of in costing of WASH interventions in humanitarian settings (i.e. handwashing at school and health care facilities).
 - **Save the Children:** *Nureyan Zunong*
 - COVID-19 response focused on providing safe health services and ensuring data is being collected on health service utilization. IMPACT database, using the DHIS platform, provides access to real time data on service utilization. The continuation of services has improved since the summer.
 - **IRC:** *Naoka Kozuki*

- [IAWG \(Interagency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crises\)](#)
update:
 - Subgroup on maternal and newborn health:
 - Dedicated COVID-19 task force
 - [READY](#)
 - Gates foundation has offered funding to launch a [newborn initiative: five year strategy to accelerate progress for newborns in humanitarian settings.](#)
 - At the organizational level: has selected topic areas for research & coordination, including one on maternal and newborn health
 - Vision statement on how to develop innovative tools
 - To share more information about a future multi year research consortium on this topic area
- Discussion on work plan:
 - Fouzia: due to short time left, suggested to circulate a google doc with the notes
 - New partnerships from 2020 to join the group
 - Their input into the TOR would be helpful
 - Fouzia: Data on children living in humanitarian settings, some regional estimates, no global estimates. Perhaps this is something we should be pushing for. Understanding by type (protracted crises, conflict, etc).
 - This will help with advocacy
 - Fouzia: should send out child health alerts
 - Fouzia: linking (not formal) to the global health clusters
 - Neil (MSF): agreed with the suggestions by Fouzia. Also wanted to connect with co-chairs as MSF has not been as involved.
- Next steps:
 - Reconvene in December (early) to agree on 2021 work plan
 - Google doc shared with notes to make comments/edits