

# The Care and Protection of Children in Crisis Affected Countries

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## Elements of the Protective Environment Framework

<b>Monitoring and reporting</b>
<b>Governmental commitment to fulfilling protection rights</b>
<b>Protective legislation and enforcement</b>
<b>Attitudes, traditions, customs, behaviour and practices</b>
<b>Open discussion of child protection issues</b>
<b>Children's life skills, knowledge and participation</b>
<b>The capacity to protect among those around children</b>
<b>Services for recovery and reintegration</b>



Using the 'protective environment' framework to analyse children's protection needs in Darfur  
Ager, Boothby & Bremer, *Disasters*, forthcoming.

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**Percentage of CAP Coverage for Protection/Human Rights/Rule of Law vs. All Other Sectors (2000-2008)**



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### Estimating Incidence of GBV in N Uganda using the 'neighborhood method'

**'Among the 204 respondents, 268 sisters and 1206 neighbors for whom data was collected, findings suggested that over 48% had experienced some form of violence in the previous year. Over that period, 42% had experienced beatings from a partner or other family member; 25% had experienced forced sex with husbands against their wishes; and just over 3% had been raped by someone outside of the household'.**



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### *Children's Ratings of Resilience and Well-Being (SCiUg)*

- playful and social
- interested in school, intelligent
- happy
- respectful and non-violent
- responsible and hard-working
- healthy



### *Markers of Community Reintegration for Girls Formerly Abducted By Armed Groups in Sierra Leone (CCF)*

- marriage
- community engagement
- *bondo* inclusion
- 'steady head'



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## Piloting PEF-Based Tool for Programming Appraisal in Sri Lanka

Framework Element	Key Indicators	Appraisal			Strategic Foci
Monitoring & Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Government capacity</li> <li>•Inter-Agency Coordination</li> <li>•Changes &amp; Trends</li> <li>•Breadth &amp; Scope</li> </ul>		√ √ √	√	ECD & WASH programmes developing some local capacity for M & E, though needs to be built on. DevInfo to be institutionalized across Gov & UN agencies. District Child Development Committees established in 10/25 districts. Monitoring in place re: 1612.
Governmental Commitment to Fulfilling Protection Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Convention Commitments</li> <li>•CRC Implementation</li> </ul>		√	√	National Plan of Action for Children (2004-2008) major process supporting government action in this area. Need to support process of reporting to UNCRC in 2008.
Protective Legislation & Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Norms</li> <li>•System Capacity</li> <li>•Detention</li> <li>•Child Welfare</li> <li>•Legal Definitions</li> <li>•Documentation</li> </ul>	√	√ √ √ √ √		Urgent need to support law reform to produce legislation consistent with CRC e.g. amending age of criminal responsibility (currently 8) and definition of child (currently under 14). Urgently address need for welfare considerations for child victims of crime.
Attitudes, Traditions, Customs, Behavior & Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Expectations</li> <li>•Social Disruption</li> <li>•Hostile Features</li> <li>•Traditional Harms</li> </ul>	√ √	√ √		Strengthened protection against abuse of children in institutional care a key priority. Programme of work to address GBV established. Social disruption a major issue in the east with escalation of conflict and increased displacement and loss of livelihoods.

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### Impact of Intervention on Girls Formerly Abducted By Armed Groups

	SEFAFU	Comparison	Odds ratio
Marriage	7/25	10/25	0.70
<i>Bondo</i>	15/20	7/20	2.14
Community	19/20	9/20	2.11
'Steady head'	13/14	4/14	3.25



### HSP's Community Mental Health Initiative in Aceh

90% of the patients and caretakers surveyed reported positive outcomes (ranging from patients being less disruptive to significant improvements in the quality of life)

16% of households reported that the program had enabled patients to secure employment

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## *Areas of Uncertainty and Potential Debate: Statements Eliciting Diverse Responses from Experts*

- **A rights-based approach must be continuously promoted.**
- **Interventions need to be scalable.**
- **Emergency needs should be addressed independently of long-term strategy.**
- **We need to avoid categorizing and labeling children to avoid stigmatization and jealousy.**
- **Using the term 'vulnerable' should be avoided.**
- **It is best practice to not provide cash settlements to children associated with fighting forces.**

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## Potential Child Protection Impacts of Livelihoods Strategies following Economic ‘Shocks’

<b>Short-Term Strategies</b>	Basic needs addressed rather than long-term needs (e.g. education) More focused decisions to support particular children
<b>Diversified Strategies</b>	Children expected to be resourceful Increased resilience / acquisition of new skill sets
<b>Riskier Strategies</b>	Increased sex work and exploitation Less supervision of children
<b>Changed Roles</b>	Values regarding children changed (e.g. commoditization, reduced value of disabled) Intergenerational schisms Established child protection mechanisms disrupted
<b>Migration</b>	Sibling support disrupted Separation from parents

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**Children Associated with Fighting Forces & Armed Groups**



The Reintegration of Children Associated with Fighting Forces: Ten Years on From Cape Town Stark, Boothby & Ager, *Disasters*, forthcoming.

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**Community Engagement**

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