UNICEF Humanitarian Action Update

Core Commitments for Children

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What are the Core Commitments for Children in Humanitarian Action?
UNICEF Regulatory Framework

- Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
- Child Safeguarding
- Corporate Emergency Activation Procedure
- Procedure on linking HD programming

UNICEF & Inter-Agency Planning Tools

- Strategic Plan
- Country Programme Document (CPD)
- Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)
- Humanitarian Action for Children (HAC)

UNICEF Monitoring & Reporting Instruments

- Annual Reports
- Situation Reports
- Humanitarian Action for Children (HAC)
What is the content of the new CCCs?

Chapter 1: Policies, principles and accountability

• International legal framework, global standards and principles
• Institutional responsibilities

Chapter 2: Programme commitments

• Overarching: quality, coordination, linking humanitarian + development programming, preparedness, protection from sexual exploitation and abuse etc.
• Sectoral: Health, Nutrition, Child Protection, Education, Water and Sanitation, Social Protection
• Cross-sectoral: gender, disabilities, adolescents, early childhood development
• Situation-specific: public health emergencies, large movements of refugees, migrants, and internally displaced people.

Chapter 3: Enabling and Operational commitments

Accountability to Affected Populations - where are we?

• UNICEF adopted a roadmap to scale up AAP

• Benchmarking exercise was carried out against the Core Humanitarian Standards to understand where we are on quality and accountability

• Preliminary results show that UNICEF is strongly committed to the accountability agenda

• On the ground, some weaknesses have been identified related to the complaints and feedback mechanisms and the lack of appropriate response

• An action plan is being developed
Building on good practices - examples

• Cameroon - tracking of community feedback around 6 key indicators
• Nigeria - affected people receive and share life-saving information through u-report
• Somalia - complaints feedback tool for humanitarian cash transfers
• Jordan - helpline for education awareness campaign; real-time monitoring system
• India - feedback mechanism at scale for all sectors
• Yemen - feedback mechanism in emergency cash transfer programs; interagency collaboration on collective approaches to AAP
Building on good practices – Inter-agency work

• UNICEF is leading the Communication and Community Engagement (OCHA, IFRC and partners) to establish more predictable and systematic collective approaches

• Proposal for a Community Engagement and Accountability Common Service

• UNICEF is co-leading IASC’s Results Group 2 with focus on AAP

• DRC Ebola response: deployment to support interagency AAP structure at country level
Accountability to Affected Populations - what is needed?

• Headquarters support to Regional Offices and Country Offices to implement the 2018 AAP strategy

• Involvement of Humanitarian Coordinator/Resident Coordinator: leadership on the ground is essential

• Revision of key guidance and procedures and rigorous monitoring of their implementation

• A capacity building strategy to reach all UNICEF staff.
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