

Meeting of CEO Forum and Alliance Program Committee

Wednesday 15 May 2019

11am – 5pm

At the November 2018 CEO Forum it was agreed to have a joint meeting of the CEO Forum and Alliance Program Committee (APC) during the May 2019 meeting in Ireland.

Several specific issues and objectives were listed for this joint meeting:

1. Identify ChildFund programs that support our EVAC advocacy;
2. Agree on a ChildFund Alliance Gender Position Paper;
3. Plan more effectively for our humanitarian response work, especially child protection in emergencies (CPiE);
4. Agree on the revised child safeguarding standards and a new standard to prevent sexual abuse and exploitation by aid workers;
5. Coordinate and support Alliance member compliance with Accountable Now;
6. Identify how climate change affects programming;
7. Identify work within the Alliance that is addressing human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

Subsequently it was also proposed that the APC consider:

8. Mapping social business/ social entrepreneurship in ChildFund programs.

Discussion about Accountable Now will be done by separate sessions on Thursday and Friday.

The mapping of social business/ social entrepreneurship has not yet started, so these are not included in the joint CEO Forum /APC meeting as outlined below.

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Agenda

Session Co-chairs: Nigel Spence, Margaret Sheehan, Nana Hosoi

Time	Topic	Lead responsibility	Papers
11am	Introduction and session aim	Nigel	Refer to briefing note below
11:05	Briefing on the proposed approach to Strategic Planning	Nigel	
11:30	Programming on EVAC including trafficking	Margaret	Interactive sessions Facilitators; Naomi, Yukiko and Shona
12:30	LUNCH		
1:30	Gender Position Paper	Catherine Shona	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Briefing note below• Draft Paper in the APC Progress Report
2:15	Environment and Climate Change	Martina Naomi	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Briefing note below• Green Paper previously circulated by Anna Svard
3:00	CPiE Programming in humanitarian work	Yukiko Nana	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Briefing note below• Secretary-General's report
3:45	Revised standards on child safeguarding and a new standard on PSEA	Nigel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Briefing note below• Draft Standards in the APC Progress Report
4:00	Child-friendly Accountability	Faith	
4:30	Wrap up; agree follow-up actions	Nigel	
5:00	CLOSE		

SESSION BRIEFING NOTE

1. Programming on EVAC

Background:

Advocacy to end violence against children (EVAC) by the ChildFund Alliance Secretariat and Alliance members will increase in 2019 due to the HLPF in July and the launch of various reports including a ChildFund Alliance Global Advocacy publication, a report from Joining Forces/Child Rights Now!, the Small Voices Big Dreams report and the 30th anniversary of the CRC. Advocacy efforts are being coordinated by the Alliance Advocacy Task Force.

The APC maintains it is important to identify program work that gives credibility to our advocacy and provides examples of solutions that prevent and respond to violence against children. The APC says there is interest in mapping ChildFund programs against the INSPIRE framework. ChildFund Australia has previously prepared a case document with mapping. Other members are in the process to include INSPIRE indicators to their M&E indicators.

Aims of the session:

- To briefly present evidence of promising and successful EVAC interventions across ChildFund Alliance.
- To build stronger alignment between our programs and our advocacy on EVAC.
- To increase awareness about the range of ChildFund programs that address EVAC and that are consistent with the INSPIRE strategies.
- To clearly identify the intersections between Child Protection and EVAC.

2. Gender position paper

Background:

The APC has identified 'gender equality' as a significant gap in ChildFund Alliance policy and standards. The APC formed a subgroup to produce a gender position paper which has been drafted and is included as an attachment to the APC Progress report.

Aims of the session:

- To review the draft Gender Position Paper, provide feedback and recommend to the Alliance Board that it be approved [refer to draft in the APC Progress Report]
- Seek input from CEOs regarding programmatic action including existing standard compliance.

3. CPiE Programming in humanitarian work

Background:

The ChildFund Alliance Strategic Plan aims to increase the capacity and coordination of humanitarian response, with priority given to child protection in emergencies (CPiE).

A new CPiE-DRR advisor has been appointed to be based at the Secretariat, jointly funded by the Secretariat and CCFC.

The Alliance Secretariat met in January 2019 with Terre des Hommes to continue to explore possibilities for working together on child protection in emergencies.

Some Alliance members have operational partnerships with other NGOs in humanitarian response.

A joint investigation by Educo, ChildFund International, ChildFund Australia and CCFC led to the decision to establish a response to the Rohingya refugee crisis, with a focus on education and child protection. Mr Wonki Oh, Humanitarian Program Manager from ChildFund Korea is now appointed as acting head of Mission at the Educo-ChildFund's Field Office in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

Aims of the session:

- Begin to identify what ChildFund's key CPiE programs look like and how the APC can build further strength in this area.

4. Revised standards on child safeguarding and a new standard on PSEA

Background:

ChildFund Alliance has a strong commitment to child safeguarding. The ChildFund Alliance revised and re-issued its Child Safeguarding Policy in 2017. Alliance members have updated their child safeguarding and child protection policies.

The APC identified areas of the ChildFund Alliance Standards that needed improvement and addition in order to strengthen child safeguarding.

Revelations of abuse and exploitation of beneficiaries by aid workers in Oxfam and other agencies in 2018 highlighted the need for organisations to develop stronger safeguards. The Alliance CEOs agreed that a new standard be developed to prevent sexual abuse and exploitation (PSEA). The APC has now prepared a new standard.

The CEO Forum in November 2018 agreed to send reports to Meg by the end of December 2018 on steps their organization has to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse by aid workers, however this appears not to have happened.

Aim of the session:

- To review the latest draft of the child safeguarding standards, provide feedback and recommend to the Alliance Board that these be approved. [Refer to the draft child safeguarding standards attached to the APC Progress report.]

- To review the new standard on PSEA, provide feedback and recommend to the Alliance Board that it be approved. [Refer to the draft PSEA standard that is attached to the APC Progress report.]

5. Environment, climate change and ChildFund programs

Background:

Barnfonden has proposed that ChildFund Alliance give strong consideration to becoming a 'Green Child Focused Development Agency' dedicated to addressing the impacts of climate change on children and their communities. Anna Svard has previously shared the 'Green Paper'.

It was suggested that the issue be considered in the preparation of the next Alliance Strategic Plan. The CEO Forum agreed that the APC be asked to do research on how climate change affects programming.

Aims of the session:

- To hear a presentation from APC of examples of Environment and Climate Change projects - both directly focused ones as well as other projects focusing on Child Protection/ Education/ Health/ IGA where environment and climate change have been integrated.
- For the CEOs to have a preliminary discussion about DRR, environment and climate change and where this might fit in the work of the Alliance.
- It is proposed to refer this issue for consideration as a possible priority in the next ChildFund Alliance Strategic Plan.

6. Human trafficking, sexual abuse and commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC)

Background:

At the CEO Forum in November 2018 ChildFund Ireland provided a briefing on the global problems of human trafficking, sexual abuse and commercial exploitation of children.

It was suggested to organise an orientation presentation for the Advocacy Task Force so they can support advocacy on these issues.

It was suggested that the issue be considered in the preparation of the next Alliance Strategic Plan.

It was agreed to ask the APC to gather examples of how ChildFund is addressing trafficking, sexual abuse and commercial exploitation of children. And to 'catalogue' program models of how to tackle the issue.

Aims of the session:

- To hear a presentation from APC about initial findings regarding existing programs and possible program models for combating these problems.
- It is proposed to refer this issue for consideration as a possible priority in the next ChildFund Alliance Strategic Plan.

