

## **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 aims	Nigel	Refer to briefing note below
11:15	Programming on EVAC	Margaret	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Briefing note below</li></ul>
12:00	Gender Position Paper	Nana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Briefing note below</li><li>• Draft Paper in the APC Progress Report</li></ul>
12:30	LUNCH		
1:30	CPIE Programming in humanitarian work	Margaret	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Briefing note below</li><li>• Secretary-General's report</li></ul>
2:15	Revised standards on child safeguarding and a new standard on PSEA	Shona; Nigel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Briefing note below</li><li>• Draft Standards in the APC Progress Report</li></ul>
2:45	Environment, climate change and programming	Martina Hibell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Briefing note below</li><li>• Green Paper previously circulated by Anna Svard</li></ul>
3:30	Human trafficking, sexual abuse and commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC)	Margaret and Nana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Briefing note below</li></ul>
4:00	Child-friendly Accountability	Katherine Ronberg and Faith Nimineh (by phone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Briefing note below</li></ul>
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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 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 organizations 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 requested to organise an orientation presentation for the Advocacy Task Force so they can support advocacy on these issues.

It was requested that the issue be given high priority 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 high priority in the next ChildFund Alliance Strategic Plan.

## 7. Child-friendly Accountability

The Child-friendly Accountability initiative aims to empower children to hold governments and local leaders accountable to their obligations to end all violence against children, as per SDG Target 16.2: *End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children. It is a rights-based project that builds children's knowledge and gives them the skills they need to take action to improve child protection in their communities.*

Do no harm is a guiding principle of the Child-friendly Accountability initiative. As such, it focuses on monitoring the performance and accountability in child protection systems and **does not** monitor individual incidents of violence.

Project implementation is primarily carried out by ChildFund country offices' local partners, either as standalone projects or integrated into existing programs. The latter is a recommendation from the APC Meeting in Hanoi (April 2018). This recommendation was integrated into the proposal to the Oak Foundation (submitted in Spring 2018) for which ChildFund Alliance received \$350,000 (September 2018).

As part of this grant, a Child-friendly Accountability Coordinator has been hired and the person has been assigned to work with the APC to adapt the core principles of the initiative into existing programs. The new Coordinator is Faith Nimineh. Faith has more than ten years of experience in non-profit work in conflict and post-conflict settings including Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe.

Faith's key areas of expertise include child safeguarding, child protection and emergency programming and development. She worked with UNICEF in Liberia as a Child Protection Officer for Social Protection and with Save the Children (United Kingdom) in various capacities including as Technical Advisor for the Prevention of Abuse and Exploitation and as a Child Participation Officer. She also lent her expertise to ChildFund Alliance in 2016 when she developed our Keeping Children Safe: Child Safeguarding Policy Guidelines.

Thanks to a grant from the Oak Foundation, Faith will work at the Alliance Secretariat for two years to expand the influence of our members' work and translate these results into global policy.

Faith was introduced to Margaret Sheehan shortly after she arrived at the Secretariat (6 March). She looks forward with Margaret, Nana and the team to move this forward.