



Child Protection in Humanitarian Action & DRR Task Force

Summary of Progress on the Task Force

Objectives: Role of the Advisor has been established to strengthen internal ChildFund Alliance expertise in Child Protection in Humanitarian Action (CPHA) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) as well as to contribute actively in key external networks to enhance ChildFund's profile.

The Task Force: The Alliance coordinates its efforts on CPHA and DRR through an internal Task Force of cross-functional Alliance member's staff who have expertise and specialization in child protection, emergencies and programs.

The **Task Force** has a new Chair- **Faith Nimineh Advisor**, Child Protection in Humanitarian Action & DRR

Co-Chair **Quenelda Clegg** – Director of Programmes, New Zealand



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Outlook- Strategic Importance and why we should continue to Act

- ✓ **One out of four children** live in a country affected by conflict or natural disaster- <https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/nearly-quarter-worlds-children-live-conflict-or-disaster-stricken-countries>
- ✓ Children in countries affected by humanitarian emergencies account for nearly **half of all under-five** deaths. These countries also account for **43 per cent of all out-of-school children** at the primary and lower-secondary levels. (Children in Crisis Report)
- ✓ Globally, **159 million children are stunted** with those residing in humanitarian emergency contexts at even greater disadvantage. (UNICEF)
- ✓ *At least 870,000 children under five years old* died due to armed conflict between 2013 and 2017 across 10 conflict-affected countries -<https://www.savethechildren.org.au/media/media-releases/stop-the-war-on-children>
- ✓ Nearly a quarter of the world's school-aged children – **462 million** – live in countries affected by crises. (Unicef)
- ✓ In addition, **over half a billion live** in regions at a high risk of flooding, climate change threatening even more.
- ✓ with operations in over 60 countries and counting, the Alliance is positioned for current and future humanitarian crisis that affect the children and their families.



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Terre Des Hommes (TdH) - ChildFund Collaboration Framework

This Framework sets broad parameters for how we can work together at the global level and provides examples for practical ways members can engage at the field level.

This Framework provided the foundations for ChildFund and TdH to coordinate a response after the Beirut Blast where ChildFund provided technical support.

In May, Task Force Members and TdH cascaded a survey to country offices in countries, where both organizations are present, with the purpose of supporting the Collaboration Framework signed between TdH & ChildFund in 2019.

Survey results:

- 31 ChildFund and Terre Des Hommes country offices responded
- Most respondents were interested in
 - Learning more about the collaboration
 - Joint trainings on child protection etc.
 - Joint advocacy activities.
- A joint plan of action is being developed to implement the key recommendations for the survey, including the dissemination of the Framework at country levels.

The Joint Collaboration Framework will be review in 2021.

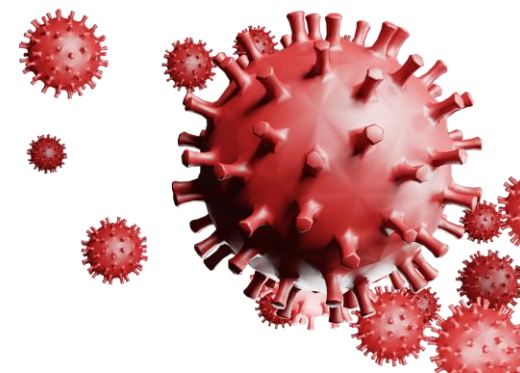


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COVID-19 & The Task Force

In response to this global emergency, the Task Force has actively engaged and coordinated at the Alliance level in the following ways:

- ✓ Task Force immediately coordinated and shared information and materials when the COVID-19 emergency began.
- ✓ Task Force Members were involved in the creation of the ChildFund Alliance COVID-19 Emergency Response plan by coordinating with other Alliance committees.
- ✓ The Task Force is planning to work with the APC to support the delivery of their COVID-19 response activities.





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The Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action



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As a member of the **Alliance for ChildFund Protection in Humanitarian Action (ACPHA)**, the Task Force Chair sits on the Steering Committee (SC) and co-leads the Advocacy working Group along with **Save the Children** and **Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal**.

Through our position as co-lead of the Advocacy Working Group in the ACPHA:

- ✓ The ChildFund Alliance advocates for key CPHA interventions to be prioritized in all humanitarian responses.
- ✓ Supported the development of ACPHA [Technical Notes](#) for humanitarian actors to protect children during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✓ Developed advocacy messaging for [Prioritizing Child Protection in COVID-19 Response Plans](#).



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Partnerships and Coalitions

- ✓ **Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict:** ChildFund is an Advisory Board member of [Watchlist](#) and actively responds to most of its initiatives, both technical and advocacy work (CPiE Advisor and UN Rep) and operationally.
- ✓ **Attended meetings and continuing to advocate** and keep the spotlight on children and armed conflict, and contributes to Watchlist.
- ✓ Reviewed and provided inputs to the private joint letter to the United Nations Secretary General on his annual report in June and a follow up letter to the United Nations Special Representative on Children and Armed Conflict.
- ✓ **Children in Changing Climate Coalition-** as global interest in climate change increase, we are active in this coalition , working with colleagues exploring the links between ending violence against children and climate change.
- ✓ ChildFund International has submitted an application for membership on behalf of the Alliance to GADRRRES- **Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience in the Education Sector**



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Forward Looking

- ✓ Reviewing our strategy and aligning our focus to support the Alliance new strategic plan
- ✓ New Member (WeWorld) Humanitarian Aid Programs in fragile countries
- ✓ Taking forward the lessons learned from the COVID 19 response and new emerging trends
- ✓ Develop capacity in emergency response with focus on localization and institutionalizing the Child Protection Minimum Standards
- ✓ Advocate that key CPHA interventions are prioritized in all humanitarian responses.
- ✓ Reviewing and implementing the Coordination Mechanism for Alliance Humanitarian Action.
- ✓ Mainstream youth-inclusive DRR into programs



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Key opportunities for consideration- The Big picture

- ✓ ***Build our capacity from the ground up***-As an Alliance, we have many strong qualities we can capitalize on to build our CPiE and DRR capacities. Identifying a talent pool of CPiE and DRR staff within the members.
- ✓ ***CPHA and DRR integration.***
- ✓ ***Localization.*** A defining feature of ChildFund is our strong connection with local actors, and the way we work strongly aligns with current global “localization” thinking.
- ✓ ***The Humanitarian-development nexus.***
- ✓ ***Partnerships***-We should think more strategically about partnerships,
- ✓ ***Facilitate joint responses***