THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN AFRICA ON FAMILY BASED CARE FOR CHILDREN
28 – 30 September 2009, InterContinental Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

SUNDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2009

2.00 – 5.00pm Registration (at the Intercontinental Hotel, Nairobi)

DAY ONE, MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2009

The Conference Moderator: Dr Agnes Abuom

8.00 – 9.00am Check-in and Entertainment

9.00 – 10.30am Opening Session

Chair: Ahmed Hussein, H.S.C., Director of Children Services, Kenya

Opening Remarks

Mr Elhadj As Sy, Regional Director, UNICEF, Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office
United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)

Professor Linda Richter,
Advisor, Better Care Network

Elize Coetzee,
Give a Child a Family (GCF), South Africa

Mrs. Josefine Hörnberg
Lakarmissionen, Sweden

Dr Philista Onyango
ANPPCAN Regional Office, Kenya

Entertainment

An Overview of Family Based Care for Children in Kenya
Prof Jacqueline Oduor, EBS, Secretary to Children Affairs, Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development, Kenya

Key Note Address
Dr Laurent Mbanda, vice-President for Africa Region, Compassion International

Official Opening

10.30 – 11.00am Coffee / Tea Break
The First International Conference in Africa on Family based care for Children.

Chair: Conference Facilitator

11.00 – 11.30am  **An Overview of Family Based Care from an International Perspective**
- Bep van Sloten, Consultant and Coordinator, Better Care Network, Netherlands

11.30 – 1200pm  Questions and Discussions

12:00 – 12:30pm  **Policy and Legislative Frameworks Providing for Family Based Care**
- Prof Jaap Doek, Former Chairperson, United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child

12:30 – 1:00pm  Questions and Discussions

1:00 – 2.00pm  **Lunch Break and Seminar**

1.00 – 200pm  Seminar Session

- Lessons from Australia: What doesn’t work? Does the Australian out of home care policy and legislative frameworks have lessons applicable to the African project of strengthening family based care for children? Bev Stoch, Masters of Development Studies Program, University of Sydney, Australia

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2.00 – 2.30pm  **From Institutional Care to Family Based Care**
- Stephen Ucembe, Feed the Children, Kenya

2.30 – 3.00pm  Questions and Discussions

3:00 – 3.30pm  **Coffee / Tea Break**

3.30 - 5.30pm  **Concurrent Workshops**

**Workshop 1: Policy and Legislative Frameworks providing for Family Based Care**

- Harnessing political influence and partnership: a child sensitive social protection response in Katsina state, Nigeria
  Dr Victoria Isiramen, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF – Kaduna, Nigeria

- A Continuum of care for the most vulnerable in Namibia

- Alternative places of care: children’s rights perspective in Swaziland
  Mr Mandla Vincent Mazibuko, Save the Children Swaziland,

- Fazendo valer o direito à convivência familiar e comunitária - Forcing the right of living in family based care
  Claudia Cabral, Executive Director, Terra dos homens - Brazil - ABTH
3.30 - 5.30pm  
**Workshop 2: From Institutional Care to Family Based Care**

- Children belong in families  
  *Hilda Ouma, Child Re-integration Program Manager, Samaritan’s Purse International Relief, Nairobi, Kenya*

- Foster care program  
  *Sylvia Beukes, Director, Hope’s Promise Orphan Ministries, Namibia*

- Including the excluded through family based care  
  *Diarmuid O Neill, Retrak*

5.30 – 6.30pm  
**Seminar Presentations**

- The Faith Community and Family Based Care in Africa  
  *Amanda Cox, the Coordinator, Better Care Network’s Faith to Action Initiative*

- Family and Kinship Care, using information collected from alternative care assessments made in 9 East and Southern Africa Countries for UNICEF ESARO and Country Offices  
  *Andrew Dunn and John Parry-Williams, Consultants, Newark, United Kingdom*

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**DAY TWO, TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**Chair: Conference Facilitator**

8.30 – 9.00  
**Presentation of Declarations**  
✓ Moderator: Dr Agnes Abuom

9.00 – 9.30am  
**Role of Communities in Family Based Care**  
✓ *David Lamin, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), Sierra Leone*

9.30 – 10.00am  
**Questions and Discussions**

10.00 – 10.30am  
**Coffee/ Tea Break**

10.30 – 11.00am  
**Different Forms of Interventions, Practices and Experiences in Family Based Care**  
✓ *Monica Woodhouse, Give a Child a Family, (GCF)*

11.00 – 11.30am  
**Questions and Discussions**

11.30 – 1.00pm  
**Current Workshops**

**Workshop 3: Role of Communities in Family Based Care**

- Role of communities in family based care  
  *Mr Kalungi John Ggayi, Orphans Community Based Organization, Rakai, Uganda*
11.30 – 1.00pm

**Enhancing community capacity to support family based care**
Brighton Gwezera, Knowledge Development and Exchange Manager, Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative (REPSSI), Zimbabwe

**Strengthening community participation in family based care for OVC: A case of ICOBI in Uganda**
Bosco Turyamureeba, Capacity Building Officer, OVC Project, Uganda

**Workshop 4: Different forms of Interventions, Practices and Experiences in Family Based Care**

**Adoption in Australia: trends and outcomes**
Trudy Rosenwald, Adoption Consultant and Counselor, Asian Pacific International Adoption Forum, Australia

**The Experience of AVSI in implementing programs: giving a new face to OVC in institutions: the case of AVSI**
Rita Larok, Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator, AVSI OVC Regional Programme, Uganda

A South African Example of the Process of Assessing Prospective Foster Parents
Mrs Nomvuyi Sukantaka Give a Child a Family, South Africa

1.00 – 2.00pm **Lunch Break and Seminar**

1.00 – 2.00pm

**Seminar Session**

**Family based care, the SOS Children’s Villages model**
James Wabara, Director, SOS Children’s Village International, Nairobi

2.00 – 4.30pm **Concurrent Workshops (Cont.)**

**Workshop 3: Role of Communities in Family Based Care**

**Children on the move: the challenges of providing care**
Lynette Mudekunye, Director of Programmes, Save the Children UK,

**From burial societies to mutual aid organizations**
Francesca Stuer, Family Health International (FHI), Ethiopia

**Mobilizing communities / families for OVC support in Kaduna State, Nigeria**
Dr Victoria Isiramen, Child Protection Specialist UNICEF Kaduna, Nigeria

**Promotion of community Based participatory child health and development (CHD) in Moyamba District, Sierra Leone**
Ibrahim Kamara, CHO, CTCM & H, DCM&H, MHCA, Health Advisor, Plan Sierra Leone
2.00 – 4.30pm

**Workshop 4: Different forms of Interventions, Practices and Experiences in Family Based Care**

**Life-space and work: strengthening family care and support**  
Felix Mwale, Executive Director, Zambia Association of Child Care Work, Zambia

**Encouraging family based care of children through the cash transfer: the Kenyan experience**  
Ahmed Hussein, Director of Children Services, Department of Children’s Services, Kenya

**Facing the challenges of family based care for unaccompanied minors, separated children and children associated with armed forces and armed groups in Burundi**  
Miranda Armstrong, Coordinatrice du Programme Protection et Development pour les Enfants et les jeunes, International Reçue Committee (IRC) Burundi

**Giving a family to the orphan in an African Muslim society: SOS children’s villages in Tunisia**  
Pr Sofiane Bouhdiba, Human and Social Sciences, Faculty of Tunis, Tunisia

**OVC mapping and directory project: prioritizing the children**  
Julialynne Walker, Population Council, South Africa

4.30 – 5.00pm  
**Coffee / Tea Break**

4.30 – 5.30pm  
**Seminar Presentations**

**Team Parenting – providing safe and effective care through therapeutic fostering**  
Gabrielle Jerome, Head of International Social Work Practice Development, Foster Care Associates Group, UK

**Minimum Standards for Residential Care Facilities in Namibia**  
Lucia Eises, Control Social Worker, Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare (MGECW), Windhoek, Namibia

6.00 – 8.30pm  
**Cultural Evening at the National Museums of Kenya**

End of Day Two

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**DAY THREE, WEDNESDAY 30, SEPTEMBER 2009**

**Chair: Conference Facilitator**

8.00 – 8.30am  
**Presentation of Declarations**  
- Moderator: Dr Agnes Abuom

8.30 – 9.00am  
**Age and Gender Perspectives in Family Based Care**  
- Dr Douglas Lackey, Regional Advocacy and Communication Manager, HelpAge International

9.00 – 9.15am  
**Questions and Discussions**
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9.15 – 10.15am **Standards and the Role of Monitoring in Family Based Care**
- George Nyakora, Regional Training Director, SOS Children’s Villages International
- Mrs Helena Obeng Asamoah, Assistant Director, Department of Social Welfare, Ministry of Employment and Social Welfare, Ghana

10.15 – 10.30am **Questions and Discussions**

10.30 – 11.00am **Coffee/Tea Break**

11.00 – 1.00pm **Concurrent Workshops**

**Workshop 5: Age and Gender Perspectives in Family Based Care**

- Parenting at cross roads, repositioning parents/caregivers as primary educators and providers
  Ignatius Ally Nuwoha, Programme Officer, ANPPCAN Uganda

- Gender asymmetries in OVC care by older persons in Uganda: URAA’s experience
  Ssanyu Rebecca and Monja Minsi, Uganda Reach the Aged Association, Uganda

- The potentialities of the grandparents in child rearing: the role of mentorship and coaching in parenting in rural Kenya
  Vundi Nason and Tina Mueni, Scott Theological College, Kenya

**Workshop 6: Standards and the Role of Monitoring in Family Based Care**

- International standards for the protection of children without adequate parental care
  Kendra Gregson, UNICEF and Ghazal Keshavarzian, Senior Coordinator, Better Care Network, New York

- Rationale for monitoring family based alternative care placements
  Monica Woodhouse, Director, Family Based Care, Training and Development, Give a Child a Family, South Africa

- Monitoring and evaluation processes in family based care for children
  Lydiah Kitonga, Kenya Institute of Management, Nakuru, Kenya

- Who takes care of vulnerable children in Uganda? orphans and vulnerable children living arrangements
  Lubale Yovani A Moses, Department of Population Studies, Institute of Statistics and Applied Economies, Makerere University, Uganda

1.00 – 2.00pm **Lunch Break**

2.00 – 3.00pm **Summary of Conference Declarations**
- Conference Moderator

3.00 – 3.30pm **Coffee/Tea Break**
3.30 – 5.00pm  

**Closing Session**

*Chair: Kendra Gregson, Senior Advisor, Social Welfare and Justice Systems, UNICEF*

**Entertainment**

**Closing Remarks**

✓ Delegate Representative

✓ Organizing Committee Representative

**Official Closing**

✓ Minister for Gender, Children and Social Development
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