The Republic of Uganda

National Quality Standards for the Protection, Care and Support of Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children in Uganda

NOTE: This framework should be used in conjunction with the companion booklet entitled A Guide for interpreting and applying national quality standards for the protection, care and support of orphans and other vulnerable children in Uganda

BUILDING BLOCK A SUSTAINING LIVELIHOODS

CPA I: Basic security

- The most vulnerable children and households receive priority protection, care and early intervention services
- Basic livelihood resources, such as agricultural inputs, are provided to needy households
- Training and capacity building programmes equip vulnerable children and households with skills to improve their socio-economic security

1.1) Rate of proportion of OVC versus non-OVC in households living below the poverty line

- Regular income support for older caregivers of OVC
- Microfinance and small credit services for vulnerable youth and households
- Strategic discussions among multistakeholder community leaders regarding social economic issues for OVC
- Volunteer programmes, including community labour, support community safety nets

SAMPLE INTERVENTIONS NSPPI p43-46

- Agricultural tools and equipment provided to vulnerable households
- Short-term school-based and/or community food programmes
- Training in less labour-intensive farming technologies
- School-based gardening programmes for older children

BUILDING BLOCK B LINING ESSENTIAL SOCIAL SECTORS

CPA II: Food security and nutrition

- All households with access to adequate and appropriate food meet their nutritional needs

1.2) Rate of proportion of OVC versus non-OVC who are undernourished

- All short-term care packages for vulnerable children living without adult supervision or in institutions
- Assistance to improve hygiene, water sanitation for the neediest households
- Programmes for the reintroduction and/or resettlement of children from alternative care facilities into communities
- Specialised assistance for children and caregivers with disabilities

BUILDING BLOCK C STRENGTHENING LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORKS

CPA IV: Mitigation of the impact of conflict

- All children affected by conflict enjoy the same rights as children elsewhere in Uganda

4.1) % of children affected by conflict accessing essential services

- Counselling, demobilisation and safe havens for conflict-affected children
- Community-based education on minimising the impact of conflict
- Programmes in safe areas for children living in unstable areas to access education and health services
- Training for health practitioners in psychosocial and physical trauma due to violence

BUILDING BLOCK D ENHANCING THE CAPACITY TO DELIVER

CPA V: Education

- Education access and retention for OVC is supported materially and financially
- Alternative or non-formal basic education is available to vulnerable children who are educationally marginalized
- Systems are in place to ensure significant and permanent gains in achieving equitable access to education at all levels

5.1) Rate of proportion of OVC versus non-OVC aged 10-14 years who are attending school

- Assistance in preparing wills and memory books and for transitions in care giving
- Facilitation of youth groups and other peer group programmes
- Community innovations and early childhood care and development programmes for preschool children

BUILDING BLOCK E SENSITIVE AND CONDUCTIVE ENVIRONMENT

CPA VI: Psychosocial support

- Psychosocial support is an integral part of all care and protection programmes for OVC
- An appropriate range of psychosocial support services is available to vulnerable children and family members, including therapeutic, succession planning and developmental activities
- Referral systems and networks are in place to ensure access to psychosocial support services

6.1) % of OVC aged 6-17 years who participate in group activities

- Promotion of recreational equipment, facilities and programmes
- Preventive health care services for vulnerable children
- Hospice care for chronically and terminally ill children in need of specialized care
- Training of health care workers in providing user-friendly services for vulnerable children, those with disabilities and older persons
- ART programmes for parents/caregivers and children living with HIV

BUILDING BLOCK F QUALITY STANDARDS

- OVC access prevention, care and rehabilitation health services on an equal basis with other children
- Children who are living with HIV have appropriate specialised care
- Health status of vulnerable children is monitored, eg through inclusion of key information on immunisation cards and school and hospital forms

7.1) Ratio of proportion of OVC 12-24 months versus non-OVC 12-24 months who are fully immunised

- Legal aid for OVC and their care givers
- Broad-based awareness campaign on reporting cases of child labour, neglect, or abuse
- Legal redress for widows and OVC regarding pensions and property
- Monitoring mechanisms implemented to report on child protection issues

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