

# WEBINAR: PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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# Background

## **Ebola Virus Disease – 2014-15**

- [Guidance Note: Protection of Children During Infectious Disease Outbreaks](#)

## **COVID-19**

- [Technical Note: Protection of Children During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

# Going Forward

## Key Technical Areas (in need of further guidance and support)

- Alternative Care
- Children living outside of family care (including children in institutions)
- Children in conflict with the law (including those in detention)
- Protection of the Workforce
- Capacity building and re-training of the Workforce (e.g. remote ways of working)
- Role of child helplines in the response
- Protection of children in armed conflict
- Protection of children in camps and informal settlements



# Summary of Child Protection Risks

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- **Neglect and maltreatment**, due to limited childcare options and the heightened risk of possibility of psychological distress or illness among caregivers
- **Increased incidence of violence**, including domestic violence, corporal punishment, sexual abuse, exploitation and child marriage, due to school closures, the loss of household income, persistent gender norms/gender inequalities and lack of access to basic services
- **Mental Health and Psychosocial distress**, due to isolation measures, illness or death in the family or other secondary risks
- **Hazardous, exploitative work** due to school closures or the loss of family support, care and household income
- **Separation from family**, due to illness or death of family members or the need for isolation
- **Stigmatization and exclusion**, including in schools that remain open, due to discrimination relating to the virus, or the disproportionate impact of secondary risks on already marginalized children and families
- **Disruption in social services**, that are crucial for survival and well-being of the most vulnerable children and families

# Examples of what can be done?

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- **Train health, education and social service workforce** on identifying and addressing protection risks COVID-19 and its response measures pose to children;
- **Map and disseminate information about available services and how to access them** for children and their families
- **Establish procedures to reduce the risk of separation** and facilitate the reunification of families
- **Facilitate access to available protection and other care services** for vulnerable children and adults who will report incidents for abuse, neglect and exploitation. This includes addressing financial barriers to access.
- **Support families** to be ready for school closures re-openings, while also being equipped to home-school children
- **Advocate for flexible work arrangements** for parents and caregivers who may have lost access to childcare
- **Provide financial and material assistance** to families suffering from a loss of income
- **Ensure continuity in provision of social services** to the most vulnerable segments of the population



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**Overview and Plans**





**Brief Target:** Support child protection practitioners to better respond to the child protection risks during a COVID-19 pandemic.



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The Alliance produced this **technical note** on the protection of children during the COVID-19 pandemic. The aim of this brief is to support child protection practitioners to better respond to the child protection risks during a COVID-19 pandemic. Part 1 presents the potential child protection risks COVID-19 can pose to children. Part 2

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# Some Stats

- 4,204 views from the Alliance website
- Higher numbers expected as the note has been also shared on multiple platforms like UNICEF's websites, MHPSS, etc.
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- 1,509 social media engagements



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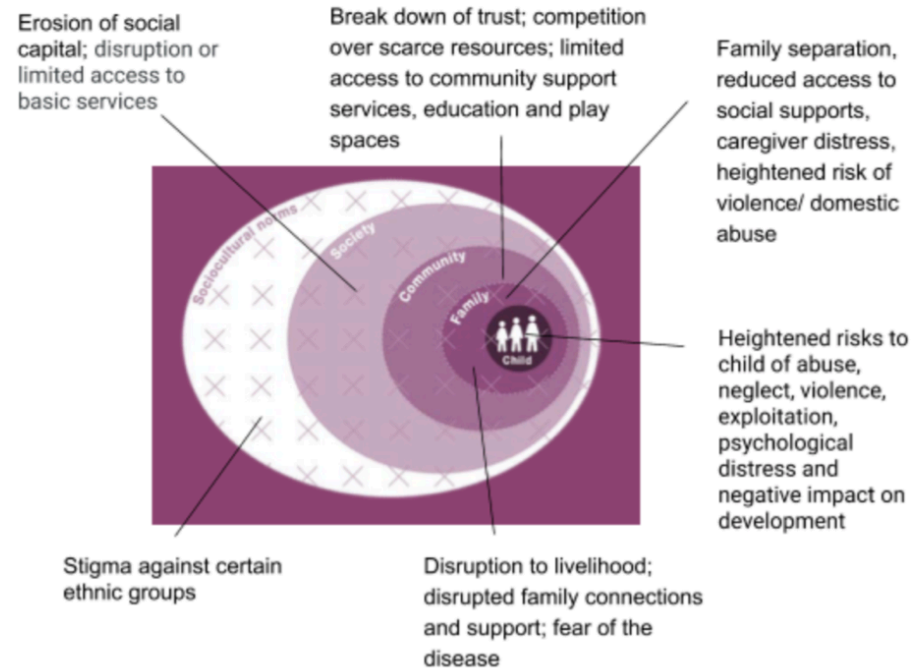
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# Structure of the technical note

## Part 1: Child Protection Risks

- Socio-ecological view



- Child Protection risks

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## **Part 2: Responses**

### **2. Child Protection response**

2.1. Working across sectors and with governments

2.2. Child Protection-specific Programs

### **3. Resources**



# Key messages

- Disrupts the environments in which children grow and develop
- This can have negative consequences for children's well-being, development and protection.
- Advocacy with government, collaboration with other sectors, and child protection-specific programming are key priorities during a COVID-19 response.
- In addition to mitigating risks, we must build on the strengths and positive coping mechanisms of communities, families, caregivers and children.

# Possible Annexes

## Under discussion: Annexes

- Alternative care
- Children outside of family care (including children in institutions)
- Children in conflict with the law
- Protection of the workforce
- Social Service Workforce
- How to engage helplines to protection children
- Children deprived of their liberties
- Civil registration in the context of COVID
- Families and communities

# Ongoing Revisions Planned

- Only Version 1 in a rapidly changing context
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