

**Localization Session of the Global Protection Forum – CP AoR intervention**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – 16.00 to 17.30 CET**

Good morning, good afternoon and good evening,

**Introduction**

Over the last two years, the Global Child Protection Area of Responsibility has partnered with Save the Children and Street Child UK to pilot a localisation initiative in Afghanistan, Bangladesh (focusing on the Rohingya Refugee Response in Cox's Bazaar's District in Bangladesh), the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, Nigeria, and South Sudan. The focus of the localization initiative was on the following:

- a) Increasing local/national actors' participation in governance, leadership, and decision-making processes.
- b) Increasing participation of local/national actors in the coordination groups, meetings, activities, and events.
- c) Promoting equal and principled partnerships
- d) Increasing the local/national actors' access to flexible and quality funding; and
- e) Strengthening the institutional capacities of local/national actors.

There have been several lessons learnt from the implementation of this localisation initiative and I would like to draw on 2 of the lessons learnt which are directly related to this session.

- a) Firstly, while the Global Child Protection Area of Responsibility and partners had succeeded in getting local/national actors to be selected as co-coordinators of the CP coordination groups, for example as you heard earlier on from Mr. Yusuf Tiffani in Nigeria, there remains a significant challenge in sustaining this progress because of lack of dedicated funding and other resources for coordination and co-ordination at national and sub-national levels.
- b) Secondly, while the Global Child Protection Area of Responsibility has invested in the technical capacity strengthening of local/national actors, the same level of investment has not been made on strengthening their institutional capacity. This has made it difficult for local and national actors to fulfill the due diligence requirements to access funding and in particular, access to direct funding.

I am pleased to inform you of the good news that the Global Child Protection of Responsibility is making the following commitments:

**Capacity strengthening:**

- Invest in strengthening the institutional capacity of local and national organizations using the ICS Framework that was developed by the Global Education Cluster and the Global Child Protection Area of Responsibility.
- As part of its workplan for 2022-2024, the Global Child Protection Area of Responsibility, a select number of local/national organizations within country coordination groups will be supported to strengthen their institutional capacities through training, mentoring, and coaching. This will be done through the engagement of organizational development specialist in 2022 to provide tailored support to the

local/national organizations. The outcomes will be documented and lessons learnt used to scale up the institutional capacity strengthening in 2023 & 2024.

**Sustainable approaches:**

- We recognize that contextualization contributes strongly to sustainability. To this end, the Global Child Protection Area of Responsibility believes that regional approaches in strengthening capacities and networks will go a long way in accelerating localization efforts. We will build on our existing achievements and lessons to our language specific helpdesks to strengthen localization approaches and initiatives in the various regions. This will include specialized support for strengthening institutional capacity of local and national organizations.
- Our strong collaboration with the Global Education Cluster will continue and we will work together to mobilize resources that will allow for the systematic operationalization of the Framework on Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of Local and National Actors.

**Resourcing for Coordination:**

- The Global Child Protection Area of Responsibility, the Global Protection Cluster and the other Areas of Responsibility will continue to advocate with donors for dedicated resources for coordination. This will include using the IASC Guidance to advocate at both global and country level for the allocation of Country Based Pooled Funding to support local and national actors who have taken the co-lead and co-coordination functions at both national and sub-national levels.

We look forward to continuing our work with the Global Protection Cluster and the AoRs to accelerate localization in protection coordination using the IASC Guidance.

Thank you very much.

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