Global Child Protection
Area of Responsibility

Newsletter 2

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01 From Michael Copland, Global CP AoR Coordinator

"We at the AoR know that in times of crisis -- whether caused by armed conflict, a sudden-onset disaster or an epidemic -- children face significant protection issues. The CP AoR ensures that the efforts of national and international humanitarian actors to protect children are well-coordinated, achieving maximum quality and impact."

For more updates on CP AoR governance, promotion of GBV integration, HPC advocacy and identifying/filling gaps from the Global CP AoR Coordinator, Read more >>

02 Coordination for Children affected by Drought

An estimated 10.2 million girls and boys are at imminent risk of violence, exploitation, abuse, neglect, and death from severe acute malnutrition as result of famine currently affecting more than 5.8 million in South Sudan as well as the food crisis in Somalia, causing 6.2 million more to be food insecure. This food crisis may extend to Ethiopia and Kenya, putting an additional 8.3 million people at risk. There is urgent need to ensure children’s specific needs are taken into account with both stand-alone actions and enhanced mainstreaming and integration efforts. Read more >>
03 RRT Deployment to Haiti

On 4 October 2016, Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti, the worst natural disaster since the 2010 earthquake, causing widespread damage, flooding and displacement. In total, two million people were affected, including over 890,000 children. The CP AoR deployed two Rapid Response Team (RRTs) members for a total of 12 weeks: Petra Heusser, RRT Coordination specialist, and Magnat Kavuna, RRT Information Management specialist. Read more>>

04 Regional and Country-based Events

- Workshop on Community-based Child Protection Response in Gaziantep. Read more>>
- Workshop on CPiE Coordination with 7 Governments of West and Central Africa. Read more>>
- Upcoming CPiE/CPMS Workshops in Ecuador and Georgia. Read more>>

05 Team Updates

- With sadness we bid farewell to our Help Desk Sara Lim, who has just left our team - though no doubt we will still be in close contact, knowing she will continue to be a dynamo in supporting child protection globally. While we wait for the new help desk to take function - hopefully in a couple weeks – Bilal Sougou, the CP AoR Deputy Coordinator, will ensure the interim of the help desk function during the transition period.
- On a note of congratulations, we have a proud father in the team, Bilal Sougou, who welcomed
his baby daughter in the beginning of March.

- On travel, currently there is a mission in South Sudan by RRT coordinator Sitnour Ali, the Global Coordinator Michael Copland has just come back from a mission in Syria, and RRT coordinator Petra Heusser is expected to be deployed to Somalia in the coming days. Our RRT IMO Mark Bonyo is based in Nairobi, providing valuable support to colleagues dealing with the greater Horn of Africa Crisis, along with our global Assessment and Measurement Consultant Layal Sarrough.

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**06 Introducing a new member of the team**

**Sanchia Thimanna** is a student of Development Studies at the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies in Geneva. She is currently working on her master’s thesis which deals with the education of adolescent girls belonging to vulnerable castes and tribes in India. Previously, she has worked with children in slum clusters and their access to quality schooling, and in a leprosy afflicted rehabilitation village on children with physical and cognitive impairments. It is our privilege to welcome Sanchia to the Global Child Protection AoR as our new intern.