



Systems Strengthening



Overview

These interventions focus on enhancing the capacity and effectiveness of existing coordination structures and mechanisms at the community, sub-county, and district levels to promote child protection and well-being.

They encompass the establishment and reinforcement of child well-being Committees at the parish, sub-county, and district levels, which serve as foundational platforms for coordinating and overseeing child protection activities.

In addition to these committees, the initiative also includes robust systems for case management, regular monitoring and support supervision visits, community dialogues, and engagement with Community Development Officers (CDOs) to ensure comprehensive coverage and responsiveness across all levels of governance.



Objectives

The primary objectives of systems strengthening is to;

- Improve the overall functioning and responsiveness of systems and committees responsible for safeguarding children's rights and ensuring their well-being.
- Strengthen the overall functionality of the informal and formal child protection systems to deliver quality and comprehensive service to children and their households.
- Strengthen coordination, capacity-building, and accountability mechanisms to enhance the quality and effectiveness of child protection services and interventions at all levels.
- Build a more resilient and responsive child protection system that effectively safeguards children's rights and promotes their well-being at all levels of governance.



Methodology

Key components of the methodology include the establishment of Child Well-being Committees at different administrative levels (parish, sub-county, and district), implementation of robust case management systems, conducting regular monitoring and support supervision visits and collaborating closely with Community Development Officers (CDOs).

Through this strategy we anticipate that all CSOs align to district and sub county plans in order to deliver comprehensive services, be more responsive and address to the children and their household needs.

This promotes collaboration, information-sharing, and decision-making, while also empowering communities to take collective action to protect children and promote their rights.

Key components of the methodology include;

- 1. Support and strengthen the functionality of Child Well-being Committees and other structures:** At the parish, sub-county, and district levels, Child Well-being Committees are established to provide oversight and coordination of child protection activities. These committees serve as platforms for collaboration, information-sharing, and decision-making to address issues related to child well-being.
- 2. Case Management:** Robust case management systems are put in place to ensure timely and appropriate responses to reports of child abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Trained community Resource persons facilitate the identification, assessment, and referral of cases, ensuring that children receive the necessary support and services.
- 3. Monitoring and Support Supervision Visits:** Joint monitoring and support supervision exercises are conducted to assess the implementation of child protection interventions and provide technical assistance and guidance where needed. These visits help to identify challenges, gaps, and areas for improvement, ultimately strengthening the quality and impact of interventions.
- 4. Broaden the structures to cater for Formal and informal players, child protection actors:** Community Development Officers (CDOs) play a key role in facilitating and coordinating child protection activities at the grassroots level. As focal points for community engagement and mobilization, CDOs work closely with Child Well-being Committees, local leaders, and other stakeholders to implement child protection interventions and ensure their sustainability.