

## UAC/Alternative Care Guidance for the COVID-19 Situation – Iraq Child Protection Sub-Cluster



### Introduction:

Children are particularly vulnerable during infectious disease outbreaks for three main reasons: 1. Children have **specific susceptibilities** to infection during infectious disease outbreaks; 2. Infectious diseases can **disrupt the environments** in which children grow and develop and 3. Measures used to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases can **expose children to protection risks**<sup>1</sup>. This guidance provides an overview of the risks associated with disease outbreak that could **cause children to be left without appropriate parental care**, and provides scenarios for where children may be identified **as separated in Iraq** due to issues related to COVID-19.

Based on these scenarios, and the **current and potential impacts of the COVID-19 situation** on forms of alternative care in Iraq outlined in the *Guidance Note Alternative Care – CMWG Iraq 2018*, this guidance provides **practical steps and actions** for child protection case management actors to follow in order to **identify and provide safe and appropriate forms of alternative care** for children identified as separated in and outside of camps as well as at hospitals assigned for referrals of suspected COVID-19 cases<sup>2</sup>.

### a). COVID-19 Scenarios, Risks and Criteria for UAC in need of Alternative Care:

Scenarios	Risks Associated
1. Child separated from caregiver in and outside of camps	Children whose caregivers fall ill, are quarantined, hospitalized or die are at high risk of being left without protection and care. Children whose family members are sick are likely to be stigmatized, socially excluded and discriminated against.
2. Child identified as separated in hospital or health/quarantine facility at the camp level <sup>3</sup>	Young children whose caregivers are hospitalized may remain with the caregiver and be exposed to the virus. Children under quarantine and treatment may be deprived of parental care. Abandonment of children after they have received treatment or have been quarantined. Risks may exist for children who remain at the hospital e.g. risks of abuse. Quarantine facilities may be established at the camp level which could be another location where children become separated.
3. Children in institutions	Children in detention, state homes and children with their parents in prison may be exposed to the virus. Measures taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 could impact scheduled activities and visitations in the institutions. Children

<sup>1</sup> The Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action, [Guidance Note on the Protection of Children During Infectious Disease Outbreaks](#), 2018.

<sup>2</sup> The situation of COVID-19 and impacts to children and the forms of alternative care available in Iraq is constantly evolving. This guidance is correct as of the 19th March, and will be updated as necessary depending on major changes.

<sup>3</sup> On the 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 an action point from the 1<sup>st</sup> COVID-19 Operations Cell meeting was that quarantine locations must be set up in camps – however currently suspected cases in IDP camps are being referred to local hospitals for testing. In this case, the priority is currently to plan for referrals for children identified as separated at the hospital level for scenario 2.

	with their parents in prison may require alternative care if parent undergoes quarantine or treatment.
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## b). COVID-19 Situation and Impact to available forms of Alternative Care

The first recorded case of COVID-19 (also colloquially known as “coronavirus”) was recorded in Iraq on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020, in the city of Najaf. Since then, 73 additional cases have been confirmed, with the majority of affected persons in Federal Iraq and approximately one-quarter of confirmed cases in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Eight fatalities due to COVID-19 have been confirmed as of the 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. The World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 to be a global pandemic.<sup>4</sup> Whilst there is currently no known cases of adults or children contracting COVID-19 in the IDP or refugee camps in Iraq, 3 suspected cases were recently identified in Salamiyah IDP camp in Ninewa governorate which were found to be negative<sup>5</sup>. Preparedness planning for COVID-19 outbreak has become a priority, under the leadership of the COVID-19 Operational Cell appointed by the HCT to make programmatic decisions about the humanitarian response. Case management and alternative care has been prioritised as a life-saving activity in relation to the COVID-19 situation by the CPSC, particularly due to the risks which the COVID-19 presents for children as outlined above<sup>6</sup>.

Current impacts of the COVID-19 situation on the child protection response include: Limitation of child protection services being delivered due to the closure of government offices, humanitarian access issues in Ninewa governorate, misinformation and rumors amongst the community creating fear, limitations to activities in institutions such as the stopping of family visits in detention centres.

Of major concern is the potential impacts of loss of access to camps if a case is identified in or around the camp locations (e.g. camps being unaccessible to humanitarian actors). This has been given particular consideration in providing guidance for the scenarios below, with planning covering if child protection actors have access to the affected population in and outside of the camps or not. Another concern is the potential stigmatization of adults and children who have, or who are suspected to have, contracted the virus. In this case, both kinship care and foster families as forms of alternative care have not been identified initially as highly viable options for the COVID-19 response in Iraq due to the stigmatization being assessed as a barrier for the families to agree to look after the children<sup>7</sup>. Awareness raising messaging will be developed in order to sensitize families however this may take time to coordinate and implement in the current scenario of limited access and movement in the country.

Based on the current and potential impacts of the COVID-19 situation, the following forms of alternative care in Iraq as outlined in the *Guidance Note Alternative Care – CMWG Iraq 2018* are assessed as follows in Table 1.

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<sup>4</sup> OCHA, IRAQ: COVID-19, Situation Report No. 5, 12 March 2020.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> For further information regarding the prioritised CP activities please refer to document: *NPC Priority HRP Activities during COVID-19 (as of 13 March 2020)*.

<sup>7</sup> Iraq UASC TF - Alternative Care for COVID-19 Preparedness Meeting Minutes, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

Table 1: The Viability of forms of Alternative Care in Iraq in Emergency & Post-Emergency Settings in the situation of COVID-19 in Iraq

Alternative Care Modalities	Viability for COVID-19 situation	Guidance
Kinship	Based on Assessment	<p>Based on the assessment of care arrangements and interview with the child’s caregiver or with the child themselves, there may be the option of the extended family to provide kinship care for the child. If this placement takes place, this will not be under the supervision of CP actors due to the potential large-scale response possibly required by actors to support other alternative care arrangements due to COVID-19.</p> <p>It is important to note that in the context of COVID-19 the possibility of kinship care arrangement could be limited as a child’s extended family or close friends of the family known to the child may not be willing to provide the care, due to the stigma associated with the children being separated from an infected caregiver.</p>
Foster care	No	Placement with foster care arrangements is predicted to be difficult due to the stigma associated with the children being separated from an infected caregiver and the fear and misinformation that currently exists in the community around possible transmission of the disease.
Supported (semi-) Independent Living Arrangements	Yes	In the case of a child being separated from their caregiver when they are quarantined or hospitalized, if the CP actor or community-based CP focal point are available to mentor the children 24/7 and provide for their basic needs, the supported (semi-) independent living arrangement- adolescent headed household is considered to be a viable form of alternative care.
Residential care	No	Due to the high number children already in residential care in KRI and Federal Iraq there is currently no capacity to host additional children who have been separated from their caregiver in state homes.
Small Group-Home based Care	Yes	This modality refers to a small group of generally maximum 8 children placed together in a home in a ‘family-like environment’, who receive 24/7 care by designated caretakers and other staff for both in and out of camp locations. If community-based CP focal points as well as CP actors will be available to mentor the children with the support of camp management where applicable to provide the required resources such as shelter (tents), and food and non-food items, then this is a viable form of alternative care.
Emergency Transit Shelters/ Centers	Yes	In emergencies, interim or emergency shelter to temporarily host unaccompanied children in need of short-term interim care, may be necessary and appropriate in some circumstances for in and out of camp locations. Interim care is provided for unaccompanied children for the shortest period possible, until the child can be reunified.

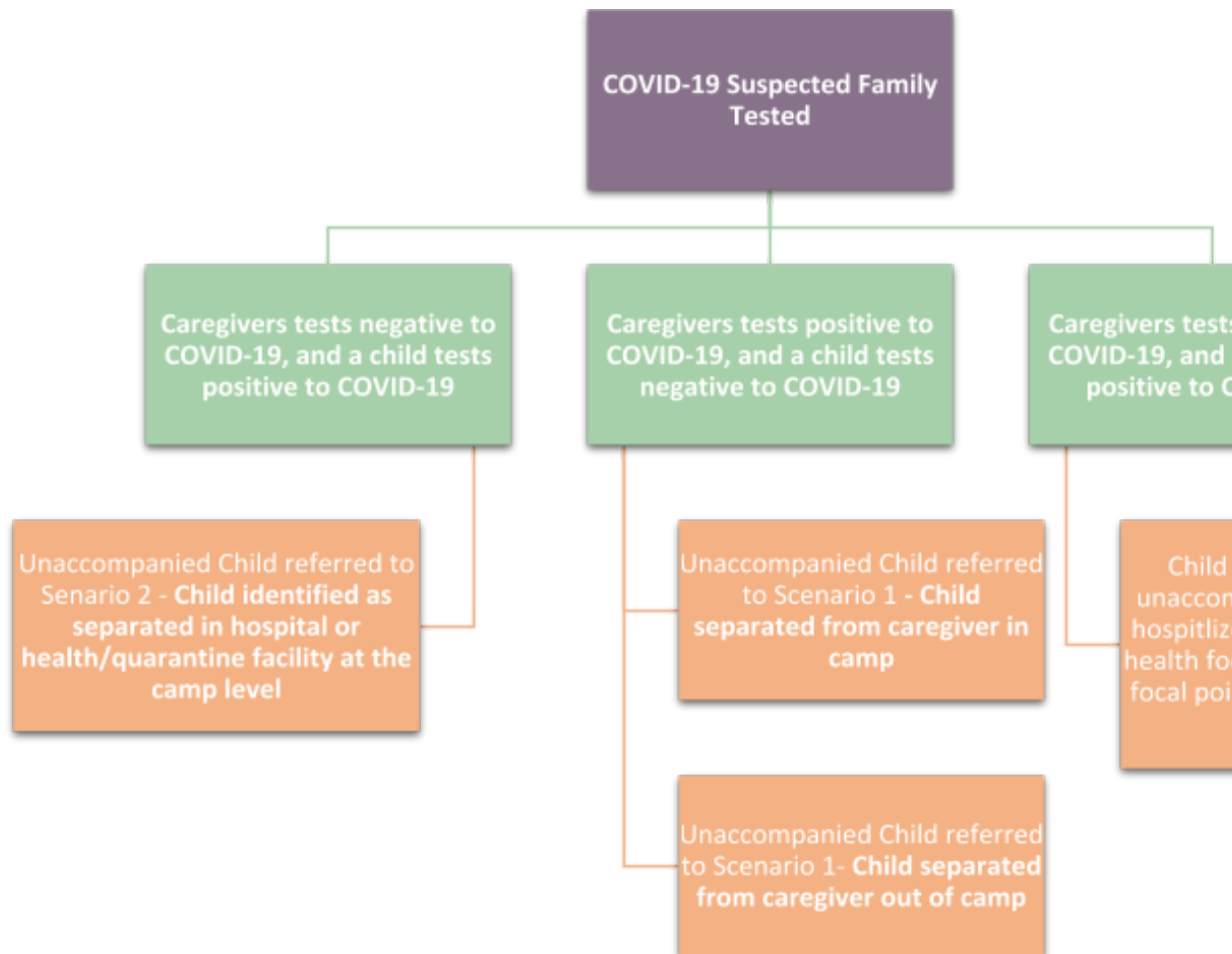
In reference to all forms of alternative care assessed as viable in regards to the COVID-19 situation, MoLSA and DoSA should be involved in the planning and implementation if they have the capacity to support where possible.

### c). Coordination & Engagement with Key Stakeholders

Coordination and engagement with the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MoLSA) and the Ministry of Health will be a key part of the planning process for identification of opportunities for alternative care for children in each of the agreed scenarios. In addition, coordination with the CCCM Cluster about possible need for support particularly at the camp level will be necessary. Coordination will be required at both the national, governorate and site levels. This will be facilitated by the Case Management Working Group, supported by the National Child Protection Sub-Cluster. At the governorate level the Child Protection Working Group Coordinators and the agency focal points to be assigned through the Case Management Working Group will lead on this engagement and localised operational planning.

### d). Alternative Care Scenarios for COVID-19 in Iraq

Flow Chart: Referral of cases per scenario for Alternative Care Arrangement for COVID-19



## Scenario 1. Child separated from caregiver in and outside of camps

<b>Scenario 1. Child separated from caregiver in and outside of camps</b>		
Children whose caregivers fall ill, are quarantined, hospitalized or die are at high risk of being left without protection and those whose family members are sick are likely to be stigmatized, socially excluded and discriminated against.		
	<b>In the Camp</b>	<b>Outside the Camp</b>
<b>Modalities</b>	<i>If a child tests negative to COVID-19 and is without appropriate parental care then the following forms of alternative care are considered relevant depending on the age of the child including: emergency transit shelter, supported semi-independent living arrangements and child-headed household. These activities will need to be implemented in coordination with the community-based child protection mechanisms (CBCPMs) which exist in the camp as well as Camp Management, Shelter/NFI and Food Security Clusters.</i>	<i>If a child tests negative to COVID-19 and is without appropriate parental care, then the following forms of alternative care are considered relevant depending on the age of the child: Emergency transit shelter, supported semi-independent living arrangements and child-headed household.</i>
<b>Small Group-Home based Care</b>	Small Group Care Arrangements generally refer to a small group of generally maximum 8 children placed together in a home in ‘family-like environment’, who receive 24/7 care by designated caretakers and other staff. Placement or set-up of small group home care can be considered as kinship or foster care or supported independent living is not possible in case of COVID-19 or advisable. Care and protection, access to basic services, and daily activities is provided by skilled, trained staff during day and night shifts. In the camp CP actor with coordination with the CBCPCM and Camp Management will set-up small ‘emergency group homes’ in tents in IDP/refugee camp settings, often for boys between 13 and 17 years old, where there should be 24/7 care and guards at night, which provide a viable interim care solution, until they could be reunified with their family or other relatives. DoLSA and MoLSA will be inform about the interventions by the relevant actors.	Small Group Care Arrangements generally refer to a small group of generally maximum 8 children placed together in a home in ‘family-like environment’, who receive 24/7 care by designated caretakers and other staff. Placement or set-up of small group home care can be considered as kinship or foster care or supported independent living is not possible in case of COVID-19 or advisable. Care and protection, access to basic services, and daily activities is provided by skilled, trained staff during day and night shifts. In the camp CP actor with coordination with the CBCPCM and Camp Management will set-up small ‘emergency group homes’ in identified shelter (e.g. h) in IDP/refugee camp settings, often for boys between 13 and 17 years old, where there should be 24/7 care and guards at night, which provide a viable interim care solution, until they could be reunified with their family or other relatives. DoLSA and MoLSA will play a major role in the implementation of the interim care modality.
<b>Emergency Transit Shelters/ Centers</b>	In emergencies, interim or emergency shelter to temporarily host unaccompanied children in need of short term interim care, may be necessary and appropriate in some circumstances such as Scenario 1 of COVID-19 Iraq. Emergency transit shelters or centers will set-up and used to provide interim care for children separated from their families due to disease outbreak. Interim care is provided for unaccompanied children for the shortest period possible, until the child can be reunified. In disease outbreak context child protection actors set-up transit shelters for UAC during the emergency, which provided a viable short term care solution for the high numbers of UAC,	In emergencies, interim or emergency shelter to temporarily host unaccompanied children in need of short term interim care, may be necessary and appropriate in some circumstances such as Scenario 1 of COVID-19 Iraq. Emergency transit shelters or centers will set-up and used to provide interim care for children separated from their families due to disease outbreak. Interim care is provided for unaccompanied children for the shortest period possible, until the child can be reunified.

	<p>who could generally be reunified very quickly, generally varying from a few days to a few weeks. DoLSA will need to be engaged in the planning of these facilities and coordination will also be required with the camp management and CBCPMs.</p>	<p>Child protection actors or the Government transit shelters for UAC during the provided a viable short term care numbers of UAC, who could generally quickly, generally varying from a few CP actor or the Government can in hotel or other shelter could be set. Coordination will be required with food and non-food items.</p>
<p>Supported (semi-) Independent Living Arrangements, especially Supported Child Headed Households</p>	<p>In some circumstances, unaccompanied children live in “child or peer-headed household”, it can be a children that are otherwise related to each other. They may be informally supported by extended family members, CP or DoSA, who do not live in the same household. It means that children have to fulfill responsibilities normally attributed to adults. Children, especially girls in child-headed households can be exposed to exploitation and need to be thoroughly assessed, closely monitored and supported and alternative arrangements found, when this living arrangement is not in their best interests. Generally, child-headed households family or ‘mentor’ in the community. CP actors or DoSA staff can play this role - assisting with daily tasks support and act as a point of reference for the children.</p>	

**Roles and Responsibilities**

In the Camp	Outside the Camp
<p><b>Child Protection actors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Conduct assessment to ensure the resources and capacities are available to provide alternative care within the camps (refer to Annex A Checklist).</li> <li>● Ensure that there is CBCPM established in the camp</li> <li>● Identify CPCBM focal point to ensure the possibility of mentoring children in alternative care arrangements 24/7.</li> <li>● Provide support to CPCBM focal points with relevant resources and materials (incentives, phone credit),</li> <li>● Ensure that CPCBM focal points have been trained on Child Protection core concept and this alternative care guidance note.</li> <li>● Ensure the CP staff will be available physically or remotely in case there is no access to support the CPCBM focal points to address the needs of unaccompanied minors and alternative care arrangements.</li> <li>● Coordinate with DoSA, Camp Management and other relevant stakeholders regarding the establishment of alternative care arrangements in the camps and to ensure that services are provided including food and non-food items for unaccompanied children.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community-based Child Protection Focal Point:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Be availability and willingness to support the alternative care arrangements in the camp.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Child Protection actors:</b> (where CBCPMs are location)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Conduct assessment to ensure the resources and capacities are available to provide alternative care within the camps (refer to Annex A Checklist) in coordination with DoSA (refer to Annex A Checklist).</li> <li>● Coordinate with DoSAs to assess the availability of UAC emergency shelter and identify what capacities exist and what is the gap.</li> <li>● Child Protection need to train DoSA staff specifically emergency transit shelter and semi-independent living arrangements in household.</li> <li>● Ensure that there is CBCPM established in the camp</li> <li>● Identify CPCBM focal point to ensure the possibility of mentoring children in alternative care arrangements 24/7.</li> <li>● Provide support to CPCBM focal points with relevant resources and materials (incentives, phone credit),</li> <li>● Ensure that CPCBM focal points have been trained on Child Protection core concept and this alternative care guidance note.</li> <li>● Ensure the CP staff will be available physically or remotely in case there is not access to support the CPCBM focal points to address the needs of unaccompanied minors and alternative care arrangements.</li> </ul>

- Be aware of CP core concepts and alternative care arrangements guidance related to COVID-19 specifically for emergency transit shelter and supported semi-independent living arrangements and child-headed household.
- Be available to mentor UC in alternative care arrangements 24/7 and provide support to children who have been separated from their caregivers due to COVID-19 in the different scenarios that may arise in the camp.
- Communicate regularly with CP actor to allow remote monitoring of alternative care arrangement if CP actor is unable to access the camp.

**Camp Management:**

- Ensure that planning and resource distribution in the camp includes children in alternative care arrangements
- Coordinate with CP actors, CBCPMs and CP focal points and DoSA on issues related to case management and alternative care related to COVID-19, including the supervision of alternative care arrangements where required.
- Camp Management able to provide resources for alternative care arrangements.

- Coordinate with Camp Management stakeholders regarding the establishment of alternative care arrangements in the camps and to ensure that all necessary resources are provided including food and non-food items for the children.

**Community-based Child Protection Focal Points:**

- Willing to be part of this alternative care arrangement. Support CP and DoSA if needed.
- To get training of CP core concept and alternative care arrangements specifically emergency transit shelter, supported semi-independent living arrangements and child-headed household.
- CPCBM FP will be available to mentor UC in alternative care arrangements 24/7.
- To communicate with CP focal points and DoSAs.

**DoSAs:**

- DoSAs have the capacity to support alternative care arrangements based on their capacity.
- DoSAs can provide resources for alternative care arrangements based on their capacity.
- DoSAs maintain coordination with CP focal points to ensure the care arrangements are appropriate, safe and positive experience for the children.
- In the case of CBCPM FP does not exist, DoSAs will be available to mentor UC in alternative care arrangements.

Points to be considered when implementing the above:

- Case management registration forms should be completed with basic child information to register separated children.
- Database of UAC should be filled by CM actors and be updated regularly
- Ensure procedures are put in place to support continued remote or virtual contact between children and caregivers who are separated due to quarantine, isolation or treatment
- Reunification will take place after the caregivers is considered recovered from COVID-19, the reunification forms should be completed by the caregiver and be approved by CP actor, especially for the 'in camp' context.
- Any change of care arrangement should be completed after consulting and gaining the permission of CP actors, especially in the 'in camp' context.
- If the child is unable to be reunified with family after 12 weeks of separation due to the caregiver has died as a result of COVID-19, reunification with their caregiver is no longer an option, case management actors should refer to *the Guidance Note on Alternative Care Arrangements for Unaccompanied Children in Camps CMWG Iraq 2018* for identification of longer-term solutions and processes to follow.

## Scenario 2. Child identified as separated in hospital

### **Scenario 2. Child identified as separated in hospital**

Young children whose caregivers are hospitalized may remain with the caregiver and be exposed to the virus. Children under quarantine and treatment may be deprived of parental care. Abandonment of children after they have received treatment may occur. Children may be quarantined. Risks may exist for children who remain at the hospital e.g. risks of abuse. Quarantine facilities may be at a camp level which could be another location where children become separated.

#### **Key Actions**

- Establishment of referral pathway between hospitals assigned to treat COVID-19 cases (including identifying a focal point in each) and Case Management actors. List of hospitals assigned for referral for COVID-19 cases
- Training and orientation of health focal points by Case Management actors including:
  - 1). Rapid registration form for non-case management actors and process of communication with the Case Management actors identified
  - 2). PSEA and Child Safeguarding
  - 3). Confirmation of methods of communication between child and family (e.g. safe options for visiting the hospital, phone calls etc.
  - 4). PSS and awareness raising materials/resources available from the CPSC.
- See Checklist C in Annex for case management actors who will be the focal point for the hospital per hospital, current needs and resources available, and key processes to be in place.

## Scenario 3. Children in Institutions

### **Scenario 2. Child identified as separated in hospital**

Young children whose caregivers are hospitalized may remain with the caregiver and be exposed to the virus. Children under quarantine and treatment may be deprived by



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### **Scenario 3. Children in institutions**

Children in detention, state homes and children with their parents in prison may be exposed to the virus. Measles spread of COVID-19 could impact scheduled activities and visitations in the institutions. Children with their parents in alternative care if parent undergoes quarantine or treatment.

#### **Key Actions**

- Children in detention, state homes and with their parents in prison are already under the care of the Government will provide the response to any needs for alternative care related to COVID-19. The Government has preparedness and response for this scenario and is in communication with the Government and will seek requests for assistance that will be made.



## ANNEX A - COVID -19 Aternative Care Arrangement- In Camps

This Checklist will enable Child Protection actors to define alternative care arrangement modalities at the camp level as well as identify existing resources and gaps that needs to be addressed in order to provide safe and appropriate forms of alternative care for children left without appropriate care due to COVID-19.

Name of Camp: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Checklist Questions	Ye s	No	Comments
Do Child Protection actors have access to the camp?			<i>If CP actor does not have access to the camp, then remote follow-up is required</i>
Is there trained Case Management staff to follow-up children at risk?			<i>If no, alternative care arrangement is not possible</i>
Have CP staff been trained on alternative care arrangements including emergency shelter?			<i>If not, please request training from UASC TF</i>
Are CP staff available to monitor alternative care arrangement (physical or remote)?			<i>If staff are not availale, additoinal staff need ot be identified or alternative care is not possible</i>
Is there any community-based Child Protection mechanisms (e.g. groups, focal points)			<i>If no, focal point from community needs to be identified</i>
Has a community-based CP focal point been identify to support (if CP actor has access) or monitor (if CP actor does not have access) Alternative Care Arrangement?			
Has the community-based CP focal point been trained on CP core concepts?			<i>If no, provide training</i>
Has the community-based CP focal point been briefed on COVID-19 Alternative care arrngment guidance note?			<i>If no, conduct the briefing</i>
Are there community-based CP focal points available and willing to monitor the 24/7 emergency shelter for unaccompanied children due to COVID-19 in the camp?			<i>If no, then the 24/7 emergency shelter is not a viable form of alternative care for this camp</i>
Are there female community-based CP focal points available and willing to monitor the 24/7 emergency shelter for under-5 years unaccompanied children due to COVID-19 in the camp?			<i>If no, then the 24/7 emergency shelter is not a viable form of alternative care for children under 5 years for this camp</i>
Is the Camp Management agency ready and willing to support alternative care arragements identified in this camp? (Please ensure that you discuss this with the agency)?			<i>Please provide the contact details of the camp management agency</i>
Does Camp Managment have any additional tents at the camp level to support accomodation arrangements (emergency shelters, CHHs shelter)?			<i>If not, please look for opportunities to source these</i>
Is camp management willing to install the tents used to accommodate the unaccompanied children near by the Camp Management office?			<i>If not, please identify safe location near community-based CP focal point's shelter</i>
Is camp management able to support unaccompanied children in emergency shelter by providing non-food items?			<i>If not, please look for opportunities to source these</i>

Is camp management able to support unaccompanied children in emergency shelter by providing food items?			<i>If not, please look for opportunities to source these</i>
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## ANNEX B - COVID -19 Alternative Care Arrangement- Out of Camps Checklist

This Checklist will enable Child Protection actors to define alternative care arrangement modalities in locations out of camps and urban areas as well as identify existing resources and gaps that needs to be addressed in order to provide safe and appropriate forms of alternative care for children left without appropriate care due to COVID-19. In this context coordination with Government and DoSA is required in the identification of alternative care arrangement for IDP, refugees and host community children.

Name of Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Checklist Questions	Ye s	No	Comments
Child Protection actors have access into the mentioned location?			<i>If CP actor does not have access to the mentioned location, then remote follow-up is required</i>
Is there trained Case Management staff to follow-up children at risk?			<i>If no, alternative care arrangement is not possible</i>
Have CP staff been trained on alternative care arrangements including emergency shelter?			<i>If not, please request training from UASC TF</i>
Are CP staff available to monitor alternative care arrangements (physical or remote)?			<i>If staff are not available, additional staff need to be identified or alternative care is not possible</i>
Is there any community-based Child Protection mechanisms (e.g. groups, focal points) at this location?			<i>If no, focal point from community or DoSA staff needs to be identified</i>
Has a community-based CP focal point or DoSA staff been identified to support (if CP actor has access) or monitor (if CP actor does not have access) alternative care arrangement?			
Has the community-based CP focal point been trained on CP core concepts?			<i>If no, provide training</i>
Has the community-based CP focal point been or DoSA briefed on COVID-19 Alternative care arrangement guidance note?			<i>If no, conduct the briefing</i>
Are there community-based CP focal points or DoSA available and willing to monitor the 24/7 emergency shelter for unaccompanied children due to COVID-19 in the camp?			<i>If no, then the 24/7 emergency shelter is not a viable form of alternative care for this location</i>
Are there female community-based CP focal points or female staff from DoSA available and willing to monitor the 24/7 emergency shelter for under-5 years unaccompanied children due to COVID-19 in this location?			<i>If no, then the 24/7 emergency shelter is not a viable form of alternative care for children under 5 years for this location</i>
Is the Government/DoSA ready and willing to support alternative care arrangements identified in this location? (Please ensure that you discuss this with the agency)?			<i>Please provide the contact details of the DoSA Focal point in this location</i>

Does Government/DoSA have any identified building in mentioned location to support accommodation arrangements (emergency shelters, CHHs)?			<i>If not, please look for opportunities to source these</i>
Is Government/DoSA able to support unaccompanied children in emergency shelter by providing non-food items?			<i>If not, please look for opportunities to source these</i>
Is Government/DoSA able to support unaccompanied children in emergency shelter by providing food items?			<i>If not, please look for opportunities to source these</i>



## Annex C - COVID -19 Alternative Care Arrangement- Hospital/Health Facilities

This Checklist will enable Child Protection actors to assess the current arrangements and capacity at the hospital or health facility in relation to providing care to separated children, as well as to establish a referral pathway between appointed health and child protection actors to coordinate on child protection issues such as family tracing and alternative care.

Name of Hospital/Health Facility: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Checklist Questions	Ye s	No	Comments
Do Child Protection actors have access to the Hospital/Health Facility?			<i>If no, please advise why</i>  <i>If CP actor does not have access to the mentioned location, then remote follow-up is required</i>
Is there a health focal point available to coordinate with?			<i>If yes, please record the details of the focal point:</i>  <i>If no, what actions needs to be taken in order to have this focal point nominated?</i>
Is there trained Case Management staff available to follow-up children at risk and provide support to health staff focal point?			<i>If no, case management and alternative care arrangement is not possible</i>
Have CP staff been trained on alternative care arrangement, and are able to provide this technical support to the health staff focal point?			<i>If not, please request training from UASC TF</i>
Has a discussion on the process of communication following the referral pathway occurred with the Health focal point – particularly how the case will be referred if a separated child is identified?			<i>If not, please have this discussion so it is clear the mode of communication with the health actor.</i>
Has the Health Focal Point been trained on the Rapid registration form for non-case management actors?			<i>If not, please provide training or request support from UASC TF</i>
Are CP staff available to support the Health focal point to receive referrals?			<i>If staff are not available, additional staff need to be identified</i>

Has the Health focal point been trained on CP core concepts? Has the Health focal point attended PSEA and Child Safeguarding training? (With the health focal point spend time discussing the possible CP risks that may exist for particularly separated children at the hospital (e.g. abuse) and identify ways to mitigate this).		<i>If the health focal point has not received training, please refer the DoLSA focal point in that location to provide support.</i>  <i>Please details any risks and mitigation strategies discussed</i>
Has the Health staff CP focal point been briefed on COVID-19 Alternative care arrangement guidance note?		<i>If no, conduct the briefing</i>
What are the methods of communication between child and family being used at the hospital or health facility (e.g. safe options for visiting (if proper precautions are in place), phone calls etc.		<i>Please detail the methods that will be used:</i>

**List of referral hospitals for management of COVID-19 cases  
crisis-affected governorates**

No	Governate	Hospital name	Contact information name	Phone number
1	Dahuk	Burn and Plastic Surgery Hospital	Dr. Mohammad Salih	07504057510
			Mr. Kader	07512145797
2	Kirkuk	Epidemic center	Dr Dhahid Naji	07702301379
3	Kirkuk	Kirkuk General Hospital	Dr muhamamd Faryadon	07701271366
4	Kirkuk	Azadi Teaching Hospital	Dr Gaylan Qadir	07701343134
5	Kirkuk	Pediatric Hospital	Dr Shahin Kamil	07722374852
6	Kirkuk	Maternity, Gynecology & Pediatric	Dr Hussin Muhamad	07706110150
7	Erbil	Central Emergency Hospital	Dr. Hassan Hamza	07504470058
8	Erbil	Peshmarga Hospital	Dr. Haval Sarezh	07514346616
9	Erbil	Attaya Emirates hospital	Dr. Shakhawan	07504488944
10	Sulaymaniyah	Sarchnar Hospital	Dr. Hersh haider hama	07701556202
11	Ninawa	Al-Shefaa Hospital	Dr. Salih Sabri	07701741254
			Dr. Salih Suleman	07703861696
12	Baghdad Al-Karkh	Al-Forat Hospital	Dr. Mohammed Al-Zobae,	07901349378
13	Baghdad Al-Rusafa	Ibn Al-Khateeb hospital	Dr. Salman Hamid Ali,	07725855252
			Dr. Jafar Naser	07703945900
14	Al-Anbar	Isolation hospital	Dr. Adil Ftekhan	07825966727
15	Diyala	Baquba general hospital	Dr. Haider Jasim & Dr. Firas Raad	
16	Salahadeen	Tikrit Emergency hospital	Dr. Mohammed Sabah Sabir	07721307478