



# Eastern and Southern Africa Regional learning platform on care

An introduction

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# Agenda for the meeting today

- Introduction to the Eastern and Southern Africa regional learning platform on care
- Gaps in evidence/data on Care
- Data collection on children in alternative care

# What is the regional learning platform on care?

- An opportunity to share learning on care across Eastern and Southern Africa
- Range of ways to share learning remotely
- Six focal countries: Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda and Zambia
- Aims to enhance the effectiveness of government care reform through the regional exchange of learning on care

# Why has the platform been developed?

- Progress in care reform across the region
- Policies and commitments developed, now need to exchange practice
- Inter-country exchange of practice is valuable

# Who was consulted in developing the platform?

- UNICEF staff
- Government
- NGOs
- Academics
- Experts on remote learning

# Which aspects of care reform is the platform focusing on?

- Continuum of care
- Child protection systems
- Care for particular groups of children

# Who is involved?

- Government policy makers, programme managers, social work manager and frontline workers
- UNICEF country office staff
- UNICEF regional office staff
- NGOs
- Child Frontiers

# What are the main activities?

## Phase 1: Preparation

- Finalise the TOR
- Establish a reference group
- Develop M and E framework



# What are the main activities?

## **Phase 2: Establishing the learning platform**

- Thematic groups
- Virtual study tours
- Helpdesk and mentoring/ pairing
- Documenting care reform
- Document library
- Engagement with other regional initiatives

# Gaps in evidence/data on Care

# Data Collection on children in residential care