



THE ALLIANCE
FOR CHILD PROTECTION
IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Working Together Across Sectors for Children's Protection and Well-Being

A TOOLKIT FOR
BUILDING AWARENESS
AND SUPPORT



**WORKING ACROSS SECTORS
FOR CHILDREN'S PROTECTION**



INTRODUCTION

Every humanitarian actor has a responsibility and a role to play in protecting children and promoting their well-being. With 42% of the world's forcibly displaced people being children, they are one of the largest stakeholder groups affected by humanitarian crises. No single humanitarian sector, acting alone, can fully protect them from harm or effectively ensure their well-being.

However, working across sectors to better protect children and promote their well-being is not obvious. Many humanitarian actors may not be sure where to start, or how to ensure that their own sector's work is taking child protection risks into account.

This toolkit provides resources to increase awareness and support for doing this work more consistently across all humanitarian sectors. Its goal is to support conversations and learning journeys to make children, their protection and well-being a priority across all humanitarian action.

It highlights clear steps that all humanitarians can take, based on the internationally recognized *Minimum Standards for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action* and its specific Standards to Work Across Sectors.

Anyone working on child protection is encouraged to use and adapt these tools to communicate with other humanitarian decision-makers. This might include partners in government, humanitarian funders, colleagues working in other sectors, or humanitarian actors in your own organization.

Each of us has a voice and a circle of influence. As a strong, global community of child protection actors, we can shift awareness and offer practical actions for centring children in humanitarian action.

Please take a few moments to review this toolkit, share it with your colleagues, and consider how you can use it. Some possibilities include:

- showing a short video and holding a discussion,
- presenting a brief and having a conversation with a key decision-maker, or
- promoting clear steps for working across sectors via your social media network.

These are just a few of the specific actions you can take to build awareness and support for working together across sectors for children's protection and well-being.

These tools were created by the Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action – Child Protection Minimum Standards Working Group. They are meant to complement other important technical and capacity-building work being done by child protection actors around the world. You are invited to adapt and add to these resources to fit your context.



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WORKING ACROSS SECTORS WEBPAGE

A quick and easy-to-use webpage for all humanitarian actors on working across sectors to protect children and promote their well-being. This is a one-stop-shop for people from every humanitarian sector to find resources and learn more about what they can do.



Visit the webpage at:
alliancecpha.org/workingtogether



Action ideas:

- Share the webpage link with humanitarian partners and invite them to use the resources.
- Explore the webpage with your team, or on your own, to see what it offers and how it can support your work with other humanitarian sectors.

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Watch this 10-minute video, made for all humanitarian actors, to learn more about your role in protecting children and ensuring their well-being.

CPMS Pillar 4 Standards to Work Across Sectors - English

CPMS Pillar 4 Standards to Work Across Sectors

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MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CHILD PROTECTION IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION

The *Minimum Standards for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action (CPMS)* provide clear and easy-to-use guidance on working across sectors for children's protection. They include a specific standard, key actions and indicators for every humanitarian sector.

Click the button to read an introduction to Working Across Sectors

Introduction to Working Across Sectors

Click the buttons to explore resources by sector

Livelihoods and Child Protection **Food Security and Child Protection**

Health and Child Protection **Education and Child Protection**

WASH and Child Protection **Nutrition and Child Protection**



10-MINUTE EXPLANATORY VIDEO

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Watch the video on YouTube:
<https://bit.ly/10min-explainer>

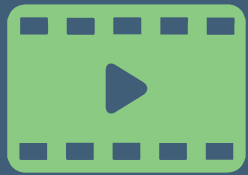
or download it from:
alliancecpha.org/workingtogether



Action ideas:

- Show the video at a virtual or in-person meeting as part of a presentation or discussion.
- View the video with your team, or on your own, to build your understanding.





SHORT VIDEO CLIPS

These shorter video clips are excerpts from the 10-minute video referred on the previous page.



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The case for working across sectors to protect children



Action idea:

- Use them as quick options to insert in presentations and discussions.

Video clips:



Children's lives aren't divided into sectors (18-second clip)

Interview with Mike Weickert, Director of Humanitarian Response Operations, World Vision International



All humanitarians have a responsibility to protect children (57-second clip)

Interview with Joan Kipwola, Child Protection Cluster Coordinator, UNICEF South Sudan



The case for working across sectors to protect children (36-second clip)

Three benefits of working across sectors and avoiding silos.



Bringing an integration lens to child protection work (40-second clip)

Interview with Mike Weickert, Director of Humanitarian Response Operations, World Vision International



CHILD PROTECTION MINIMUM STANDARDS TO WORK ACROSS SECTORS

The *Minimum Standards for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action – Standards to Work Across Sectors* include eight specific sections focused on Food Security, Livelihoods, Education, Health, Nutrition, WASH, Shelter and Settlement, and Camp Management.

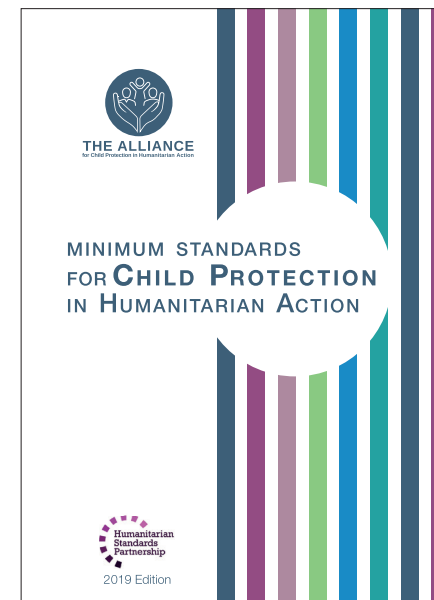


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Action ideas:

- Share a print or digital copy of the specific sections of the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors that are most relevant to your audience.
- Review and discuss them together to identify practical ways of building on work across sectors that prioritizes children's protection and well-being.





KEY MESSAGES

The key messages below are meant to help any child protection actor to begin a dialogue with other humanitarians about working together across sectors.

Messages

“ *Children are one of the largest stakeholder groups affected by humanitarian crises – 42% of the world’s forcibly displaced people are children.* ”

“ *Every humanitarian actor has a responsibility, and a role to play, in protecting children and promoting their well-being.* ”

“ *Collaborating across sectors is an important way to make the most of available resources.* ”



Action idea:

- Use these key messages to help you in one-on-one conversations, meetings, presentations, or written communications with other humanitarian sector actors.

Messages:

“ *No single humanitarian sector, acting alone, can fully protect children from harm or effectively ensure their well-being.* ”

“ *Working across sectors to protect children and promote their well-being makes each sector’s work stronger, and leads to better outcomes for children, their families, and communities.* ”

“ *There are clear, actionable steps for every humanitarian sector in the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors. They provide a clear and helpful place to begin.* ”

“ *Humanitarian action that does not address children’s protection needs risks causing harm to children. And it misses critical opportunities to support better outcomes.* ”



ONE-PAGE BRIEF

This short brief presents key arguments and clear steps for working across sectors for children's protection and well-being.

Download it from:
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Action idea:

- Share a print or digital version of this one-page brief as part of any conversation or presentation on working across sectors.

Strengthening Each Sector's Results and Improving Protection Outcomes for Children in Humanitarian Settings

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FIND CLEAR, ACTIONABLE STEPS FOR EVERY SECTOR IN THE CHILD PROTECTION MINIMUM STANDARDS

With 42% of the world's forcibly displaced people being children, they are one of the largest stakeholder groups affected by humanitarian crises.

Every humanitarian actor has a responsibility, and a role to play, in protecting children and promoting their well-being. But no single humanitarian sector can do this effectively by working alone.

Clear, actionable steps for every humanitarian sector to better protect children are outlined in the **Minimum Standards for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action** (CPMS), one of the world's best known and most widely used humanitarian standards.

The CPMS **Standards to Work Across Sectors** include eight brief and easy-to-use sections with practical guidance focused on:

- Food Security
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Education
- Livelihoods
- Health
- Nutrition
- Shelter and Settlement
- Camp Management

These key actions strengthen the results of each humanitarian sector and improve protection outcomes for children, their families, and communities. They also reduce the risk of humanitarian action that fails to account for children's protection needs resulting in harm to children.

Importantly, working across sectors is a viable way to ensure that humanitarian action

- is cost-effective
- makes the most of available resources
- closes child protection gaps in each sector's response and
- finds integrated solutions to complex problems faced in crisis contexts.

If you fund, lead, design, implement, or train people to carry out humanitarian action, applying the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors is a critical step you can take to protect children and improve overall humanitarian outcomes.

Find the Standards to Work Across Sectors, and other supportive resources for working together to improve humanitarian outcomes and protect children, at alliancecpha.org/workingtogether

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POWER-POINT SLIDES

Ready-to-go PowerPoint slides that communicate key messages about working across sectors for children's protection and well-being.



Download them from:
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Action ideas:

- Show these prepared slides as part of a presentation on working across sectors.
- You can adapt or refine the focus of the slides depending on your audience, (e.g., a specific sector or humanitarian decision-maker).
- Adapt the text of the slides (provided below) to create your own slides with the branding of your organization.

WHY WORK ACROSS SECTORS FOR CHILDREN'S PROTECTION AND WELL-BEING?



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- It reduces the risk of humanitarian action that does not account for children's protection needs and causes harm to children.
- Working across sectors is a viable way to ensure that humanitarian action is cost-effective and makes the most of available resources.
- It is key to closing child protection gaps in each humanitarian sector's response and finding integrated solutions to complex problems faced in crisis contexts.

#4 - A GOOD PLACE TO START

- Applying the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors is a critical step you can take to protect children and improve overall humanitarian outcomes.
- You can find them and other helpful resources for working together across humanitarian action at www.alliancecpha.org/workingtogether.

You may also be interested in the CPMS Slide Deck




Designed for briefing and training child protection staff, it covers all CPMS standards concisely and clearly. It includes an introduction to CPHA, CPMS principles, and the concept of minimum standard. Available in English, French, and Spanish (Arabic coming soon).


Download it from: bit.ly/CPMS-slide-deck

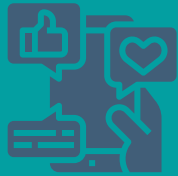
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SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

These social media posts are meant to help you build awareness and support for working across sectors to protect children and promote their well-being.



Ready-to-use versions of these posts with the Alliance's branding have been prepared for Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter. You can download them from:
alliancecpha.org/workingtogether

42% OF THE WORLD'S FORCIBLY DISPLACED PEOPLE ARE CHILDREN. LET'S MAKE THEIR PROTECTION A PRIORITY.

Find clear, actionable steps for every humanitarian sector in the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors.

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Action ideas:

- Share these ready-to-use posts on your own social media accounts to reach your humanitarian networks.
- Work with colleagues to share these posts on your organization's social media accounts. You are welcome to use or adapt the wording below for that purpose.
- The Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action will be sharing these posts on social media in 2021-22. Follow the Alliance ([Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#)) and share, like and comment on its posts.

EDUCATION + CHILD PROTECTION = IMPROVED OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN.

Find clear, actionable steps for working together in the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors.

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POSTS AIMED AT BROAD AUDIENCES



#1

Seeking clear, actionable steps for every humanitarian sector to better protect children?

Find them in the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors.

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#2

Every humanitarian sector can do better to protect children.

Find clear steps in the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors.

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#3

Want to improve how your humanitarian program protects children, but not sure where to start?

Find clear, actionable steps in the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors.

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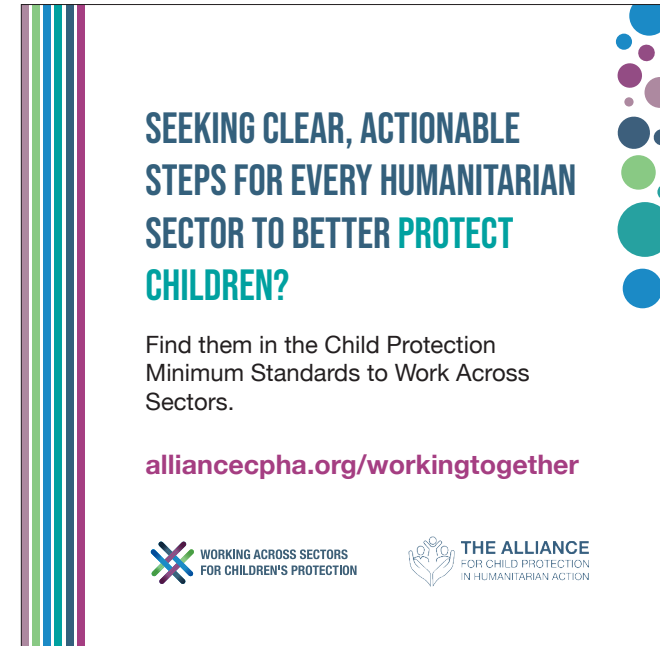


#4

Is your humanitarian program blind to child protection risks?

Find clear, actionable steps for every humanitarian sector in the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors.

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#5

Improve how your humanitarian response protects children.

Find clear, actionable steps for every humanitarian sector in the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors.

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#6

Humanitarian action that better protects children is a goal within your reach.

Find clear, actionable steps in the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors.

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#7

Close the child protection gaps in your humanitarian response with clear, actionable steps

for every sector.

Find them in the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors.

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#8

Every humanitarian has a responsibility to protect children.

Find clear, actionable steps for every humanitarian sector in the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors.

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#9

Children have a right to humanitarian action that protects them.

Find clear, actionable steps for every humanitarian sector in the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors.

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**HUMANITARIAN ACTION
THAT BETTER PROTECTS CHILDREN
IS A GOAL WITHIN YOUR REACH.**

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#10

Protecting children lies at the heart of all humanitarian action.

Find clear, actionable steps for every humanitarian sector in the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors.

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#11

42% of the world's forcibly displaced people are children. Let's make their protection a priority.

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POSTS AIMED AT SPECIFIC TARGET GROUPS



#12

Do you train humanitarian workers?

Improve humanitarian outcomes for children. Find clear, actionable steps for every sector in the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors.

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#14

Do you fund humanitarian programs?

Improve outcomes for children. Find clear, actionable steps for every humanitarian sector in the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors.

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#13

Do you run a humanitarian program?

Improve outcomes for children. Find clear, actionable steps for every humanitarian sector in the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors.

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DO YOU FUND HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMS?

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**ARE YOU LEADING
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 **#15**
Are you leading a humanitarian response?


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 **#16**
Are you planning a humanitarian response?


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 **#17**
Do you design humanitarian programs?

Improve outcomes for children. Find clear, actionable steps for every humanitarian sector in the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors.

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 **#18**
Do you work in child protection in humanitarian action?

Find clear, actionable steps for working with all other humanitarian sectors in the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors.

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**DO YOU DESIGN
HUMANITARIAN
PROGRAMS?**

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POSTS AIMED AT SPECIFIC SECTORS



#19

Food Security + Child Protection = Improved outcomes for children.

Find clear, actionable steps for working together in the Child Protection Minimum Standards to Work Across Sectors.

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#20

Livelihoods + Child Protection = Improved outcomes for children.

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#21

Health + Child Protection = Improved outcomes for children.

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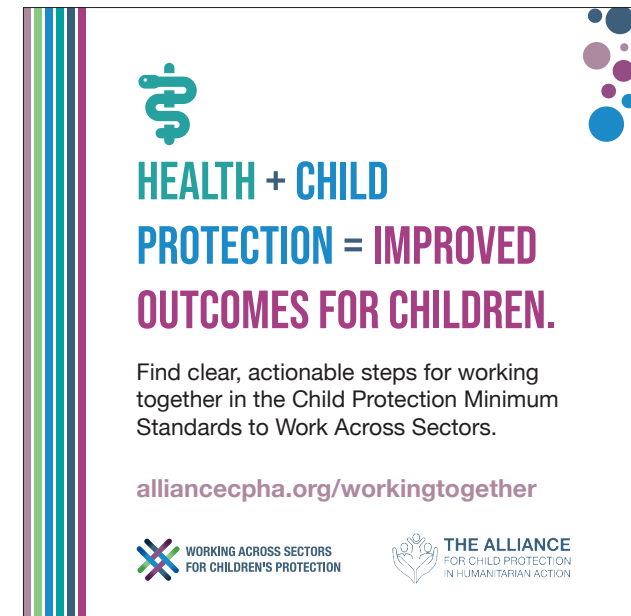


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Nutrition + Child Protection = Improved outcomes for children.

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#23

WASH + Child Protection = Improved outcomes for children.

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#24

Shelter & Settlement + Child Protection = Improved outcomes for children.

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#25

Camp Management + Child Protection = Improved outcomes for children.

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#26

Education & Child Protection

Working together for better outcomes for children.


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**WASH + CHILD PROTECTION
= IMPROVED OUTCOMES
FOR CHILDREN.**

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WORKING ACROSS SECTORS LOGO

This “Working Across Sectors for Children’s Protection” logo can be used throughout your communications efforts. It is meant to raise the visibility and profile of the issue. You can use it as you adapt these tools to your own context or add new ones.



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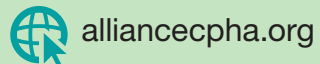
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Find more information on the Alliance's work and join the network at



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