MODULE 2 SESSION 3.1 Activity 3 – HANDOUT – PRIMARY PREVENTION CASE STUDY

You are working for the Help Desk of the CP AoR (Child Protection Area of Responsibility) and you have received the following email from an emergency child protection staff working in country X, seeking advice.

Dear Help Desk,

My name is Mariana, and I am working in country X as a Child Protection Coordinator for a national NGO. I would like to seek your advice as we are looking into including primary prevention approaches into our programme design. In country X, there are specific areas that are often hit by natural disasters, including droughts and bush fires. Some areas are particularly remote. The majority of the population gain income through agricultural activities. Since recent months, in some locations, there is regular movement of populations and displacement due to ongoing ethnic and inter-community tensions and violence. Generally, in this area, there is a high prevalence of child marriage and child labour. Violence against children in the home is also often reported. In this part of the country, it is common for children to live with extended family. There are basic services, which are mainly located in the larger towns. Numbers of children, notably girls, attending secondary school are decreasing. At present, the government announced it is working on a social protection scheme to support the most marginalised people. There are a number of development actors operational in the area and some other humanitarian actors recently arrived and are starting to set up support programmes. Could you please advise?

Thank you very much in advance.

Best regards, Mariana

GROUP WORK Work with your group and answer the following questions to help prepare a response to Mariana's inquiry, and write the answers on a flip chart (30 minutes):

1) What could be the root causes and the risk factors relating to family separation?
2) What are the protective factors in relation to preserving family unity?
3) What type of primary prevention measures would you suggest to address the root causes?