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Eastern and Southern Africa regional learning platform on care reform

Monthly update - December 2023

Introduction

Welcome to the monthly update from the regional learning platform on care reform in Eastern and Southern Africa. The platform is an opportunity for policy makers and practitioners in Government, UNICEF and NGOs to exchange learning on care. The platform was established by UNICEF and Changing the Way We Care (CTWWC) and is supported by the consultancy firm Child Frontiers. Explore our past webinars, case studies, videos and policy papers

Announcements on the platform

- **Webinar recording - new global guidance on kinship care:** Our last webinar introduced new global inter-agency guidance on kinship care. This guidance was initiated by Family for Every Child and developed in collaboration with a range of agencies including both UNICEF and Changing the Way We Care. During the webinar we shared key lessons learnt on how to support kinship care, drawing particularly on examples of promising practice from Eastern and Southern Africa. A recording of the webinar can be found [here](#).
 - **New vide on kinship care:** Our latest video looks at kinship care in Zimbabwe and can be found on our [YouTube channel](#) in [English](#), [French](#) and [Portuguese](#). Our video on [Demonstration counties for care reform in Kenya](#) is now also available in [French](#) and [Portuguese](#).
 - **HelpDesk:** Do you have a dilemma about care reform? Would you like to know about how others have succeeded in their care reform efforts? Whether you are just starting out on your care reform journey or a long way down this road, we can help. As part of the learning platform, we offer a HelpDesk for all UNICEF and government staff in Eastern and Southern Africa. Please contact Emily: edelap@childfrontiers.com.
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Celebrating three years of the Regional learning platform with a reminder of our resources

As we come to the end of the third year of the Regional learning platform on care reform, we would like to remind you of the multiple resources that we have developed. The platform began in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. With travel halted, we created five **virtual study tours** which allowed participants to learn about care reform in another country from the comfort of their own homes. The study tours included a short easy-to-read report, a recorded presentation, and a webinar where a panel of experts were asked further questions about care reform in their country. The virtual study tours can be found here:

- [Kenya](#)
- [Malawi](#)
- [Rwanda](#)
- [Uganda](#)
- [Zambia](#)

As well as the webinars for the virtual study tours, we have had 20 other **webinars**. All webinar recordings can be found on our [YouTube channel](#). Our most popular webinars were on:

- [Child protection system strengthening and care reform](#)
- [Case management for care reform](#)

- [Preventing family separation](#)
- [Care reform in the context of climate change](#)

We began the platform by developing **policy papers** covering topics ranging from the [links between social protection and care](#) to [lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic on care reform](#). Based on feedback from our users who told us not everyone has time to read policy papers, we started to develop **short videos and case studies** on aspects of care reform. Videos cover:

- [The reintegration of children with disabilities in Rwanda](#)
- [Demonstration counties for care reform in Kenya](#) (also available in [French](#) and [Portuguese](#))
- [Supporting kinship care across the region](#) and in [Zimbabwe](#) (also available in [French](#) and [Portuguese](#))
- [Lessons learnt from COVID-19 on care reform](#)

Our case studies touch on a range of topics, including supporting supervised independent living and reintegration. All policy papers and case studies can all be found [here](#).

Throughout the platform, we have tried to bring in the lived experiences of children in different forms of care, caregivers, and care leavers. For example, we have shared research on and carried out by care leavers in Kenya during a [webinar](#). Many of our case studies share the perspectives of children and caregivers.

We know that not everyone is an expert on care reform. From the second year of the platform, we made a concerted effort to bring in those that are new to care reform. We have provided a [two page introduction to care reform](#), and a [short video](#) on the same topic.

Other news and resources

- A new report has just been launched by the World Childhood Foundation on the experiences of care leavers in Tanzania - it can be found [here](#).
- The Government of Kenya has launched guidelines for transitioning the care system which can be found [here](#).

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