

THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN AFRICA ON FAMILY BASED CARE FOR CHILDREN

28 – 30 September 2009, InterContinental Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

SUNDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2009

2.00 – 5.00pm **Registration** (at the Intercontinental Hotel, Nairobi)

DAY ONE, MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2009

The Conference Moderator: Dr Agnes Abuom

8.00 – 9.00am **Check-in and Entertainment**

9.00 – 10.30am **Opening Session**

Chair: Ahmed Hussein, H.S.C., Director of Children Services, Kenya

Opening Remarks

Mr Elhadj As Sy, Regional Director, UNICEF, Eastern and Southern Africa
Regional Office
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Professor Linda Richter,
Advisor, Better Care Network

Elize Coetzee,
Give a Child a Family (GCF), South Africa

Mrs. Josefine Hörnberg
Lakarmissionen, Sweden

Dr Philista Onyango
ANPPCAN Regional Office, Kenya

Entertainment

An Overview of Family Based Care for Children in Kenya

*Prof Jacqueline Oduor, EBS, Secretary to Children Affairs, Ministry of
Gender, Children and Social Development, Kenya*

Key Note Address

*Dr Laurent Mbanda, vice-President for Africa Region, Compassion
International*

Official Opening

*Hon. Amos Wako, Attorney General, E.G.H. F.C.I.Arb., S.C., M.P.,
Republic of Kenya*

10.30 – 11.00am **Coffee/Tea Break**

Chair: Conference Facilitator

- 11.00 – 11.30am **An Overview of Family Based Care from an International Perspective**
✓ *Bep van Sloten, Consultant and Coordinator, Better Care Network, Netherlands*
- 11.30 – 12.00pm *Questions and Discussions*
- 12:00 – 12:30pm **Policy and Legislative Frameworks Providing for Family Based Care**
✓ *Prof Jaap Doek, Former Chairperson, United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child*
- 12:30 – 1:00pm *Questions and Discussions*

1:00 – 2:00pm **Lunch Break and Seminar**

1.00 – 2.00pm **Seminar Session**

Lessons from Australia: What doesn't work? Does the Australian out of home care policy and legislative frameworks have lessons applicable to the African project of strengthening family based care for children?
Bev Stoch, Masters of Development Studies Program, University of Sydney, Australia

Chair: Conference Facilitator

2.00 – 2.30pm **From Institutional Care to Family Based Care**
✓ *Stephen Ucembe, Feed the Children, Kenya*

2.30 – 3.00pm *Questions and Discussions*

3:00 – 3.30pm **Coffee/Tea Break**

3.30 - 5.30pm **Concurrent Workshops**

Workshop1: Policy and Legislative Frameworks providing for Family Based Care

Harnessing political influence and partnership: a child sensitive social protection response in Katsina state, Nigeria
Dr Victoria Isiramen, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF – Kaduna, Nigeria

A Continuum of care for the most vulnerable in Namibia
Helena Andjamba, Director, Child Welfare, Ministry of Gender, Equality and Child Welfare (MGEW) Namibia

Alternative places of care: children's rights perspective in Swaziland
Mr Mandla Vincent Mazibuko, Save the Children Swaziland,

Fazendo valer o direito à convivência familiar e comunitária - Forcing the right of living in family based care
Claudia Cabral, Executive Director, Terra dos homens - Brazil - ABTH

3.30 - 5.30pm

Workshop 2: From Institutional Care to Family Based Care

Children belong in families

Hilda Ouma, Child Re-integration Program Manager, Samaritan's Purse International Relief, Nairobi, Kenya

Foster care program

Sylvia Beukes, Director, Hope's Promise Orphan Ministries, Namibia

Including the excluded through family based care

Diarmuid O Neill, Retrak

5.30 – 6.30pm

Seminar Presentations

The Faith Community and Family Based Care in Africa

Amanda Cox, the Coordinator, Better Care Network's Faith to Action Initiative

Family and Kinship Care, using information collected from alternative care assessments made in 9 East and Southern Africa Countries for UNICEF ESARO and Country Offices

Andrew Dunn and John Parry-Williams, Consultants, Newark, United Kingdom
End of Day One

DAY TWO, TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2009

Chair: Conference Facilitator

8.30 – 9.00

Presentation of Declarations

✓ Moderator: Dr Agnes Abuom

9.00 – 9.30am

Role of Communities in Family Based Care

✓ *David Lamin, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Sierra Leone*

9.30 – 10.00am

Questions and Discussions

10.00 – 10.30am

Coffee/ Tea Break

10.30 – 11.00am

Different Forms of Interventions, Practices and Experiences in Family Based Care

✓ *Monica Woodhouse, Give a Child a Family, (GCF)*

11.00 – 11.30am

Questions and Discussions

11.30 – 1.00pm

Current Workshops

Workshop 3: Role of Communities in Family Based Care

Role of communities in family based care

Mr Kalungi John Ggayi, Orphans Community Based Organization, Rakai, Uganda

11.30 – 1.00pm

Enhancing community capacity to support family based care

Brighton Gwezera, Knowledge Development and Exchange Manager, Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative (REPSSI), Zimbabwe

Strengthening community participation in family based care for OVC: A case of ICOBI in Uganda

Bosco Turyamureeba, Capacity Building Officer, OVC Project, Uganda

Workshop 4: Different forms of Interventions, Practices and Experiences in Family Based Care

Adoption in Australia: trends and outcomes

Trudy Rosenwald, Adoption Consultant and Counselor, Asian Pacific International Adoption Forum, Australia

The Experience of AVSI in implementing programs: giving a new face to OVC in institutions: the case of AVSI

Rita Larok, Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator, AVSI OVC Regional Programme, Uganda

A South African Example of the Process of Assessing Prospective Foster Parents

Mrs Nomvuyi Sukantaka Give a Child a Family, South Africa

1.00 – 2.00pm

Lunch Break and Seminar

1.00 – 2.00pm

Seminar Session

Family based care, the SOS Children's Villages model

James Wabara, Director, SOS Children's Village International, Nairobi

2.00 – 4.30pm

Concurrent Workshops (Cont.)

Workshop 3: Role of Communities in Family Based Care

Children on the move: the challenges of providing care

Lynette Mudekunya, Director of Programmes, Save the Children UK,

From burial societies to mutual aid organizations

Francesca Stuer, Family Health International (FHI), Ethiopia

Mobilizing communities / families for OVC support in Kaduna State, Nigeria

Dr Victoria Isiramen, Child Protection Specialist UNICEF Kaduna, Nigeria

Promotion of community Based participatory child health and development (CHD) in Moyamba District, Sierra Leone

Ibrahim Kamara, CHO, CTCM & H, DCM& H, MHCA, Health Advisor, Plan Sierra Leone

2.00 – 4.30pm

Workshop 4: Different forms of Interventions, Practices and Experiences in Family Based Care

Life-space and work: strengthening family care and support

Felix Mwale, Executive Director, Zambia Association of Child Care Work, Zambia

Encouraging family based care of children through the cash transfer: the Kenyan experience

Ahmed Hussein, Director of Children Services, Department of Children's Services, Kenya

Facing the challenges of family based care for unaccompanied minors, separated children and children associated with armed forces and armed groups in Burundi

Miranda Armstrong, Coordinatrice du Programme Protection et Développement pour les Enfants et les jeunes, International Reçue Committee (IRC) Burundi

Giving a family to the orphan in an African Muslim society: SOS children's villages in Tunisia

Pr Sofiane Bouhdiba, Human and Social Sciences, Faculty of Tunis, Tunisia

OVC mapping and directory project: prioritizing the children

Julialynne Walker, Population Council, South Africa

4.30 – 5.00pm

Coffee / Tea Break

4.30 – 5.30pm

Seminar Presentations

Team Parenting – providing safe and effective care through therapeutic fostering

Gabrielle Jerome, Head of International Social Work Practice Development, Foster Care Associates Group, UK

Minimum Standards for Residential Care Facilities in Namibia

Lucia Eises, Control Social Worker, Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare (MGECW), Windhoek, Namibia

6.00 – 8.30pm

Cultural Evening at the National Museums of Kenya

End of Day Two

DAY THREE, WEDNESDAY 30, SEPTEMBER 2009

Chair: Conference Facilitator

8.00 – 8.30am

Presentation of Declarations

✓ Moderator: Dr Agnes Abuom

8.30 – 9.00am

Age and Gender Perspectives in Family Based Care

✓ *Dr Douglas Lackey, Regional Advocacy and Communication Manager, HelpAge International*

9.00 – 9.15am

Questions and Discussions

9.15 – 10.15am

Standards and the Role of Monitoring in Family Based Care

- ✓ George Nyakora, Regional Training Director, SOS Children's Villages International
- ✓ Mrs Helena Obeng Asamoah, Assistant Director, Department of Social Welfare, Ministry of Employment and Social Welfare, Ghana

10.15 – 10.30am

Questions and Discussions

10.30 – 11.00am

Coffee/Tea Break

11.00 – 1.00pm

Concurrent Workshops

Workshop 5: Age and Gender Perspectives in Family Based Care

Parenting at cross roads, repositioning parents /caregivers as primary educators and providers

Ignatius Ally Nuwoha, Programme Officer, ANPPCAN Uganda

Gender asymmetries in OVC care by older persons in Uganda: URAA's experience

Ssanyu Rebecca and Monja Minsi, Uganda Reach the Aged Association, Uganda

The potentialities of the grandparents in child rearing: the role of mentorship and coaching in parenting in rural Kenya

Vundi Nason and Tina Mueni, Scott Theological College, Kenya

Workshop 6: Standards and the Role of Monitoring in Family Based Care

International standards for the protection of children without adequate parental care

Kendra Gregson, UNICEF and Ghazal Keshavarzian, Senior Coordinator, Better Care Network, New York

Rationale for monitoring family based alternative care placements

Monica Woodhouse, Director, Family Based Care, Training and Development, Give a Child a Family, South Africa

Monitoring and evaluation processes in family based care for children

Lydia Kitonga, Kenya Institute of Management, Nakuru, Kenya

Who takes care of vulnerable children in Uganda? orphans and vulnerable children living arrangements

Lubaale Yovani A Moses, Department of Population Studies, Institute of Statistics and Applied Economics, Makerere University, Uganda

1.00 – 2.00pm

Lunch Break

2.00 – 3.00pm

Summary of Conference Declarations

- ✓ Conference Moderator

3.00 – 3.30pm

Coffee/Tea Break

3.30 – 5.00pm

Closing Session

Chair: Kendra Gregson, Senior Advisor, Social Welfare and Justice Systems, UNICEF

Entertainment

Closing Remarks

- ✓ *Delegate Representative*
- ✓ *Organizing Committee Representative*

Official Closing

- ✓ **Minister for Gender, Children and Social Development**

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