



CHILD NEGLECT

IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS:

IT'S MORE THAN A FAMILY MATTER



Child neglect is the failure of a caregiver—any person, community or institution (including the State) with clear responsibility to protect a child from actual or potential harm—to fulfill that child's right to survival, development and wellbeing.

FACTS ABOUT CHILD NEGLECT



MOST COMMON FORM OF CHILD MALTREATMENT

Leading cause of death in child maltreatment cases

POSSIBLE LONG-TERM IMPACTS



Neurological and developmental impacts



Increases children's vulnerability to other child protection concerns

IT'S PREVENTABLE!

CHILD NEGLECT WITHIN THE SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL MODEL

CHILD NEGLECT RISK FACTORS



SOCIETY

Systems breakdown, Poor governance, Weak institutions, Discriminatory /harmful social norms

PROTECTIVE FACTORS TO THE RESCUE



Functional services, Social safety nets, Stable govt. Humanitarian access



COMMUNITY

Displacement, Disintegration of networks, lack of community cohesion

Strong social network, Everyday activities, Traditional / community events, Self-help groups



FAMILY

Household composition, Poverty, Lack of economic opportunity, Negative coping, Social isolation

Community support, Family strengthening, Economic stability, Sources of social connection



CHILD

Female, Disabled / poor health, Non-biological child, Unaccompanied, Living in institutional care, Caregiver has impaired parenting capacities

Resilience, Secure attachment relationships, Supportive social systems



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