

VIOLENCE PREVENTION

policy checklist

Many humanitarian organizations, researchers and communities are actively working to prevent violence against children and youth who live in environments affected by complex emergencies and disasters. This checklist can help your organization implement some of the emerging best practices in this area.

Violence against children and youth during CED's can be prevented	✓
1. Child protection needs to be a priority in CED's preparation and response	
We have developed clear strategies to ensure that children are safe in all locations	
We understand the minimum standards for child protection and have integrated them into our response	
Our budget shows a unique line for child protection expenses	
Our security staff regularly monitor child protection activities and include outcomes in daily reports	
2. All young people need to be educated and engaged on violence prevention	
Children who are beneficiaries to our programs are engaged in the development, implementation and monitoring of these programs	
3. More research is needed on preventing violence against children during CED's	
We keep records/data on where children are harmed, types of harm and by whom	
Our prevention strategies are monitored for effectiveness	
Specific vulnerable groups are identified and supported	
Our operational plans include "lessons learned" sessions where violence prevention strategies are examined	

4. Violence prevention must be integrated into all responses

We have integrated violence prevention into rapid and ongoing assessments using a gender lens	
We have integrated violence prevention into all our responses: health, water/ sanitation, distribution, shelter, livelihoods	
Our early warning signals include special messages for children on how to stay safe	
We ensure that reporting and referral systems are place and that children know how to access them	

5. Violence prevention teams are critical for effective and integrated programming

We have established violence prevention teams in key locations	
Membership on the teams include decision makers, beneficiaries and youth	
We seek to work with other CED organizations under a collective impact model	

6. Everyone involved in CED preparation and response need to be well trained and committed to keeping children safe

All our personnel have signed a Code of Conduct	
All our personnel know our Child Protection policy and reporting guidelines	
All our personnel have been educated on violence prevention and the impact of CED's on children	
We have set up a system that supports our personnel and holds them accountable for the safety of children under their care	

