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1. Child protection needs to know how to work with cluster coordinators at the field level. There is still tension but there are also examples of good practice- the GPC has a role to play in bringing out this good practice. Some procedures in place would be helpful.
2. At heart, the problems of coordination relate to a lack of confidence in the cluster lead to represent the issues of children.
3. There needs to be a behaviour change within child protection in the low requests for funding. Funding seems to flow to lead agencies rather than to child protection agencies; it is not clear how a HCT protection strategy would assist with that. Child protection is a stronger operational response than other parts of protection, the focus is always on response.
4. The GPC has a broad approach and could devote attention to more specific areas. But child protection needs to add efforts as well as contribute to GPC products so as to increase the volume of work being achieved.
5. The GPC could be producing more advice on specific operations, e.g. protection issues in Ebola.
6. The GPC has a role to play in combining information management tools, this would be an interesting efficiency. But there is a danger of putting all eggs in one basket.
7. The MRM and the cluster have never really worked well together. The prevention work of the MRM is helpful to the work of the cluster, especially in the referral of cases from the CTF MRM for a response.
8. Accountability for abuses against children and child justice is an issue. When will impunity be tackled? This is where the link between relief and development is important, because it is the latter who work on justice for children. There is also a problem of a lack of innovation in programme approaches.
9. There is a problem of agencies not working on protracted displacement, which produces a multitude of problems not directly related to an emergency, e.g. children exposed to worst forms of labour.
10. Surveys of child protection groups reveal a high proportion of local agencies and we need to ensure they understand international standards.
11. The GPC has a role to play in linking relief to development, which has a particular resonance for child protection because of the leverage provided by the SDGs. Child protection is always a longer-term perspective.