

Protection Cluster & Child Protection AoR
Key Messages
September 2019

CURRENT CRITICAL HUMANITARIAN NUMBERS¹

- 2.1 million children out of school with over 1 million due to conflict
- 16,000 estimated Unaccompanied and Separated Children
- More than 600,000 people have identified themselves as living in fear
- Approx 2.8 million in targeted woredas say they have no access to forms of PSS or safe places and they identify this as a need
- Only 12% of children are registered at birth to 1 year and this number is expected to be less in our emergency areas
- More than 1.8 million children in targeted woredas need access to social services
- More than 550,000 women and girls in targeted woredas are impacted by harmful practices
- Nearly 2 million living without light

EMERGING ISSUES AND CONCERNS

- Increased notification of child trafficking incidence. Initial reports from Wellegas. New reports from Harerges
- Increases in UASC with our reach currently at between 4-5000, an estimated 11,000 are currently not accessing services including tracing and reunification.
- More than 20% of those identified as unaccompanied and/or separated are unaccompanied (meaning no parents and/or caregivers)
- Increasing reports of Child Labour with new reports from Wellegas and Beneshangul of families “renting” their children for labour purposes
- Women and children being “left behind” in the returns process not access humanitarian assistance – we are seeing a correlation between this and reports of transaction sex

ACTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

- CP/GBV AoR partners are focused on systems strengthening and ensuring that the social service workforce has caseworkers in the most critical locations
- Increased allocation of NFIs to the CP/GBV AoR to ensure that the most vulnerable and critical caseload is receiving the basics – CERF money is currently being used to cover parts of Oromia and Somali
- **URGENT GAP – GEDEO** – Current UASC caseload is more than 2000 and we need an international partner to support the government social service workers to manage this high-risk caseload. **ASK – USD 250,000**
- **URGENT GAP – AFAR / BENESHANGUL** – With increasing numbers of UASC and children at immediate risk of harm, there is a need for surge social service workers to manage the caseload. **ASK – USD 444,000**

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