



Child Protection Advanced training: Protecting children on the move in today's mobility

5 – DAYS TRAINING- FACE TO FACE

Migrant children constitute a significant portion of the migrant and refugee population, undertaking journeys for various reasons such as escaping persecution, war, and violence, reuniting with family members abroad, or pursuing improved economic and educational prospects. Globally, one in every eight migrants is a child, making their protection a paramount concern.

Throughout the migration process, migrant children face a disproportionately high risk of experiencing violence, abuse, exploitation, trafficking, and detention. Safeguarding these children from such threats is an urgent priority for humanitarian workers. This necessitates a comprehensive skill set and technical expertise, along with the promotion of migration policies and programs that prioritize the well-being of children. Alternatives to detaining migrant children and facilitating their access to protective and assistance services tailored to their specific needs, irrespective of their migratory status, are crucial.

This 5-days course aims to provide basics and key child protection concepts and skills relevant to practitioners or project managers working in humanitarian settings , it lays the foundation for child protection advanced training.

Who is this course for?

This training is designed for professionals who:

- Are Currently work or are planning to work in humanitarian contexts and/or within the realms of child protection and migration, assuming roles as advisers, coordinators, or managers.
- Seek to gain a comprehensive understanding of crucial concepts, policies, and approaches related to children on the move and the challenges associated with their protection.
- Desire to acquire evidence-based research skills and tools for analyzing child protective systems, as well as promoting preventive actions.

Course content and aim:

-The course content builds upon fundamental child protection concepts and skills relevant to humanitarian settings. As child protection practitioners require ongoing learning and development, this training aspires to serve as a reference point for comprehending child protection and migration.

- Considered at a medium level, the course assumes a solid grasp of basic child protection skills.

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand "children on the move," identifying subgroups and challenges in counting, with a focus on vulnerable groups lacking data.



- Advocate for policies protecting the rights of migrating children.
- Stress the importance of child-sensitive research for better protection, covering migration journeys, decision-making, and exploring durable solutions.
- Discuss strategies for advocating the child's best interests, ending immigration detention, ensuring access to services, and promoting sustainable solutions.
- Evaluate child protection practices, identifying improvements, addressing gaps, and adapting systems for mobility and reintegration.
- Explore the link between Children on the Move and Climate Change, considering nuances and preventive actions.

This course offers evidence-based insights into the impact of crises-induced high mobility on children's well-being and development. It analyzes interventions supporting affected children and encourages critical reflection on enhancing current interventions.

Module 1: Fostering a Conceptual Understanding of "Children on the Move"

This module seeks to cultivate a profound conceptual understanding of the diverse landscape encompassing "children on the move." Delving into the intricate fabric of this demographic, we will meticulously identify subgroups sharing commonalities and differences, shedding light on the challenges inherent in accurately counting them.

Module 2: Advocating for Rights through Policies, Legislations, and Frameworks

In this module, participants explore the realms of policies, legislations, and overarching frameworks, while navigating the landscape of legal safeguards aimed at upholding and protecting the rights of children on the move. The module explores as well tools necessary to participants to be effective agents of change in shaping a protective environment for children traversing borders.

Module 3: Unveiling Insights through Child-Sensitive Research

This module emphasizes the realm of child-sensitive research, and the indispensable role of comprehensive understanding in safeguarding the rights and well-being of children on the move. The focus extends beyond traditional research methodologies to encompass migration journeys, decision-making processes, and lived experiences of these children. The module explores intricacies of protection during transit, contemplating durable solutions for integration, return, or resettlement. Focus will be on child-centric research, that can inform meaningful, impactful policies at the international level.

Module 4: Strategies for Advocacy and the Best Interests of the Child

This module is dedicated to crafting effective strategies for advocating the best interests of the child. Participants will explore avenues for promoting the cessation of immigration detention, ensuring unimpeded access to essential services, and advocating for sustainable solutions aligned with the paramount principle of the child's best interests. Through case studies and interactive discussions, the module aims to share lessons learnt, enabling participants to navigate the complex landscape of child protection with a focus on tangible, positive outcomes.

Module 5: Evaluating and Enhancing Child Protection Practices

This module undertakes a critical evaluation of existing child protection practices, pinpointing opportunities for improvement while acknowledging gaps. Participants will engage in discussions aimed at enhancing and adapting systems to accommodate the unique challenges presented during the mobility and reintegration phases of a child on the move. Through this evaluative process, we strive to create a responsive, adaptable framework that is attuned to the evolving needs of these children, ensuring a robust protective environment at all stages of their journey.

Module 6: Exploring the Interplay of Children on the Move with Climate Change

In this forward-thinking module, we delve into the intersection of "Children on the Move" with the complex realm of climate change. Participants will explore contextual nuances and anticipatory actions as preventive measures, seeking to understand how environmental factors intersect with the experiences of migrating children. By fostering an awareness of the intricate relationship between climate change, mobility and child protection.



Methodology

The training will be in presence and delivered in 5 days. It will use interactive methodologies and multimedia tools, it will provide theories but also opportunities to practice through and discuss through group work sessions, case studies and role plays. The participants will be provided with a learning package at the end of the course and pre-lecture readings.

At the end of the training participants that have successfully completed the course will be ensured a digital badge through the international platform HPASS (www.hpass.org).