



U.S. Government Evidence Summit on Protecting Children Outside of Family Care

Focal Question 3: Evidence Synthesis Systems, Strategies and Interventions for Sustainable Long Term Care and Protection for Children with a History of Living Outside of Family Care

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Overview of the Evidence Synthesis

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objective

- Assess evidence availability and quality
- Review in relation to efficacy, effectiveness, sustainability of systems of care and protection in Low and Middle Income Countries
- Policy, practice, and research recommendations

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evidence

- Four categories:
 - ✓ *Residing in institutions*
 - ✓ *In and of the streets*
 - ✓ *Conflict and natural disasters*
 - ✓ *Labor and sex trafficking*
- Infants through ages 21-24
- Low and Middle and Income Country focus

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quality

- Most poor to weak
- Stronger studies focused on a single population, region or sector
- The quality criteria established for this paper are not always appropriate in the domain we are covering

Structuring the Evidence Review

Child Protection
System



Policies, Legislation and
Regulations



Structures and Functions



Continuum of Care and
Services



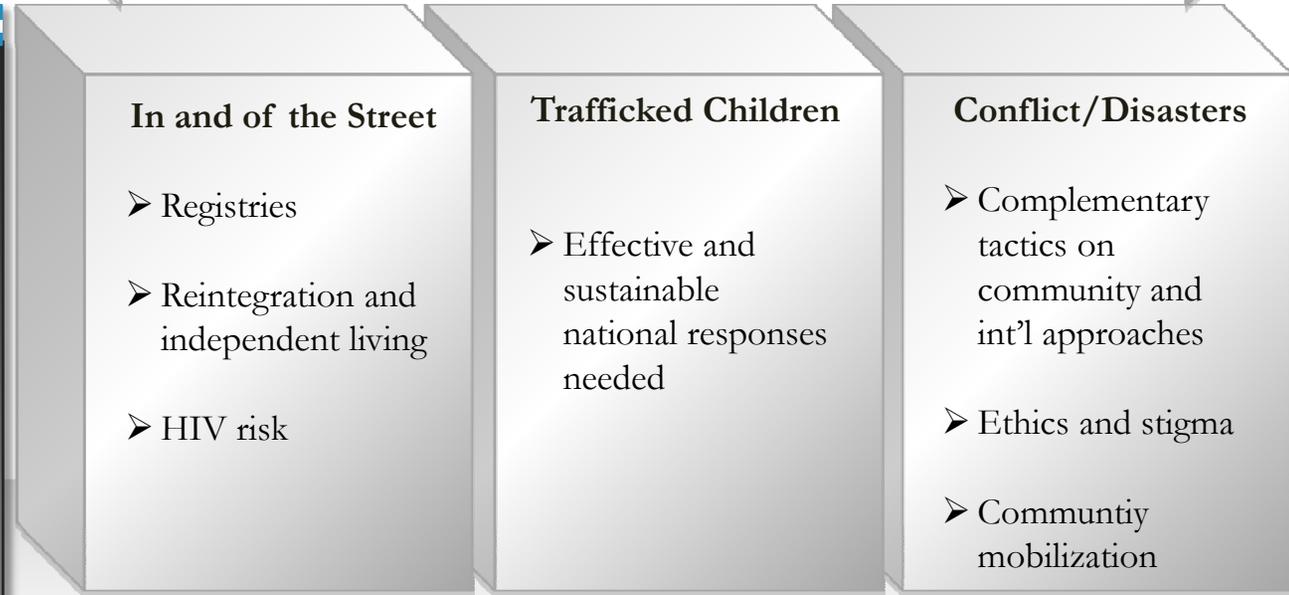
Data and Information for
Decision-Making

LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

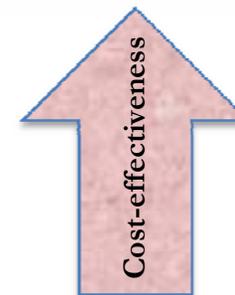


GENERAL STATEMENT

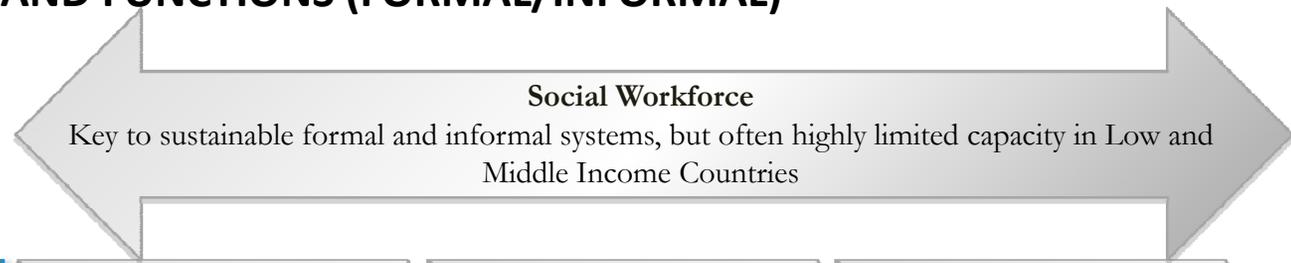
- Systemic approach
- Consistent with global and regional instruments
- Best interests principles
- Prevention, promotion and response mechanisms
- Alternative care
- Financial and other incentives for continuum of services
- Adequate resourcing



Cross cutting and generalizable themes across groups!

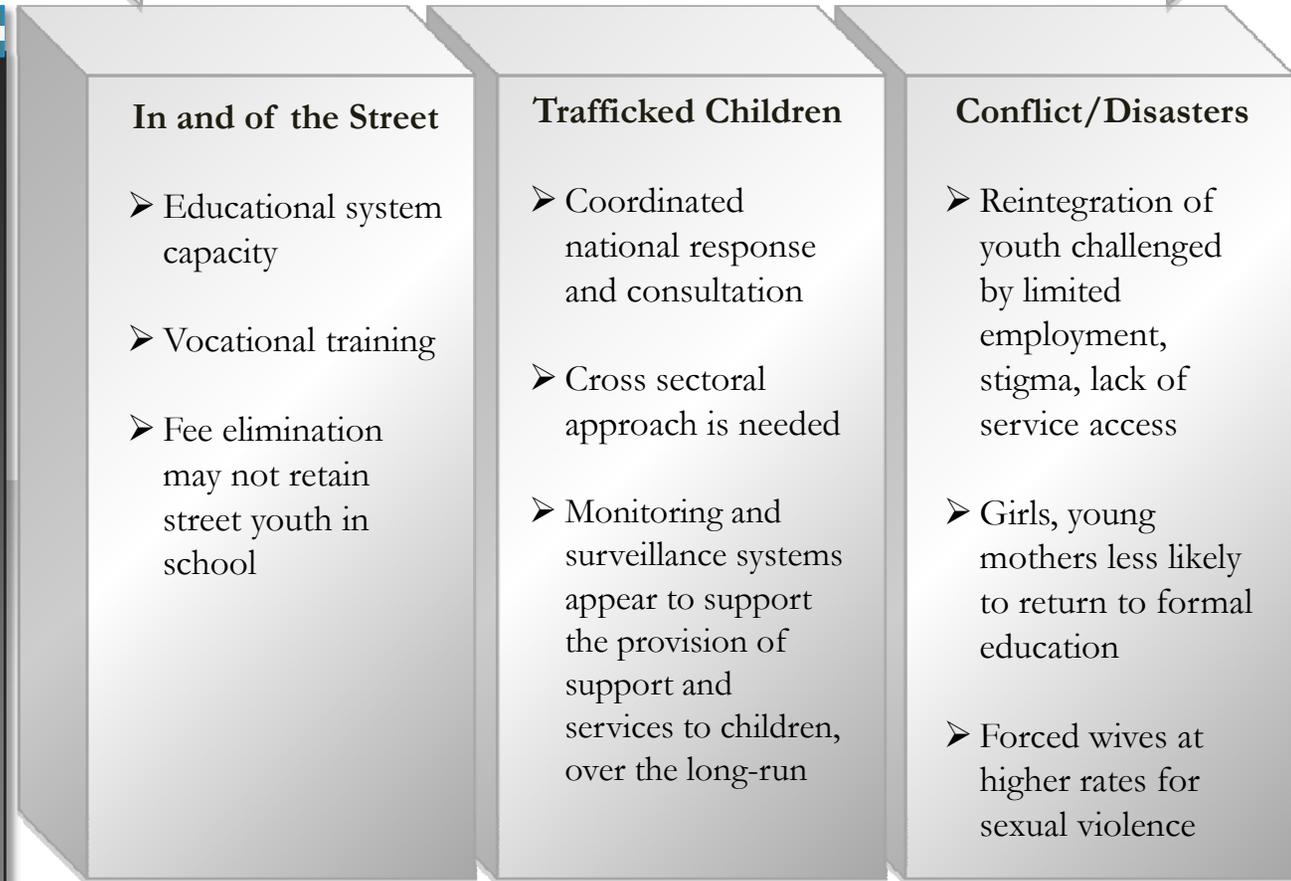


SYSTEM STRUCTURES AND FUNCTIONS (FORMAL/INFORMAL)



GENERAL STATEMENT

- Global rights aligned with local contexts
- Oriented to family care
- Organization and coordination
- Human and financial resources
- Best interests of child
- Spectrum of services across sectors that promote strong families and child well being
- Knowledge, attitudes and practices
- Standards, monitoring and evaluation



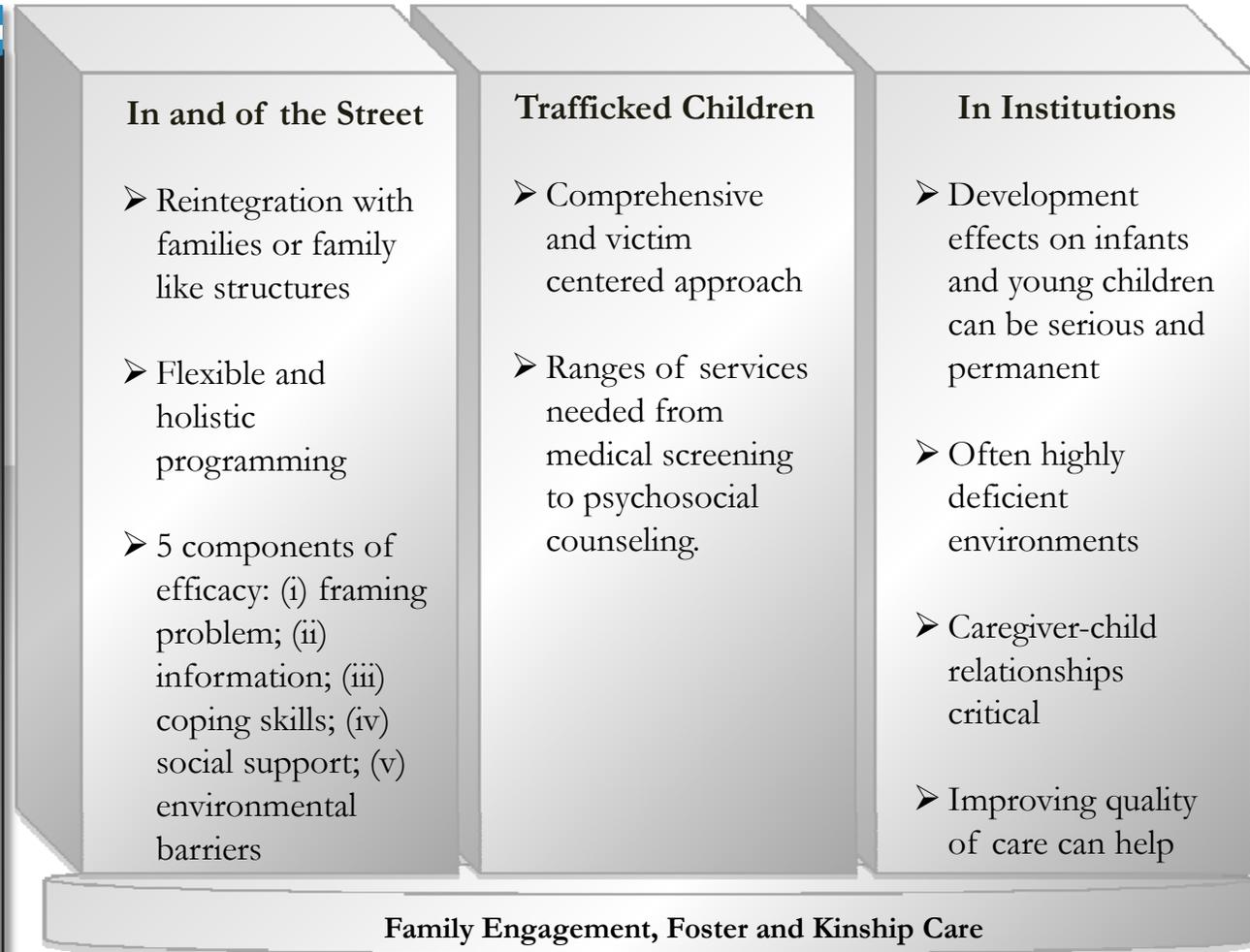
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SERVICES AND INTERVENTIONS



GENERAL STATEMENT

- Protective environment is supported by positive attitudes and practices, services for families, knowledge and capacity of communities, research, oversight and monitoring
- Effectiveness of continuum of care, whether formal or informal, can in part be measured by levels of abandonment or separation



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DATA AND INFORMATION FOR DECISION-MAKING



GENERAL STATEMENT

- Situational analysis, M & E needed to support effective and sustainable national responses
- Need to enumerate vulnerable populations
- Data should be transparent, support accountability, and facilitate continuous improvement
- Need community and national mechanisms that work

In and of the Street

- Need to tailor programs to local needs through better data
- Respondent driven, time location sampling and similar methods

Trafficked Children

- Data yields important indicators, such as higher risk of HIV for girls trafficked at age 14 or older
- There is a need for longer term impact evaluation and tracer studies to determine which intervention(s) work

Former Child Combatants

- Observable measurable indicators of needs found useful in designing effective interventions and in preventing child recruitment into armed groups

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Q and A

