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Suggested Solutions

The Fog Index

Gender-based violence both reflects and reinforces inequities between men and women and compromises the health, dignity, security and autonomy of its victims. It encompasses a wide range of human rights violations, including sexual abuse of children, rape, domestic violence, sexual assault and harassment, trafficking of women and girls and several harmful traditional practices. Any one of these abuses can leave deep psychological scars, damage the health of women and girls in general, including their reproductive and sexual health, and in some instances, results in death.

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Break up Long Paragraphs

Indeed, the Afghans below the age of 28 have known nothing but war during their formative years. The number of Afghans who have known their country at peace is now smaller than those who have known war for most, if not all of their lives.

Children are most vulnerable at the time of conflict and where there are no accurate data on the numbers of separated, unaccompanied and orphaned children, the figures are bound to be high. Due to the conflict as the traditional family structures break there is a need to cater to the needs of children deprived of a family environment. However, the emphasis is then on setting up government and private institutions rather than setting up community and family based alternative care.

It is estimated that 6 to 11,000 children are living in institutional care but there is data to suggest that vast majority of children living in institutions have at least one living parent and poverty constitutes the main reason for placements in institutions. There is very little work done in terms of minimum standards of care including registration or family tracing and reintegration activities.

Break up Long Sentences

1. Children are most vulnerable at the time of conflict. Where there are no accurate data on the numbers of separated, unaccompanied and orphaned children, the figures are bound to be high.
2. It is estimated that 6 to 11,000 children are living in institutional care. However, there is data to suggest that vast majority of children living in institutions have at least one living parent. Poverty constitutes the main reason for placements in institutions.

Prefer to Use Short Words

1. Poverty **is** one of the main reasons for placements in institutions.
2. In this **case**, **around** 40% of the global budget will have to be used to cover current global and regional staff costs.
3. From **the start**, the programme has been widely supported.
4. Afghanistan is in a state of conflict and yearly there are **many** man-made and natural disasters.



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Reduce Unnecessary Words

- According to UNICEF, **around** 22,000 children die each day due to poverty.
- **Most people** continue to live without connection to the grid.
- The meeting between community leaders and project staff **allowed us** to share perspectives on progress.
- **Due to** the awareness raising activities in the district, the number of girls enrolled at primary level has almost doubled.

Remove Unnecessary Phrases

1. **As far as we are concerned** there is no need for any major changes at this point.
2. **We believe that** Child Clubs have made an enormous contribution to raising awareness on early marriage.
3. **I would like to say** that there is a strong need for more transparency at community level on how decisions are reached.

Avoid Nominalisations

1. **We agree** with your suggestion.
2. We are sending one of our field officers to the village **to assess** the project's progress.
3. We will **decide** by Friday.
4. I **discussed** it with the team leader.
5. The team **performed well**.

Reduce Emphasizing Language

1. Child protection is a **high** priority for child focused, rights-based organisations working in the humanitarian field.
2. All children are facing the consequences of shortage of human and financial resources in **crucial** developmental areas, like health, education, water and sanitation and environmental protection.
3. We are in a **strong** position to build on these achievements and make a lasting difference in the lives of the children in DRC.



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Extended Task - Children in Afghanistan

Afghans below the age of 28 have known nothing but war during their formative years. The number of Afghans who have known their country at peace is now smaller than those who have known war for most, if not all of their lives. Children are most vulnerable at the time of conflict. Where there are no accurate data on the numbers of separated, unaccompanied and orphaned children, the figures are bound to be high.

Due to the conflict, as traditional family structures break, we need to cater to the needs of children lacking a family environment. However, the emphasis is then on setting up government and private institutions rather than community and family based alternative care.

It is estimated that 6 to 11,000 children are in institutional care. However, data suggests that most children living in institutions have at least one living parent and that poverty is the main reason children are placed in care. Little is done in terms of minimum standards of care, including registration or family tracing and reintegration.

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Extended Task - Child Protection

Children have an absolute right to be safe.

Yet girls and boys in every country, in every culture and at every social level face forms of abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence.

These include sexual exploitation and abuse, trafficking and physical and humiliating punishment. Harmful traditional practices such early marriage and female genital mutilation / cutting) continue and children are still being recruited into armed forces and groups.

Under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), and other conventions, treaties and laws, governments have a duty to protect children. But adults share this responsibility, too. Parents are primarily responsible for the upbringing and development of their children. Along with their family and community, they have a key role to play in protecting them.

The Child Protection Initiative launched in May 2009. It aims to strengthen children's right to be protected from abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence. It is our aim to reach 20 million children with preventative and remedial child protection programs by 2015.

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Extended Task: Accessibility of Cultural Sites

The project will be implemented over two years.

The overall objective is to promote local culture and history by increasing attractiveness of historical sites in Polish-Ukrainian-Belarusian cross-border region.

This will be done by developing the facilities for people with special needs. For example, tactile signs and navigation systems will be installed for visually impaired people. Toilets will be adapted, and racks installed for people with moving disabilities. Relevant rooms for people with various special needs will be created.

Trainings for tour guides will also be held in the cross-border area. People with disabilities themselves will also be encouraged and trained to work at the cultural sites as guides. Their carers will also be involved.

Sustainability will be achieved by involving representatives of local and regional authorities, as well as the management of cultural sites. Study visits, advocacy campaigns and working groups will focus on these representatives to ensure accessibility in the region is maintained. Increased access to the cultural sites will also lead to more visitors - and extra income for further development.

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