

Child Protection in Crisis Uganda: March 2012 Learning Retreat

*Child Protection systems and Child Labour:
An Integrated Monitoring and Area Based
Approach*

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- “Project of Support for the Preparatory Phase of the Uganda National Action Plan for the Elimination of Child Labour ” (SNAP) 2009-2012;
- “By the end of the project, a multidisciplinary and integrated area-based model of intervention laying the foundation for the establishment of “child labour free zones” at the district level will be created and available for replication throughout the country”;
- Action research on IABA and CLMS commissioned in Rakai: Aug-Oct 2011.

What is IABA?

- Allows for targeting all forms of child labour prevalent in a well-defined geographical area;
- Different actors will work together in order to strengthen each other's expertise and to make use of an effective referral system;
- It allows close integration of various interventions aimed at prevention, removal and rehabilitation, and protection of young workers with those aimed at empowering vulnerable families and local communities.

What is CL Monitoring

- It involves direct observations, repeated regularly, to identify child labourers and to determine risks to which they are exposed, to **refer** them to services, to verify that they have been removed and **to track** them to ensure that they have satisfactory alternatives;
- **community-based child labour monitoring**, which is usually small-scale, focused on changing public attitudes, and may vary widely in composition and activities,
- It operates at the local level, covers work and service sites, and includes a referral system
- **nation-wide systems**, that engage whole institutions and multiple branches of government, as well as a range of other actors.

Findings Action Research

- Although it focuses on CL it can be applied to the wider child protection and OVC context;
- More synergies and collaboration required between the different child protection actors and systems;
- Lack of a systematic and documented monitoring system;
- At community level there are resources and protection systems in place.

How do we move?

- Documentary on community initiatives to combat and monitor CL;
- How can we build a stronger child protection system: Community-Sub County-District-National level;
- Which existing systems can we use: OVC MIS, EMIS, CCLCs, child protection structures, etc.
- What can ILO-IPEC bring to the table and further support?