Child Protection response to COVID-19

June
Protection issues: a crisis within a crisis

***Immediate***

Over 1bn students in 150 countries affected by school closures; mental health implications; increased time online.

- Children *not* in school or without family care, i.e. in residential and family-based care, deprived of liberty, in street situations.
- To millions more girls and boys worldwide may be exposed to physical, sexual and/or emotional violence over the next 3 months.
- *Additional 15 million cases* of gender-based violence projected every three months of lockdown.

***Medium-term***

Mn people could be forced into *extreme poverty* - increase in negative coping mechanisms e.g. child marriage, child labour.

***Long-term***

 Likely to set back progress towards SDGs, especially given challenges to fiscal space.
Empowering programming and shifting approaches
232,000
Children without parental or family care provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements

Nearly 45 million children, parents and/or caregivers reached with community based mental health and psychosocial support and messaging

GBV AoR HELPDESK Research Query
GBV Case Management and the COVID-19 Pandemic

46,800 UNICEF personnel & partners completed training on GBV mitigation & referrals for support

Over 3 million children and adults have access to a safe and accessible channel to report exploitation and abuse