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WORKSHOPS

Working in fragile Contexts and Building up Resilient Health Systems
Why Do Community Systems Matter?

Group A:

What are key instruments for successful community health programs in fragile contexts?

Moderated by Cecilia Capello, Enfants du Monde & Richard Burzynski, UNAIDS

We will discuss the mechanisms and tools Swiss NGOs are successfully or unsuccessfully implementing when working in communities within fragile contexts, at local, national and international level. We will explore the reasons why these mechanisms are (or are not) successful as well as how the NGOs measure their results and what they put in place to overcome the challenges they faced.

- What tools and mechanisms have Swiss NGOs implemented for community health programs?
- Were they really successful? Why?
- How did Swiss NGOs overcome the challenges they faced?

Group B:

Leaving no one behind: How can we respect and fulfil human rights principles in fragile contexts?

Moderated by Ricardo Pla Cordero, Handicap International

During this symposium we have discussed and accessed lessons learnt from a diversity of experiences around the importance of strengthening local community participation to build up resilient health systems.

- Which are key factors and/or approaches in the experiences shared during the symposium that could be replicated to contribute in practice to respect and fulfill human rights principles?
- Are stakeholders (both right-holders and duty-bearers, comprising international actors) in fragile contexts aware of these key factors, approaches and lessons learnt?
- What is needed to strengthen, replicate or scale up these approaches in fragile contexts?

Group C:

Adapting modalities to work in fragile contexts- an institutional perspective

Moderated by Helen Prytherch & Joëlle Schwarz, Swiss TPH

Fragility is a key current concern for emergency relief work and development cooperation alike. Many agencies accept that engaging in fragile situations comes with specific risks and challenges. These include the sustainability of interventions, threats to the security of staff and partners, and high program costs compared to work in more stable circumstances. There are, however, agencies that assert it is possible to engage in such contexts, especially when long term partnerships exist. Indeed, if current trends continue, development actors in general will face little choice but to work in fragile contexts in the future – requiring them to rethink and adapt their working modalities

- What are the principles for engagement in fragile contexts (go/no-go decision)?
- How to leverage the necessary capacity to respond effectively if the security situation deteriorates?
- How to adapt ways of working to accommodate fast-changing realities (project-cycle-management)?