Children and AIDS: The Social Protection Response
The Role of Parliaments

Eastern and Southern Africa Parliamentary Regional Workshop hosted by the Parliament of Namibia and organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and UNICEF

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DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 20

8.00 - 8:30 Registration

8.30 - 9.00 Opening Ceremony

9.00-9.15 Presentation by the Namibian Children’s Parliament

9.15 – 9.45 Keynote speech:
The Role of Parliaments and Parliamentarians in reducing child poverty and vulnerability

9.45 - 10.15 Coffee Break / Group Photograph

10.15 - 12.30 SESSION I: Setting the Scene: Child poverty and vulnerability in Africa
• Child poverty and vulnerability in East and Southern Africa
• The African Union’s Sustainable Social Development Agenda for Africa: Investing in social protection
• Social protection at times of economic crisis

Presentations followed by open discussion and exchange of experience

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 SESSION II: Child-sensitive Social Protection
• Introduction to social protection and child-sensitive social protection

• Reducing child poverty and vulnerability and international ‘best practice’

Presentations followed by open discussion and exchange of experience

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 - 17.30 SESSION III: Child-sensitive Social Protection in the Context of HIV and AIDS
• State of the evidence on child-sensitive social protection in supporting children affected by HIV/AIDS
• Regional analysis of good practices

Presentations followed by open discussion and exchange of experience

19.00 Reception hosted by Parliament of Namibia
THURSDAY OCTOBER 21

8.30 - 10.15  SESSION IV: How to drive child-sensitive social protection within parliaments
- Political drivers of child-sensitive social protection
- Provisions for promoting child-sensitive social protection in Parliament
  Presentations followed by open discussion and exchange of experience

10.15 - 10.30  Coffee break

10.30 - 13.00  SESSION V: Break-out sessions: Principles for Parliaments’ Engagement on Child-sensitive Social Protection

13.00 - 14.30  Lunch

14.30 - 15.30  SESSION VI: Reporting Back from the Working Groups

15.30 - 17.30  SESSION VII: Interactive simulation exercise on a concrete programmatic response: Cash Transfers Delivery Mechanisms in Namibia
  Simulation of Social Pensions Payment System including a presentation by the Namibian Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare on the Child Grant Payment System

18.30  Reception hosted by UNICEF

FRIDAY OCTOBER 22

8.30 - 10.00  SESSION VIII: Partnerships in the Promotion of a Social Protection Response to Children and HIV/AIDS
  - Round table discussion led by appointed representatives from select countries and civil society
  Presentations followed by open discussion and exchange of experience

10.00 - 10.30  Coffee Break

10.30 - 12.30  SESSION IX: Towards Social Protection for Children
  - Discussion of an outcome document on concrete commitment to action and principles of engagement for promoting child-sensitive social protection

12.30 - 13.00  Closing Remarks