
TUSHINDE CHILDREN'S TRUST

INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDING
WEEK

Day 1

Child safeguarding in communication.

- -Creation of awareness on online safety;- information sharing, engaging strangers, online footprints, privacy settings in social media accounts.
- -Cyber bullying awareness, respectful interactions and setting firm boundaries
- - Consent from parents and assent for children before posting images or their stories online.
- -Definition of Online Child Sexual Exploitation & Abuse (OCSEA) - Explain what online child sexual exploitation and abuse is, using age-appropriate language.
- -Types of OCSEA - Discuss different forms, such as grooming, sextortion,

Day 1 Cont'

- Privacy Settings - Show how to use privacy settings on various platforms to enhance security.
- Parental Controls - Discuss the role of parental controls and how they can help protect children.
- Recognizing risky predators and redflags in online communication
- How to Report - Provide clear instructions on how to report suspicious or harmful online activities.
- Trusted Adults and Resources - Encourage children to talk to trusted adults and provide information on helplines and support organizations.
- Data privacy- Limiting information sharing to safe platforms and avoiding actual names and physical locations for children.
- Cultural sensitivity & use of child friendly language

Day 2

Safeguarding responsibilities for researchers

- Understanding legal & ethical considerations of doing no harm, avoiding child exploitation.
- Following policies stipulated by the institution on data privacy, child protection.
- Informed consent & assent before engaging children in research through parents/guardians as well as participant child.
- Confidentiality in providing details of a child in research findings as well as privacy to images and critical information about children
- Collaboration with protection agencies and stakeholders to ensure children are protected during & after research period.

Day 3

Localisation & working with partners on child safeguarding.

- Community engagement on safeguarding to make it sustainable and accepted way of life.
- Shared decision making through involving local actors in formulation of safeguarding policies to enhance relevance.
- Capacity building to ensure that local actors handle sensitive safeguarding issues appropriately.
- Resources mobilization and cost sharing on safeguarding cases to access adequate support & justice in the long run.


Day 4

Child safeguarding responsibilities for trustees & leaders

- Ensuring organizations are compliant with national laws and regulations on safeguarding e.g children's Act, education act.
- Formulation of organisational safeguarding policies with outlined commitment and consequences for breach of the policies.
- Establishing zero tolerance approach to child abuse and exploitation at all levels in the organisation.
- Ensuring presence of a trained safeguarding lead and an oversight expert to assess and support all cases involving protection.
- Effective reporting mechanisms and risk management models for safeguarding cases to prevent reoccurrence.
- Child centered approach to safeguarding matters and ensuring children are given platform to give views on matters concerning them.

Cont' Trustees & Leaders responsibilities

- Collaboration with external agencies in safeguarding eg directorate of children services and stakeholders in protecting children
- Accountability and governance, ensuring that team members are held accountable, conducting regular reviews of policies and audits.
- Proper storage of safeguarding data in private drives or cabinets with limited access in order to avoid doing harm by exposing information to unauthorized persons.



“Tushinde Children’s Trust is committed to ensuring that children are protected from all forms of abuse and are supported to manoeuvre through trauma that comes as a result of abuse through offering interwoven holistic support for families in Nairobi informal settlements”.

Mercy Mugo,

Designated Safeguarding Lead.