



Covid-19 Implications for Displaced Children and Youth

Field Protection Service

Key child protection and youth issues during COVID19

- Risk of sickness or transmission of the virus
- Family separation - due to border and movement restrictions
- Psycho-social distress in children, youth and caregivers - due to confinement, cessation of structured activities (incl. schooling, sport clubs), uncertainty, economic crisis
- Increase in abuse and violence at home – due to confinement and stress
- Limited access to core protection services – due to disruption of services
- Increased exploitation including child labour and youth unemployment – due to economic crisis

Impact on young people when left without sports or other structured activities

- Disruption of daily routines and psycho-social distress
- Young people no longer can benefit from protective environments
- Withdrawal into self and/ or into social media - raising online safety issues
- Positive coping strategies like structured sports activities get replaced with negative coping strategies
- Loss of physical shape, lower self-confidence and loss of Olympic dreams



Activities for response and recovery: Sports and beyond

1 Empower refugee youth through meaningful engagement

2 Recognize, utilize, and develop refugee youth capacities and skills

3 Ensure refugee youth-focused protection

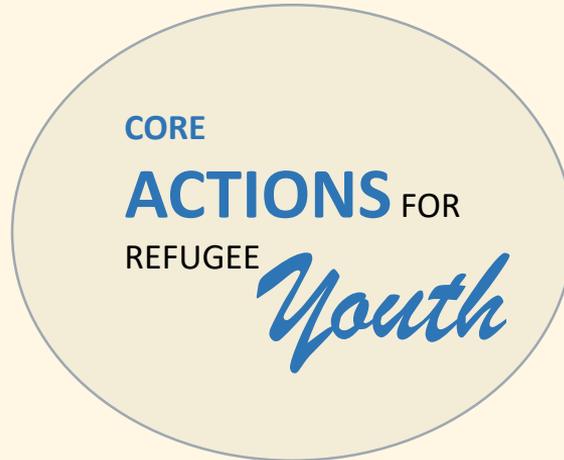
4 Support the physical and emotional well-being of refugee youth

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Facilitate refugee youth networking and information sharing

6 Reinforce refugee youth in their role as connectors and peace builders

7 Generate data and evidence on refugee youth to promote accountability to youth



Key message: A time for solidarity

- The repercussions of COVID-19 will extend beyond health and well beyond the pandemic time frame.
- This global crisis is exacerbating existing vulnerabilities and inequalities.
- All of these impacts are further amplified in humanitarian contexts where fragility, conflict, and emergencies have undermined institutional capacity and limited access to services.
- This is also a time for reflection and solidarity.
- [Inspirational video of the #ForYou social media campaign led by refugee youth](#)

