THEORY OF CHANGE

Jam Suka
Child Well-being
Mali, Africa
3 Communities: Kayes, Sikasso, Mopti
5-year initiative

ULTIMATE OUTCOME
Improve the protection and well-being of children vulnerable and affected by the crisis, especially girls, in the regions of Kayes, Sikasso and Mopti

OUTCOMES
Desired changes from Jam Suka’s efforts

1. Increase effectiveness of the child protection system
   that respects the rights of children, especially girls in the regions of Kayes, Sikasso and Mopti

2. Increase capacity of the communities
   to ensure better protection of children, especially girls, during and after crises, against harmful practices in the regions of Kayes, Sikasso and Mopti

3. Increase access to basic social services
   and measures of sustainable rehabilitation/reintegration for children affected by the crisis, as well as children who are victims of harmful practices, particularly girls in the areas of Kayes, Sikasso and Mopti

PROJECT ACTIVITIES
Coordinated tasks to reach Jam Suka goals

- Coordination
- Local initiatives
- Training
- Child protection laws
- Child protection skills
- Coach training
- Children’s Clubs
- Action plans
- Coaching
- Play-based activities
- Psychosocial support services
- Health
- Safe spaces
- Education
- Inclusive latrines

PRINCIPLES
Jam Suka draws on these core ‘lenses’ to inform its activities

- Child protection systems strengthening
- Gender Equality - Focus on girls
- Power of Diverse Partnerships

PLANNING
Understanding the context and potential connections

Assumptions
- Community/ government/ civil society willingness to improve, collaborate for, and use child protection systems
- Shared understanding of barriers and how to address them
- Processes to support sustainable efforts

Risks
- Protection risks identified as protective mechanisms (e.g. early marriage, child labour)
- Difficult to implement child protection laws
- Challenge to involve most vulnerable children

Opportunities
- Focus on pregnant mothers and parents with infants
- Sport and recreation to address social norms
- Gender-oriented services for girls
- Child rights laws

CHALLENGES
Jam Suka seeks to address these key child protection risk areas

- Female genital mutilation
- Early marriage
- Child labour
- Begging
JAM SUKA'S PARTNERSHIPS

Working Together to Support Child Protection Change

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