Safe Programming

For CSOs in humanitarian and developing settings

UNDERSTAND

Safe programming aims to make sure

A boy / girl ri
walking to and
from a CSO
programme Durir
location CS
is abused or
harassed by
community members
on that journey.

that as far as possible members of
the affected population are safeguarded
from any intentional or
unintentional safeguarding issues or
risks that arise from how CSO
programmes are designed
and delivered.
During their activities in communities,
CSOs may face or come across

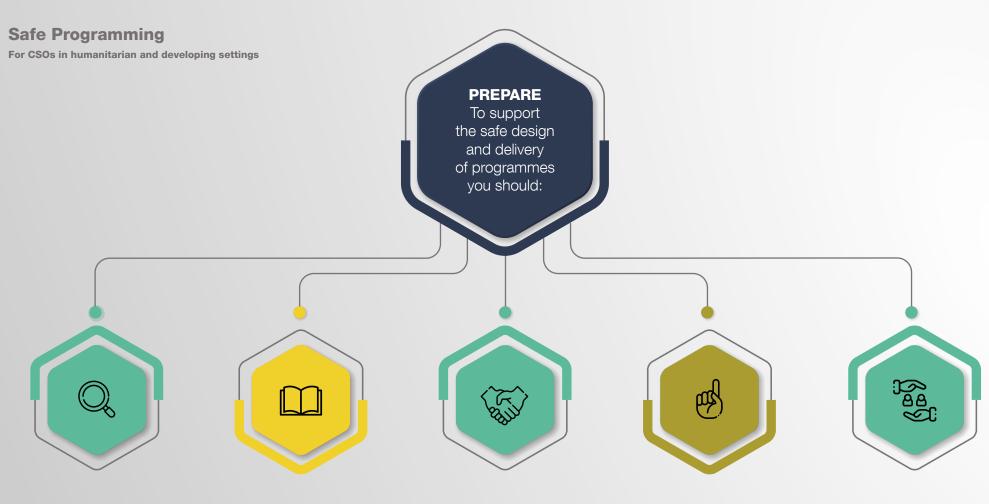
incidents like the below.

leader or staff /
volunteer
working
with the CSO
ask a woman to
have sex

Male community

with him in exchange for food or non-food items or to be included in the aid.

A male CSO staff touches women and girls inappropriately during a food aid distribution.



Appoint a safeguarding focal point (SFP) and give her/him terms of reference.

Provide all staff basic safeguarding training.

Ensure you have a map of existing local support services (which includes contact details etc.) and develop a referral plan. If possible, try and obtain mappings that other organisations have already done that cover the area(s) in which you work.

Ensure that any investigations will be conducted by trained investigators only.

Ensure that survivors or victims are supported by skilled staff.

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BUILD TRUST

After a natural disaster, conflict, displacement or just over time there can be changes to a community, including in leadership, support systems and the people and organisations engaging with the community.

There are also changes in risks and type of abuse and abusers.

Building trust and working closely with communities is key to making programmes safe.

Communities can:

Identify what part of a programme makes them feel safe and less safe.

Explain what, how, when, where and to whom they would feel most comfortable reporting abuse by a CSO.

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DELIVER SAFELY Embed safe programming throughout the programme cycle

