

SPOTLIGHT ON

Key learning points from the
Raising awareness on safeguarding
with communities podcast



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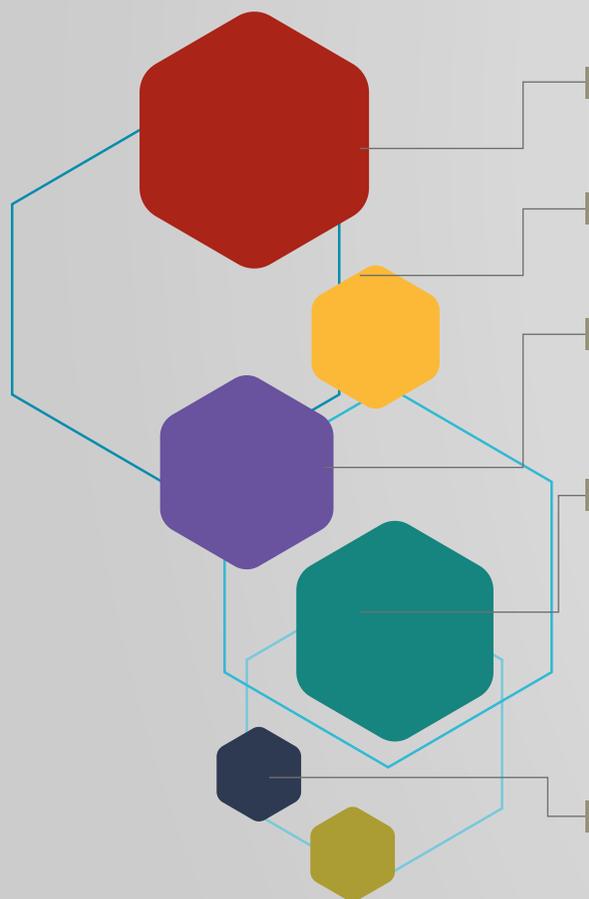
The aim of the Spotlight On series is to provide a deep dive into an innovative area of practice in safeguarding in the international aid sector.

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To listen to the Raising awareness on safeguarding with communities podcast, [click here](#).



How to develop dramas for community awareness-raising on safeguarding



Identify volunteers who are innovative, and would work well in performing drama – don't force people to do it if they don't want to

Design the script on what you want to raise awareness on

Practice first – Restless Development practiced their dramas between 1 and 3 times

Language is important – communicate in the local dialect. Use community mobiliser for this

Involve community members to be part of the drama – people will want to come and watch their sons and daughters performing!

Ask the community afterwards what their understanding of the drama was, to check if the key messages were conveyed and to spark discussion.

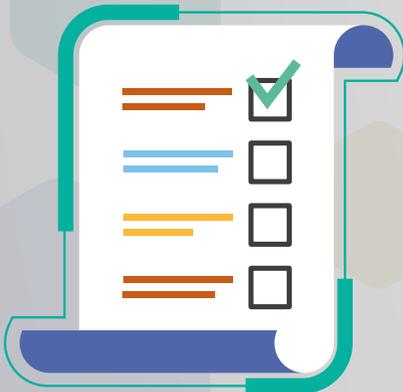
Other ways of raising community awareness on safeguarding

For people with visual impairment, Restless Development uses storytelling.

For people with hearing difficulties, infographics and pictures can work well.

Use symbols and examples to communicate the concept of safeguarding, and traditional settings for visual messaging.

Reporting channels are important



If you raise community awareness of safeguarding, you must have reporting channels for them to raise their concerns

Ask the community how they would like to report

Target different people at different meetings, to create spaces for people to speak (for example, have different groups for men, women, children, people living with disabilities). Every voice matters

In Sierra Leone, after consulting with communities, Restless Development worked together with Mammy Queens – female community leaders.