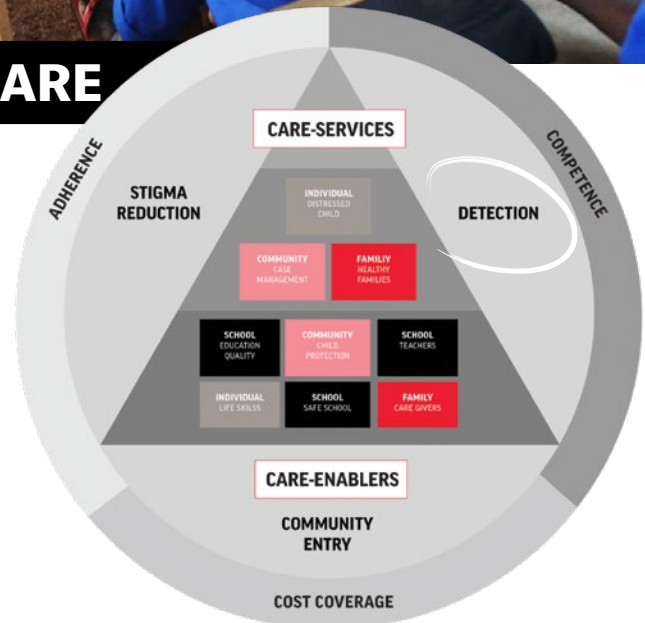# COMMUNITY CASE DETECTION TOOL INTERVENTION

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AIMS

- To facilitate the identification of children living with severe emotional distress - and train community members to help guide them to relevant services.

- To decrease the gap between the needs of children and the availability of mental healthcare services through proactive case identification and community engagement.
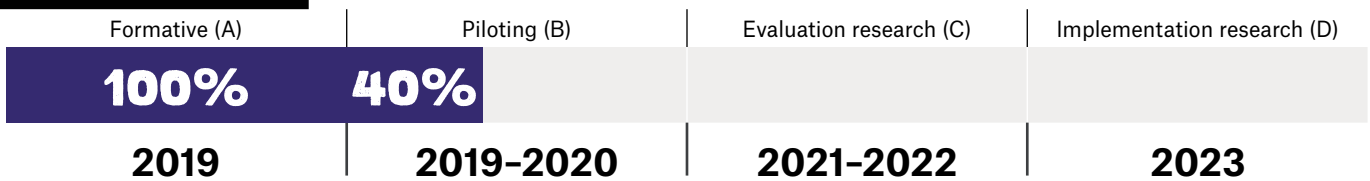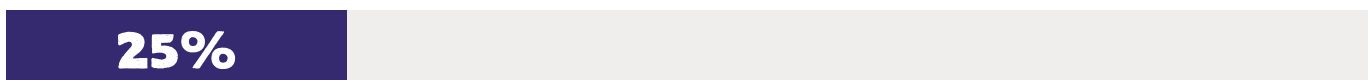
CARE

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Research in the occupied Palestinian territories and Sri Lanka informed the creation of two illustrated narratives depicting common examples of children experiencing mental distress. These narratives form the basis of the tool - and are both sensitive to the local context and easy to understand.

- A pilot study to analyse the accuracy of the tool in school settings has been completed in nine schools and two community-based organisations in the occupied Palestinian territories.

- A pilot study to analyse the accuracy of the tool in community settings will shortly launch.

PROGRESS

Formative (A)	Piloting (B)	Evaluation research (C)	Implementation research (D)
100%	**40%**		
2019	**2019–2020**	**2021–2022**	**2023**

FUNDING

25%

WHY

Millions of children and families living with mental health problems - brought about by exposure to violence and armed conflict - currently receive no treatment for their condition. This treatment gap - and the underuse of existing mental health and child protection services - is a global issue. Barriers to access include low awareness of service availability and the perception that treatment is ineffective. War Child worked with trusted community members to help tackle these barriers - and expand access to much-needed care.

HOW

The Community Case Detection Tool is made up of illustrated narratives depicting common examples of children experiencing behavioural and/or family problems. The illustrations are paired with a simple decision diagram - to allow trained community members to use the tool to identify children and families in need of support. These community facilitators can refer people in need to an in-depth assessment performed by a trained professional - allowing for referral to relevant and available services.

PROCESS

A Formative

- Generic Tool developed in international workshop

- Adaptation manual developed and tested

- Tool adapted to two contexts (occupied Palestinian territories and Sri Lanka) and external partners identified

- Training for end-users developed

- Preparation pilot phase 2: Explorative research into existing barriers and facilitators to entry to care

- Preparation pilot phase 2: Develop strategies to tackle barriers and facilitators to entry to care

B Pilot

- Phase 1 accuracy study undertaken in nine schools and two community-based organisations in the occupied Palestinian territories. To date 70 teachers and four intervention facilitators have been trained to use the tool.

- Phase 1 accuracy study planned for village setting in Sri Lanka.

- Phase 2 feasibility study, testing strategies to increase entry to care

C Evaluation

- Evaluation of effectiveness of proactive case identification through the Community Case Detection Tool against processes of advertisement and self-referral only. Process evaluation to understand how context influences outcomes and provide insights to inform large-scale implementation of the tool.

- Reporting on the details of the tool, standard report of the evaluation methods and findings to enable large-scale implementation and enable replication studies.

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