AIMS

- TeamUp provides children aged between six and 18 with structured movement-based activities. The programme encompasses sports, games and movement activities.

- TeamUp is an easy-access intervention designed to strengthen resilience and psychosocial wellbeing of children affected by conflict or natural disaster.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- TeamUp is active in a spread of asylum reception centres across the Netherlands, in Dutch schools and in displaced communities in Uganda, Colombia and the occupied Palestinian territories. TeamUp is expanding within Europe to Sweden, Greece and Italy.

- A practice-driven evaluation has been conducted in 16 asylum reception centres in the Netherlands. The results are expected in autumn 2019.

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FUNDING

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WHY

Children escaping violence and armed conflict are exposed to sources of acute stress both during and after their journeys to safety - stresses that exert a profound negative impact on their wellbeing. The long-term risks to their mental health and healthy development are significant. Robust interventions to meet the social and emotional needs of these children - that promote stability and positive social interaction - are urgently required.

HOW

TeamUp is made up of a series of sports, games and movement activities implemented by trained volunteer facilitators. Each activity has a specific goal related to themes such as dealing with anger, stress and interacting with peers. The series of activities ultimately helps to provide children with emotional support and a much-needed sense of stability. A practice-driven evaluation of the intervention is currently underway in the Netherlands - examining stakeholder perceptions, service delivery and process and outcome indicators.

PROGRESS

A Formative

- Develop intervention manuals including the handbook, gamebook and training materials
- Conduct training of facilitators in the Netherlands, Uganda, Colombia and the occupied Palestinian territories

B Pilot

- Conduct three internal evaluations drawing on interviews with children, facilitators and COA staff
- Translate facilitator intervention manuals - with necessary revisions to the local context - in four new languages

C Evaluation

- Conduct a practice-driven evaluation of the intervention (TeamUp in asylum reception centres) utilising quantitative and qualitative methods - including session observations, training questionnaires, surveys and focus group discussions with key stakeholders.
- Conduct evaluation of TeamUp in schools in the Netherlands
- Conduct an effectiveness study in Uganda

COALITION

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