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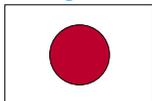
"Family a key social institution for addressing substance abuse, violence, mental health and promote sustainable development: Lessons learned from parenting under stress, in humanitarian settings and in the context of COVID19 and beyond"

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Concept note

Primary caregivers are the main protective shield around the lives of children and youth, particularly in situations of stress and conflict. Poor parenting skills is linked to negative social and health outcomes including drug use, low school attainment, delinquency, violence (including against children) poor mental health and more. The world is currently facing a global pandemic. The virus itself, the social protective policy around the virus or the pandemic's aftermath including on the socio-economic level are sources of stress and poor mental health. This in turn is linked with increased potential in harsh parenting and mental health burdens.

Moreover, further to the stress of this pandemic, over 1.5 billion people in the world have a problem compounded by conflict, displacement, refugee, and other humanitarian challenges. A context where the family remains perhaps the only functioning social institution around the lives of the children. This side event describes the value of the family in addressing such challenges, particularly when implementing interventions in line with UNODC WHO International Standards. Concrete examples showcasing transferability of knowledge, effectiveness and feasibility and value of implementation in the most challenging of circumstances.

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*A special first feature screening of UNODC Strong Families implementation
in Cox's Bazar region to support Rohingya families.*