

## Critical issue module 7

Children associated with armed forces or armed groups

### Topic 4 Planning and implementation

#### Exercise 8



## Interim care

### Purpose

By the end of this exercise, participants will have:

- learnt about different ways of providing interim care and the benefits and risks involved.

### Timeframe

30 to 60 minutes depending on time available

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### Method

- 1 Enable participants to share their experiences, good or bad, of interim care arrangements. You can do this by facilitating a discussion in plenary or by asking the participants to discuss in small groups.
- 2 If there is time, ask the participants to develop their ideas for a model for interim care relevant to the situation in which they are working.

Underline the principle that interim care is not universally required; certain children may benefit from a brief period of intensive support but the objective should always be to facilitate their integration or reintegration into family and community.

### Points to include in discussions

- What types of interim care could be used?
- What kind of children may benefit from interim care?
- How can minimum standards be ensured?
- What steps are required to avoid institutionalisation?

