

Critical issue module 7

Children associated with armed forces or armed groups

Topic 4 Planning and implementation

Handout 3



Developing a response for health issues related to demobilisation Scenario

Scenario

A large-scale formal demobilisation process will soon be underway. There are known to be significant numbers of children associated with these armed forces and armed groups and, based on those young people who have escaped or been released in the past, it is anticipated that there will be a range of medical needs. The rate of severe sexual violence is known to be high and children have been involved in frontline fighting.

Even though their release is imminent almost no provision exists to address the health needs of children. There is virtually no local capacity and only one medical NGO present, also with limited capacity.

- You have been asked to prepare a briefing paper that can be used to advocate for proper provision. This should outline the minimum requirements in relation to health and include ideas about delivery of healthcare approaches.

