Annex III

Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Rights of the Child

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Current position/function

I am currently the Director of Childhood and Coordinator of the Child Protection Program at the Ministry of Women, Early Childhood Protection. I am in charge of designing, developing and coordinating the national policy in favor of the child; the coverage of basic social services for children through information and awareness-raising for local authorities on legal instruments for protecting children's rights; Combat the use and recruitment of children by armed forces and groups and ensure their withdrawal and socio-professional reintegration; Fight against all harmful traditional practices.

Other main professional activities, in particular related to children’s rights:

From 2014 up to now: Director of Childhood and Coordinator of the Child Protection Program: Design and development of management tools for transit and orientation centers for children in conflict with the law and children associated with the forces and armed groups and terrorist sects. Management of unaccompanied and separated children in refugee camps. Establishment of child-friendly spaces in refugee and displaced sites in Chad. Family tracing for reunification. Effective coordination of the Child Protection Sector through the organization of sub-cluster meetings. Preparation and participation of half-yearly and annual reviews of child protection programs. Implementation of international legal instruments relating to the protection and well-being of children deprived of special protection, in particular the Presidential Directive putting an end to the recruitment of children by armed groups. Creation of amusement centers for games, and recreational, cultural and artistic activities. Regional development of partnerships with public and private institutions, religious denominations, non-governmental organizations and traditional leaders for the eradication of polio.

Educational background:

Master's Degree in Technical Administration at the Institute of Educational Sciences of Chad; Master in Participatory Communication Techniques for C4D Development in Cotonou (Benin); Bachelor of Childhood Sciences, at the National Institute of Social Training of Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire); Certificate of Preschool Educators at National School of Public Health and Social Service, Chad. Certificate of training on preschool in French-speaking African countries (National University of Zhejiang in China); Training certificate on minimum standards for child protection in Humanitarian intervention (Senegal)

Relevant expertise on children’s rights.

I have developed a strong expertise in this area during the eight (8) years spent at UNICEF as a health communication assistant, monitoring / evaluation assistant for cooperation projects and programs and communicator for development (C4D). I have six (6) years of experience as Director of Childhood in the Ministry in charge of Early Childhood Protection. This allowed me to develop a sense of teamwork, the organization of forums, tool designs and periodic reports on the CRC, in accordance with Resolution 1612 on the 6 grave violations of the rights of the child.

List of most recent publications in the field of children’s rights:

Development of national TOR, design of posters, leaflets and training modules for the annual commemoration of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; Preparation and submission of the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Periodic Reports on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; Elaboration of the Interim Justice Strategy for Children in Chad. Publication of tools for the launch of the campaign to combat child marriage; Development of legal instruments publication of the Action Plan and roadmap on Child Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Chad.