



Module 6: COORDINATION WITH EXTERNAL ACTORS



Learning objectives

By the end of this module, learners will be able to:

- Explain why it is essential for UN peace operations to coordinate with external actors on child protection
- Describe the role of child protection staff in coordinating with external actors
- Identify relevant external actors for the mission's work on child protection



Why is coordination important?

Coordination can help the mission:

- Benefit from other actors' access to populations/areas or information
- Avoid duplicating efforts
- Strengthen local capacities
- Ensure that child survivors can access services
- Bolster advocacy efforts



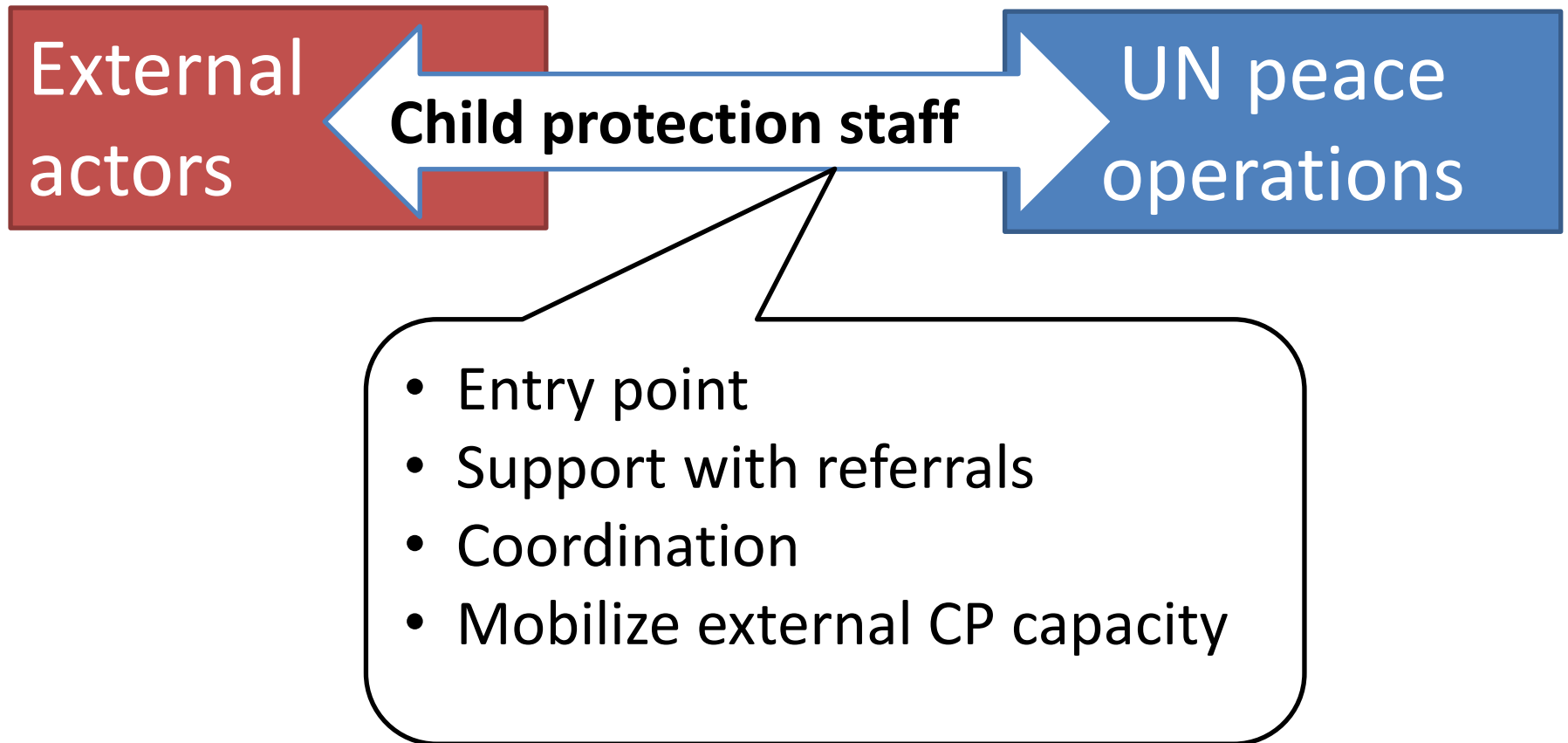
Why is coordination challenging?

Coordination can be difficult due to:

- Differences in mandates and approaches
- Competition for attention and resources
- Limited incentives for coordination
- Costs of coordination (i.e., time, resources)



Role of child protection staff in coordination



Group exercise: actor mapping

Tasks:

1. Identify relevant actors
2. Analyse actors and relationships:
 - Are you coordinating with the right actors?
 - Who else should you be interacting with?
 - How can you improve coordination between the mission and external actors?



Takeaways

- Coordination is essential for the mission to deliver on its child protection mandate
- The role of child protection is to act as a bridge between the mission and child protection actors
- Don't underestimate the challenges of coordination and choose partners well!

