

Reintegration



What : Concept

Family reunification is a process for reintegrating a child back from the institution to his or her birth family. However, reunification is not always possible or appropriate while reuniting a child with his or her birth family. If it is determined to be unsafe or not in the best interests of a child at any stage in the process, then alternative forms of family care—kinship care, foster care, or adoption—should be considered.*

How : Case Management process for Reintegration:








The process is highly individualized, focused on the child and is often non linear.

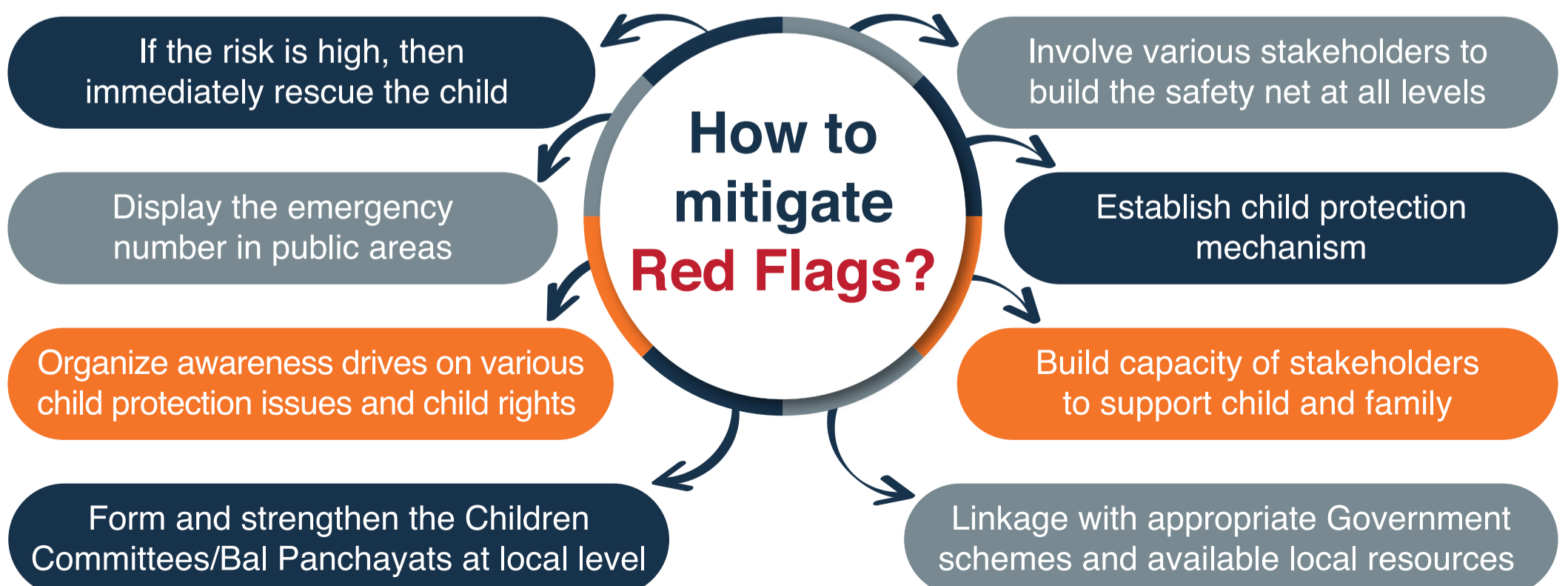
Importance of child participation in the reintegration process

- Addressing the fears at each step
- Valuing the opinions regarding reintegration
- Children are prepared and have a say in the decision affecting their lives
- Timely escalation of red flags related to safety

Red Flags

Red flags are specific circumstances or indicators that may signal an imminent risk to the safety and well-being of a child within their family environment i.e. the child is unsafe.* Red flags must be addressed and taken into consideration at every step of case management while working with child and family.

Well being domain	Red flags (areas of risk for child and family)
 <p>Family and Social Relationship</p>	<p>Physical/verbal/emotional abuse in the family, Gender discrimination, Domestic violence, Cyber bullying, Non-accidental injury</p> <p>Sexual abuse in family, POCSO victim, molestation of a child or family member, pornography & cyber molestation, etc.</p> <p>Child Marriage, Eloping, Run away</p>
 <p>Household Economy</p>	<p>Insecure income/employment, migration, child labour,</p>
 <p>Living Conditions</p>	<p>Unsafe living situation (community engages in commercial sex work, liquor shop, constant altercation) / environment, natural disaster, pandemic</p>
 <p>Education</p>	<p>Children not enrolled or drop out from school, absence of quality education, learning disability in children, family not prioritizing education.</p>
 <p>Health and Mental Health</p>	<p>Alcohol/substance abuse in child or family, critical illness, child or parents with special needs, chronic health issues.</p>



*The term "unsafe" refers to the presence of immediate or impending danger or threats of harm.