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Section Three: Practical Approaches

Introduction

Section three introduces examples of selected practical approaches for survivor-centered and trauma-informed documentation of sexual violence against children. Section three is not exhaustive but provides examples of good practices, approaches, and techniques for working with child survivors drawn from a variety of contexts that areuseful at different points along the documentation and justice pathway. For example, this section provides an overview of best practices for creating child-centered spaces in humanitarian settings, the use of play therapy to collect child testimonies and tools to support the survivor and witness testimony.

Section three has the following objective:

● **Objective one:** *Provide an overview of some child-centered, survivor-centered, and trauma-informed approaches that can improve the documentation and justice pathway for child survivors of sexual violence.*

After Reviewing Section Three

Upon reviewing section three, you will have a better understanding of some child-centered, survivor-centered and trauma-informed approaches for working with child survivors of sexual violence. You will learn about these approaches as well as learn tips and practical steps towards implementing these approaches in their contexts and localities.

Section Two: Practical Approaches

In this Section:

● Introduction to practical child-centered approaches
● Tips and guidance on creating child-friendly spaces, interviewing and recording testimony of child survivors, and using a standardized medical certificate.

Who should review this Section?

● Child-centered approaches and the creation of child-friendly spaces are useful to all multisectoral actors who work with child survivors. Information related to interviewing children is relevant to those actors who work directly with children and may need to understand and record a child survivor's experiences and testimony. Medical providers and clinicians should review the content related to standardized medical certificates.