

## MENTORING SCHEME TEMPLATE

**Why?** To support children in single-headed homes with their after-school activities when their parent is at work.

**Where?** Houses in the neighbourhood. It will rely on a rota system so that one parent is a host fortnightly.

**When?** Twice a week, from 4 to 7 pm.

**What?** The host parent or relative (older sibling, grandparents or aunt/uncle) will have a small group of children (four to six) to support with homework. It is not necessary for the relative to have a higher level of education than the children: basic literacy is enough. The idea is that a committed person will work with the children during the three hours to figure out what the homework is about and the best way to go about it.

Parents or relatives will be expected to provide brief pastoral support to children and to work with them in quick activities such as preparing refreshments for all (lemonade will do!).

### **To consider:**

*Before setting up a group, find out whether this service is provided by NGOs in your community.*

*Although there is no need to single out children with special needs (as in the case of 'single-headed homes', which can be an implicit criterion only), it is easier to start with a homogenous group with similar needs and resources.*

*The template can be adapted and circulated for the formation of mentoring groups.*