Joint Advisory by the ECOWAS Commission and the Regional Child Protection Working Group (RCPWG) to ECOWAS Member States on Minimizing the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Children.

1. Inform and prepare Children and Families
2. Promote meaningful participation of girls and boys
3. Include the Core Child Rights and Protection Professional Services
4. Ensure access to Social Protection measures for the most vulnerable children
5. Children benefiting from School Lunch programmes and other School-based Social Protection measures should continue receiving these benefits
6. The strengthening of Social Protection measures will require a consideration of both formal and informal Safety Nets
7. Protect and care for children living on the Streets, without parental care, or who have been separated from or lost Parents/Carers due to the disease.
8. Provide mental health and psychosocial support to assist Children and Parents/Caregivers.
9. Ensure access to Online/Tele education for all
11. Ensure continued functioning of the child-friendly reporting mechanisms such as child helpline and hotlines to enable Disaggregate COVID-19 statistics and reporting by age and gender
12. Strengthen the digital capacity of regional, National and sub national children and youth-led organizations to engage safety.
13. Integrate protection of all children
14. Ensure child protection is included in country-level humanitarian responses
15. Transparent information sharing
16. Disaggregate COVID-19 statistics and reporting by age and gender