

Checklist: Defining responsibilities for support decisions

CLMRS implementers need to decide who is responsible for deciding which support activities should be provided to each child.

Support decisions may be:

- Centralised, with decisions made by a central team;
- Decentralised, with decisions made by cooperatives or field teams;
- Hybrid, combining central and local decision-making responsibilities.

The most appropriate approach will depend on the CLMRS context, partnerships, resources, and priorities.

When deciding on the decision-making structure for support activities, consider the following:

- ✓ **What is your relationship with your cooperatives or local partners?** Consider whether the partnership is long-term and built on trust, making it worthwhile to invest in training and shared decision-making. If there is a high likelihood of turnover or disengagement, a more centralised approach may be more appropriate.
- ✓ **Can you trust the cooperative or local partner to deliver support effectively?** Decentralised approaches require a level of trust in the partner and their ability to manage resources and follow through with agreed processes.
- ✓ **Does the cooperative or local partner have the necessary skills and systems in place?** If not, are you willing and able to invest in building their capacity to plan, manage, and record support activities?