



## GPC HLP AoR Meeting, Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September

**Present:** NRC (Chair), IFRC (Host), GPC Coordinator, UN-Habitat, UNHCR, IOM, FAO, Global Shelter Cluster and the GPC Support Cell – apologies OHCHR

**Minutes from HLP AoR meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July were approved and will be posted on the dedicated HLP AoR page on the GPC website.**

### ***1 – Discussion around the mandate of the HLP AoR***

---

Previously the HLP AoR had tried to consider all aspects of HLP from preparedness, response through to recovery, development and peacebuilding activities and it has been felt that such a broad approach was one of the reasons for the stagnation of the AoR. Given the variety of actors involved in these different phases of HLP a suggested approach is to split the subject matter into two. With the HLP AoR taking responsibility for the emergency/early recovery phase of a humanitarian crisis and the already established Solutions Alliance Rule of Law Thematic Group (with the support of UNHCR and IOM) be responsible for coordinating HLP recovery and development work through a dedicated Land sub-group.

FAO supported the proposal and involvement of the Solutions Alliance. However, FAO raised a concern around the need to ensure linkages between both groups, especially around land tenure and equally would like to see a link with the work being carried out by the Rule of Law Unit of the Executive Office of the UN Secretary General based in New York and more especially the UN-Habitat led initiative “*Land and Conflict: Towards UN-System wide engagement at scale*”. FAO will be happy to engage through the promotion of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests. UN-Habitat stated that as HLP is cross-cutting it needs to be seen as broader than shelter. Additionally concern was raised about having a split between the humanitarian and development phases, we should be working to minimise such division.

NRC pointed out that the HLP AoR is part of the Protection Cluster and therefore should only be active for as long as the clusters are active. Additionally it was agreed that different actors are engaged at different stages of the HLP cycle and consequently by having this two phased approach it will encourage better engagement from a more diverse range of actors, the example was given of the World Bank – who is much more interested in the second phase. It was pointed out this approach also mirrors the way in which donors fund. Reassurance was given that ToRs and Work Plans of both the HLP AoR and the Solutions Alliance would be shared with those coordinating each aspect to ensure complementarity and avoid linear approaches. Finally, it was noted by the GPC Coordinator that one of the strongest links that needs to be forged is between the GPC and the GSC around HLP and this proposed approach will ensure that appropriate work will be done on practical support to operations.

**The proposed mandate of the emergency and early recovery phase for the HLP AoR was approved and agreed to by all parties.**

### ***2 – Structure of the revived HLP AoR***

---

The Chair thanked UN-Habitat for their hard work since 2007 as the coordinator of the HLP AoR.

Following on from discussions with IOM, IFRC and NRC had come forward as interested agencies to lead or co-chair the HLP AoR, with responsibility for natural disasters and conflict respectively. NRC



and IFRC have an ongoing working relationship around issues of tenure in shelter responses and have worked together as co-leads of the Regulatory Barriers Working Group for the Global Shelter Cluster.

FAO raised concern around the lack of UN representation and consequently the risk of not being able to access Governments so readily. UN-Habitat reassured FAO that they would continue to be active in the HLP AoR and consequently can provide that link if required. It was also recognised that UNHCR as the lead of the GPC could equally provide that support, IFRC also reiterated that the RCRC has 189 National Societies that are auxiliaries to their Governments and have a seat at HCTs. NRC also echoed their relationship with Governments in the countries they work in and more especially at the local level. It was also flagged that out of 15 country level HLP working groups, NRC leads 12.

The GPC coordinator stated that there was no requirement for a UN agency to be a co-chair of the AoR as the GPC (at the global level) and the country level Protection Clusters are always part of the working modalities of the AoRs. UNHCR, as Protection Cluster Lead would expect to facilitate entry to any processes that may be difficult to access without a UN champion, as well as being able to amplify the AoR's points at UNCTs and other fora where INGOs and the RCRC Movement isn't present.

**NRC and IFRC as co-chairs of the HLP AoR were approved.**

### ***3 – Action Points***

---

- UN Habitat to share the Land and Conflict documentation
- IFRC & NRC to draft and circulate ToRs for the HLP AoR before the next meeting
- IFRC & NRC to draft and circulate first draft of work plan for HLP AoR before the next meeting
- IOM & UNHCR to discuss Solutions Alliance's involvement with HLP
- NRC will represent the HLP AoR at the GPC annual retreat on 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> September
- IFRC & NRC will take part in the review of the GPC Strategic Framework 2016 – 2020 so as to ensure the HLP AoR is represented accordingly
- Agreed to have regular meetings until work plans etc are finalised and then to drop back to quarterly meetings. It is proposed to hold the **next meeting on Wednesday 28th October at 3.30pm, at IFRC.**