



GLOBAL PROTECTION FORUM 2022

Thematic Segment – Access that Protects

Concept Note

Forward-leaning, Relationship-based Access

Tuesday 25th October, 10:00 – 11:30 CEST

The purpose of this sessions is to illustrate the potential that access for the protection holds to become one of the most relevant, direct-action approaches to operationalizing the triple nexus. Forward leaning, locally co-created, deeply rooted, relationship-based efforts in opening access in and of themselves contribute to an improved protective environment. These efforts create improved predictability at the least and improved security at the best, thereby having the potential to interrupt cycles of violence, enabling safer space for more significant localized action, humanitarian and development efforts.

We recognize that focus on both access and protection has been growing significantly across the humanitarian landscape in recent. While the increased attention can bring welcome resources and focus to these challenging elements of humanitarian responses, the risk is that an energized system wide focus can inadvertently overshadow existing, dynamic, effective and localized actions.

We consider the following questions in informing the discussion and potential outcomes of this session and future work on the topic:

- How can robust local engagement be supported in access for protection efforts?
- What is the evidence that keeping access and protection together rather than allowing them to be siloed achieves protection results?
- How does an increased focus on involvement of affected populations in security provision and dialogue improve the effectiveness of our interventions?
- Does an increased focus on the people and communities experiencing insecurities and including them in generating or implementing potential solutions to conflict indeed lead to a reduction in violence?
- How can this work be understood to be the pre-requisite for any significant operationalization of the peacebuilding and the humanitarian-peace-development nexus?

Co-hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations Office and Nonviolent Peaceforce, participants in this event will come away with an improved understanding of how to create a chain of access and protection. They will have an increased awareness of the importance of local level, grassroots approaches to opening access and how some protection actors are often the most forward leaning and therefore amongst the first in any given location. As such they are often able to extend

their access to the humanitarian aid service providers to help them gain initial entry into sensitive location, creating enabling conditions for response.

We envision this event to be an opportunity to amplify local voices and experiences in the space of access for protection. We will engage with protection cluster colleagues in South Sudan and Iraq. It will be important for the purposes of this forum to illustrate the mutually reinforcing roles the humanitarian system actors, INGOs and local actors can play in building the access for protection chain.

Speakers, Moderation and Guests

- Tiffany Easthom, Executive Director, Nonviolent Peaceforce
- Andri S van Mens, First Secretary, Humanitarian Affairs, Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Kudzanai Mativirira, Programme Manager, NP in South Sudan
- Reem Abdallah Abdulhay, National Protection Officer, NP in Iraq
- Rexall Kaalim, Head of Programming, NP in Philippines
- Huibert Oldenuis, Global Head of Programming, NP
- Jonathan Ellaby, Team Leader, NP in Sudan
- Kristina Preiksaityte, Senior Programme Development Manager, NP in Ukraine