ANNEX 1 Description of pillars, sub-pillars, and categories





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The Context pillar refers to relevant information specific to the area covered by the protection analysis, complemented by macro-level data.

Pillar	Description	
Context	Factors to understand what is provoking and shaping the crisis dynamics and resulting protection situation by looking at specific characteristics of the context and environment.	
Sub-pillar	Description	Categories
Conflict and/or hazard history	Contextual historical elements that influence existing violations and show past protection threats and concerns.	Location
		Tensions, conflict, and hostilities
		Natural hazards
		Past trends
		Stability and peace
Political and socio- economic landscape	Contextual elements that can cause, further, or sustain current protection threats and concerns.	Political fragility
		Voice and accountability
		Power dynamics
		Political enablers and barriers
Institutional, legal, and normative landscape	Formal and informal rules, norms, policies, or systems that contribute to current protection threats and concerns, or that counter those threats and promote a protective environment.	Institutional
		Legal
		Normative
		International





The Current Threats to the Population pillar refers to data and information that illustrates the human activities or product of human activities that cause harm to the population (in the form of violence, coercion, and/or deliberate deprivation).

Pillar	Description	
Current threats to the population	Threats that are currently occurring and how these are affecting different population groups and geographic areas. Includes information describing the main actors responsible for the threat, their responsibilities and duties to protect people, and the factors causing or driving the threats.	
Sub-pillar	Description	Categories
Protection threats	The level of current harm to the population, in the form of violence, coercion, or deliberate deprivation, that rises to the level of a protection threat. Includes information on whether the threat is the result of a particular behaviour, organisation/group practice, or government or non-government policy or mechanism.	Threats
		Type
		Modality
Main actors responsible for the threat	The responsibility of the actors involved, including identification of groups or individuals directly committing the harmful action, their affiliation and relation to affected people, and role of the actors holding specific duties.	Туре
		Affiliation
		Relationship with affected people
		Accountability
Origins of the threat	Factors that generate(d) the threat. This includes the primary motivation(s) of the main actors responsible for the threat (perpetrators or the actor failing to uphold its duty to protect). Includes socio-economic, environmental, ethnic, or political drivers and norms that help sustain the threat, at the local, national, and/or international levels.	Nature
		Drivers
		Norms



VULNERABILITY Reduce vulnerability related to the threat

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Pillar	Description	
Threat's effects on the population	The population groups that are affected by the threats, how or why are they vulnerable to these threats, and how the consequences may be different across different population groups and geographic areas.	
Sub-pillar	Description	Categories
Characteristics of the affected population	Characteristic(s) of the affected population directly affected by the threat illustrating their vulnerability in relation to the threats.	Demography
		Location
		Exposure
		Movements
Consequences of the threat	Primary and secondary effects or repercussions of the threat for each population group and location affected.	Physical
		Social and psycho-social
		Legal and material
	Responses (positive/negative) of the affected population to the identified consequences of the threat. Includes how the perceptions of threat influence these responses.	Evasion
Affected population's coping strategies		Action
		Adjustment
		Confrontation
		Others
		Perceptions of threat



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CAPACITY

Increase capacities related to the threat

The Existing Capacities to Address Protection Threats pillar contains information to understand the resources and capabilities available to address each identified threat, at individual and community level, in the immediately surrounding areas and at a national and international structural level.

Pillar	Description		
Existing capacities to address protection threats	The resources and capabilities (skills, knowledge, social networks, and other factors) that exist at the individual and local level to address protection threats, either by mitigating the consequences or addressing the drivers of the threat. Includes analysis of any institutional responses or national and international capacities.		
Sub-pillar	Description	Categories	
Capacities of the affected population	The resources and capabilities (including skills, resources, and knowledge) of individuals, households, families, and/or other groups, to withstand the threat and its consequences.	Physical	
		Social and psycho-social	
		Legal and material	
		Availability	
Local mechanisms, systems, and actors	The combination of individual and group capacities in the affected location with available institutions, systems, and actors (community, municipality, area) to mitigate or respond to the ongoing threat or consequences of the threat. This includes identifying the extent to which these institutions, systems, actors, and people are functioning, available, and acceptable to the population.	Protection	
		Safety and security	
		Services	
		Cultural and social	
		Accessibility and availability	
Institutional, other mechanisms, and response capacities	Actors who have the duty to protect and the willingness and capacity to hold perpetrators to account. Describes overall institutional resources and capabilities to protect and respond, including justice and security institutions, informal mechanisms, as well as national and international protective mechanisms and responses.	Duties	
		Governmental response	
		Other mechanisms	
		International response	
		Deterrents	

