Civil-Military Coordination for Protection
A new workstream of the Global Protection Cluster

In 2019, the GPC will pilot a new workstream on humanitarian civil-military coordination for protection to better support field protection clusters in leveraging UN-CMCoord as a unique platform to pursue protection outcomes. The workstream is being conducted in collaboration with UNOCHA and Norwegian Refugee Council for the purpose of improving protection related access, security and assistance for civilians affected by humanitarian crises. The intent is to leverage complementarity and cooperation between protection actors and OCHA CMCoord Officers at the field level to achieve critical protection outcomes.

Objective 1: Strengthen the understanding and capability of protection and other actors to achieve protection outcomes through humanitarian civil-military coordination

Objective 2: Ensure the Global Protection Cluster is communicating and contributing to the role of humanitarian civil-military coordination in protection

The workstream will advise and assist protection clusters at the field level as well as engage military training institutions to enhance armed actors understanding of humanitarian protection and its relevance to their planning and operations.

Advisory Partners
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Timeline and 6-month highlights

How to use the CMCoord for Protection workstream

1. TECHNICAL ADVICE AND SUPPORT
   Contact the workstream focal points with questions, requests for information, field support and/or input for upcoming events.

2. SHARE INFORMATION
   Protection clusters can utilize the workstream to share experience and lessons learned from their context with clusters from other contexts.

3. RECEIVE TRAINING
   Improve cluster and partner’s understanding of UN-CMCoord, organization of military actors, different approaches for engaging armed actors in protection dialogue as well as other topics including special requests tailored to the cluster’s needs.

4. ADVOCACY
   Seek support for advocating with armed actors regarding critical protection concerns.

5. IDENTIFY RESOURCES
   Find policy guidance and reference materials related to humanitarian civil-military coordination and engaging armed actors on protection needs.

Focal Points
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