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CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CC/CM GLOBAL CLUSTER

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1. The GPC should acknowledge that other clusters have meaningful contributions to make on protection. At present, there is a feeling that the GPC is a protection hegemon.
2. The CC/CM cluster has a lot to say about monitoring, implementation of protection response and the establishment of referral pathways, for example. The GPC should acknowledge that CC/CM is a protection actor and can help define protection outcomes.
3. There is increased synergy between CC/CM and shelter clusters and there could be a framework for more formal collaboration between protection and CC/CM. At the field this collaboration is happening informally but there could be a formal understanding at the global level, to be achieved over the period of a renewed strategy.
4. A concrete example of co-operation could be on the issue of IDP registration, which is unpredictable at present.
5. The centrality of protection is a helpful concept but the GPC is not building real partnerships to explain what this means in practice. There is an attitude of the GPC telling other clusters what protection means. There should be an operational approach and not a didactic one.
6. Protection is part and parcel of what CC/CM does and an integrated approach is natural. This is especially the case in urban areas, where CC/CM is more about managing settlements and reaching out to provide services.
7. CC/CM is very practical and operational, whereas the GPC is often seen as rather theoretical and lost in process. In refugee settings there is more integration of CC/CM and protection roles but in IDP settings there is more distance.