

## **IASC Protection Cluster: Protection Checklist for Camp Coordination and Shelter<sup>1</sup>**

**Vulnerable groups** are people who frequently have been shown to be at increased risk of various problems in diverse emergencies, including women, children, elderly people, persons experiencing severe social stigma (e.g. Dalit), detainees, young men at risk of detention, abduction or being targets of violence, extremely poor people, refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and migrants in irregular situations, people with pre-existing, severe physical, neurological or mental disabilities or disorders, as well as persons suffering from chronic illness<sup>2</sup>.

### **General**

- Has staff received and signed the Code of Conduct?
- Do all people have equal access to the registration process?
- Are registrations taking place at a time allowing people to return home during daylight?
- Are persons with special needs identified?
- Is the camp population able to move freely? Are there any restrictions? If so, contact the protection cluster.

### **Participation/Inclusion**

- Do vulnerable groups have equal and active participation in camp decision making structures (e.g. in food distribution committees)?
- Are female community mobilizers assisting the communities with regard to possible protection concerns?
- Are mechanisms in place to allow for late registration and do people know about it?

### **Access to aid**

- Are food, water and non-food items available and accessible to all?
- Is information provided to people about health facilities, food distribution quantities, schedules and location of family members?
- Is a complaint mechanism in place for cases of discrimination in service delivery?
- Does the distribution of food and non-food items take the needs of vulnerable groups into consideration?
- Do the distribution committees reflect an appropriate diversity along the lines of gender, ethnicity and religion?
- Is extra support provided for vulnerable groups, such as help in physical tasks (building a shelter, collecting wood and water, child-care etc.)?

### **Security**

- Consider providing women and children with whistles to use if threatened, and establish a corresponding response mechanism within camp committees, such as camp watch teams and/or community watch groups.
- Are law enforcement patrols deployed to the camp sites, and did they receive protection training?
- Do the beneficiaries feel secure, especially vulnerable groups (women, children, marginalized communities)?
- Are the shelter provided to people vulnerable groups safe, appropriate and accessible and do they meet requirements of privacy and safety?
- Is there a complaint mechanisms in place for cases of abuse, exploitation and other human rights violations, including a case recording system, and do IDPs and IASC partners know how to access it?

<sup>1</sup> The present document follows the NRC camp management handbook, the NRC/CMP Camp Management Toolkit and the IASC Guidelines on Human Rights and Natural Disaster

<sup>2</sup> IASC Guidelines on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings